Electric Safety at Home

General tips

- Always call a certified electrician to do any wiring in your home.

Electrical panels, fuses, and outlets

- If a fuse blows, turn off all appliances and lights that are on the circuit before changing the fuse.
- Use a flashlight. Don't try to replace a fuse in the dark.
- Replace a fuse with another that has an identical rating.
- Loose fuses can overheat. If you have plug-type fuses, you should periodically check to make sure they're snug.
- Never replace a fuse with a coin or any other metal object.
- Use ground fault circuit interrupters on all outlets located outdoors.

Cords, extension cords, and plugs

- Pull the plug, not the cord, when disconnecting an electrical device.
- Never remove a plug when your hands are wet, or if you’re touching a metal object.
- The third prong of a plug exists for safety reasons. Do not break it off or bypass it.
- Use only three-pronged extension cords outdoors.
- Keep cords away from sources of heat and water.
- Immediately stop using and replace plugs that show signs of wear or damage.
- Do not place a cord under a carpet, through a doorway, or anywhere that it could be stepped on.
- Always use extension cords that are properly rated for the amount of electricity you'll be using.
- Extension cords are intended for temporary use. If you need a permanent solution, call an electrician.
- Coil up excess cord length and keep the coil intact with plastic ties or Velcro straps.
- Use a certified power bar if you need to plug multiple items into an outlet.

Electrical devices, appliances, and power tools

- Unplug your electrical gadgets when they’re not in use.
- Keep your electrical devices away from sources of water.

Electricity safety near gas supply

- If you smell gas don’t touch any electrical switches as it could cause a spark.
- Always use qualified electricity and gas contractors to install your services and ask them to ensure the services are installed the right distance apart.
- Make sure your services are inspected and maintained regularly.

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