

# Tips to avoid home electrical fires

YOU CAN MAKE YOUR HOME SAFER BY LEARNING THE BASIC PRINCIPLES AND THE DANGERS YOU SHOULD AVOID.



**Have your home inspected by a qualified electrician** to ensure all electrical work is up to code, especially if it's older than 20 years.

**Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each sleeping area, and on every level of the home.** They should be tested monthly, and batteries should be replaced each year. Replace alarms every 10 years, or according to manufacturer suggestions on the alarm.

**Do not overload outlets.** Power strips do not provide more power to a location, only more access to the same limited capacity of the circuit into which it is connected.

**Install arc fault circuit interrupters (AFCIs)** to safeguard against arc faults, which could cause a fire.

**Keep heat-producing appliances unplugged** when not in use.



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