HOME ELECTRICAL SAFETY

Safety is Smart, Prevention is Power

Each year, electrical malfunctions account for **35,000 home fires** causing over **1,130 injuries**, **500 deaths**, and **$1.4 billion** in property damage.

The average American home was **built in 1977**. Many existing homes simply can’t handle the demands of today’s electrical appliances and devices.

Learn the warning signs of an overloaded electrical system:

- Frequent tripping of circuit breakers or blowing of fuses
- Dimming of lights when other devices are turned on
- Buzzing sound from switches or outlets
- Discolored outlets
- Appliances that seem underpowered

How to avoid overloading circuits:

- **Label your circuit breakers** to understand the different circuits in your home
- Have your home inspected by a qualified electrician if it’s older than 40 years or has had a major appliance installed
- Have a qualified electrician install new circuits for high energy use devices
- Reduce your electrical load by using energy-efficient appliances and lighting

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