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**FACTS AND FIGURES**

The average home in the US was built in **1974**

At that time only one in six homes had central air conditioning.

Each day, nearly **7 children** are treated in hospital emergency rooms for electrical shock or burn injuries caused by tampering with a wall outlet. The **2008 NEC mandated the installation of tamper-resistant receptacles (TRRs)** in all new residential construction to reduce this risk.

**Did you know?**

Adoption of the current NEC provides the necessary level of safety to protect you from electrical/ﬁre and shock hazards. Upgrades exceeding the minimum requirements increase the safety and convenience of your home’s electrical system.

**3,745** proposals were submitted to NFPA to be considered for incorporation into the 2014 NEC.

**3 vs. 6**

Some jurisdictions are considering extending the revision cycle of the NEC from three to six years. This proposed extension would prevent the code from incorporating new technology that was not previously available and leave some residents over **15 years behind in terms of safety.**

**3,810**

Average number of fires in dorms and barracks. The 2014 NEC will now require AFCI protection in living areas of these residences.

**1/3**

of Americans have four or more TVs and the average home now has more TVs than people.

As of March 2014, **10** states are using the 2008 NEC, **35** states are using the 2011 NEC, **1** state is using the 2014 NEC, and **four states** without a statewide adoption.

**Electrical Safety Foundation International**

Visit **www.esfi.org** for free resources and more information about electrical safety.

The cost of the NEC supports code development

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**False.** Participation in NFPA’s codes and standards revision is open to input and comment from anyone and can be accessed at **www.nfpa.org.**

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