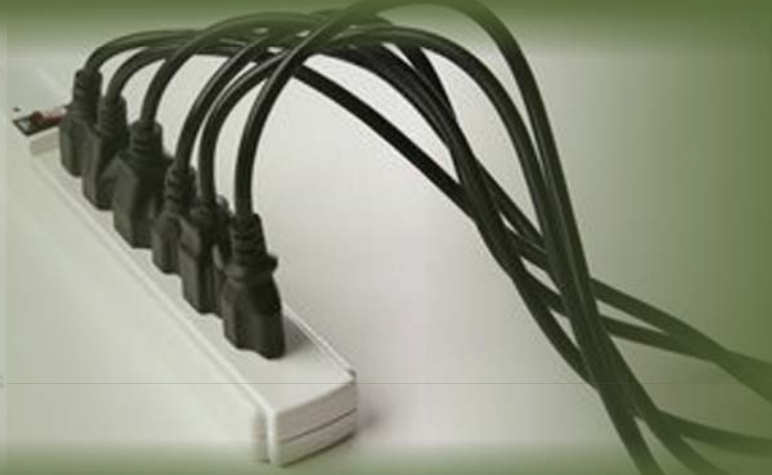


# Power Up With Safety

## Extension Cords & Power Strips

Overloaded extension cords and power strips can present a serious fire hazard. There are about 2,000 residential fires each year associated with electric cords or plugs, killing 60 people. The fires usually start because of short circuits, too many products plugged into the cord, and damaged cords.



### Empower yourself with these electrical safety tips:

- Use extension cords only when necessary and only on a temporary basis. Don't overload a cord or power strip.
- Use only three-wire extension cords for appliances with three-prong plugs.
- Replace cracked or worn cords.
- When using outdoor tools and appliances, use only extension cords labeled for outdoor use.
- Do not use counterfeit goods. Look for a certification label from an independent testing lab on the package and on the product.



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