



ELECTRICAL SAFETY

- Electrical work should always be done by a qualified electrician.
- Have your home electrical system inspected by a qualified electrician when buying, selling or renovating.

ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES

- Only buy appliances that have the label of a recognized testing laboratory.
- Major appliances, such as refrigerators, stoves, washers, etc. should be plugged directly into the wall.
- Small appliances should be plugged directly into the wall. Unplug small appliances when not in use.
- Keep lamps and light bulbs away from anything that can burn, such as furniture, bedding or curtains.
- Use light bulbs that match the recommended wattage on the lamp or fixture.

CORDS

- Replace cracked, damaged and loose electrical or extension cords.
- Avoid placing cords under rugs / carpets, across doorways or under furniture.
- Use only surge protectors or power strips that have internal overload protection and have a label of a recognized testing laboratory.
- Extension cords are for temporary use only.

OUTLETS

- Replace wall outlets if plugs do not fit snugly.
- All wall outlets and switches should be covered with wall plates to prevent shock.
- Install tamper-resistance electrical outlets if you have young children.

CIRCUITS AND FUSES

- If a fuse blows or a circuit breaker trips, correct the problem before turning the breaker back on or replacing the fuse. Have a qualified electrician inspect and fix the problem.
- Always replace blown fuses with ones of the proper rating.
- Install arc fault circuit interrupters (AFCIs) in your home, which will shut off electricity when a dangerous condition occurs.
- Install ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs) in bathrooms, basements, garages, outdoors, kitchens and other locations near water to reduce the risk of shock.
- Test AFCIs and GFCIs once a month by pressing the test button to ensure they are working properly.

OUTSIDE YOUR HOME

- Never touch a power line or anyone / anything that is in contact with a downed wire.
- Assume all power lines are live and stay a safe distance.
- Report downed power lines to authorities.
- Call before you dig! Alberta One-call is a free and easy way to have underground lines identified and marked – 1.800.242.3447.

Call a qualified electrician if you have any of the following:

- Recurring problems with blowing fuses or tripping circuit breakers.
- A tingling feeling when you touch an electrical appliance.
- Discoloured or warm wall outlets or switches.
- A burning smell or rubbery odor coming from an appliance.
- Flickering lights.
- Sparks from a wall outlet.
- Cracked or broken wall outlets.

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