



Safety Tips

for you and your new baby from the
National Electrical Contractors Association

- ★ Cover all unused electrical outlets that are accessible to children.
- ★ Keep cribs away from electrical outlets — even if the outlets are covered.
- ★ Do not leave appliances plugged in where they might come in contact with water. If a plugged-in appliance falls into the water, NEVER reach in to pull it out. Even if the switch says "off", power is still present and can electrocute you. Unplug it first.
- ★ Don't touch a switch if your hands are wet.
- ★ Never use torchiere lamps in children's bedrooms or playroom. Children may play with lamps or place combustibles such as stuffed toys or clothing too close to the bulb.
- ★ Keep hanging cords from lamps and appliances out of reach of children. These can become a strangulation hazard.
- ★ Never use an electric blanket in the bed or crib of a small child or infant.
- ★ Never leave a small child unattended near a space heater.
- ★ Never force a plug into an outlet if it doesn't fit.
- ★ Use extension cords only on a temporary basis and not as permanent household wiring. Don't run them under rugs or furniture because they may overheat.
- ★ Screw light bulbs in securely. Loose bulbs may overheat and burn shades, drapes, or nearby furniture.
- ★ Any outlets located outside or in areas of moisture such as the kitchen, bathroom, basement, or garage should have ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCI) to help prevent the possibility of shock or circuit overload.
- ★ Keep kitchen appliance cords unplugged and tied up. Replace any frayed cords.
- ★ Be sure to secure Christmas light cords so children cannot pull them and topple the tree.
- ★ Unplug all power tools when they are not in use. Remove bits and blades before storing them.
- ★ Teach children to stay away from and not to play around facilities such as substations, transmission towers, and transformers.
- ★ Teach children never to climb trees or fly kites near overhead power lines and to stay away from anything marked "Danger", "High Voltage" or "Keep Out".
- ★ Have a Class C fire extinguisher in your home to extinguish electrical fires and check it periodically.

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