

OUTDOORS

Downed Wires

- Stay away. Treat all downed wires as if they are live and energized.
- Call 911 and inform the operator there is an electrical emergency.

Overhead Power Lines

- Always be aware of overhead power lines.
 - When working or playing in or around trees, check to make sure you are not close to overhead power lines.
 - Stay at least 10 feet away from overhead power lines and electrical facilities. Contact with electrical wires can cause severe injury or even death – keep all objects away from overhead power lines.

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Safe Use of Power Cords

- Remove power cords from outlets by pulling the plug, not the cord.
- Never attach a cord to another surface with nails or staples.
- Never remove the third prong from a three-pronged plug. The third prong grounds the device and protects from faulty electrical devices.
- Never plug a space heater into an extension cord.
 - Always plug it directly into a wall outlet.



SAFETY TIP

Downed wires: Stay away! Call 911. Do not approach or touch the wire or any person or object in contact with the wire

Water and Electricity

- Keep electrical appliances and power tools away from water.
- Never use electrical appliances or tools in or near water, including the shower or bath.
- Dry hands thoroughly before coming into contact with any electrical appliance, outlet, or wall switch.

Electrical Fires

- Call 911.
- If an appliance catches fire, immediately unplug the appliance if safe to do so.
- Use an appropriately rated fire extinguisher (one rated for electrical and grease fires).
 - Baking soda may also be used to extinguish an electrical fire.

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Helpful Tips:

- If you are cold, wear multiple layers of warm clothing.
- Switch off your lights (except one). Also, to prevent damage when the electricity is restored, consider unplugging all electrical equipment.
- Listen to a battery-powered radio for storm or emergency-related updates.
- Keep refrigerator and freezer doors closed. Check food for spoilage before eating.



SAFETY TIP

DO NOT throw water on an electrical fire. You could be electrocuted



SAFETY TIP

Use flashlights instead of candles to avoid a significant fire hazard