



Electrical Safety (Part 4)

What is a sample checklist for basic electrical safety?

Inspect Cords and Plugs

- Check power cords and plugs daily. Discard if worn or damaged. Have any cord that feels more than comfortably warm checked by an electrician.

Eliminate Octopus Connections

- Do not plug several power cords into one outlet.
- Pull the plug, not the cord.
- Do not disconnect power supply by pulling or jerking the cord from the outlet. Pulling the cord causes wear and may cause a shock.

Never Break OFF the Third Prong on a Plug

- Replace broken 3-prong plugs and make sure the third prong is properly grounded.

Never Use Extension Cords as Permanent Wiring

- Use extension cords only to temporarily supply power to an area that does not have a power outlet.
- Keep power cords away from heat, water and oil. They can damage the insulation and cause a shock.
- Do not allow vehicles to pass over unprotected power cords. Cords should be put in conduit or protected by placing planks alongside them.

