

AMP offers electric safety tips and reminders for National Electrical Safety Month

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May is National Electrical Safety Month and AMP offers these safety tips.

Electricity is an inescapable part of a modern life, but it can become a deadly force when best practices and proper safety measures are not taken. Whether you are indoors or out, following these safety tips can help to prevent accidents.

Indoor safety:

- When not using an appliance, unplug it.
- When unplugging something, pull on the plug, rather than the cord.
- Regularly check power cords for any damage and replace them when needed.
- Do not overload outlets.
- Never force a plug into an outlet. All plugs should fit securely in place.
- Ensure that heat-producing appliances are kept away from combustibles and are cool before putting them away.
- Install ground fault circuit interrupter outlets in potentially hazardous areas, such as near pools, crawl spaces, kitchens, bathrooms and unfinished basements.

Outdoor safety:

- If severe weather causes a downed power line, keep a safe distance away and do not touch the line or surrounding objects. Contact emergency responders and the local utility.
- Do not use a ladder near power lines. If you must, use a fiberglass ladder and stay at least 10 feet away from the line.
- Call 8-1-1 before any digging or excavating.
- Do not trim trees or plants growing close to electric lines. Call your electric utility for assistance.
- Avoid planting trees and bushes that will grow high enough to disturb electric lines.
- Do not let children climb trees that are touching power lines.