


# ELECTRICAL SAFETY IN YOUR HOME


Follow our simple electrical safety tips to keep yourself and your family safe at home.





## 1 CORDS & PLUGS

- Use extension cords that are rated for the amount of electricity you'll be using.
- Do not place a cord where it could be stepped on.


 Pull the plug, not the cord

 Do not break off or bypass the third prong of a plug.

 Keep ladders away from overhead power lines.

 Keep cords away from sources of heat and water.


 Unplug the toaster before prying out that stuck toast.

 Never remove a plug with wet hands or while touching metal.

## 2 OUTDOORS

- Call BC Hydro before pruning or removing trees near power lines or transformers.
- Use only three-pronged extension cords outdoors.
- Call BC One Call at 1 800 474 6886 before digging in your yard.
- Use ground fault circuit interrupters on all outlets located outdoors.

 Keep your electrical devices away from sources of water.


 Only use an electric lawnmower when the grass is dry.


## 3 APPLIANCES


- Use a certified power bar if you need to plug multiple items into an outlet.
- Coil up excess cord with plastic ties or velcro straps.
- Extension cords are temporary. If you need a permanent solution, call an electrician.

## 4 KITCHEN


- Insist on appliances and tools that have been certified by the Canadian Standards Association (CSA) seal or another accredited Standards Council of Canada association.

 Never climb or play around padmounted transformers.

 Turn off everything on the circuit before changing a fuse.

 Clean lint from dryers to avoid possible electrical fires.

 Never replace a fuse with a coin or other metal object.

 Use a flashlight. Don't try to replace a fuse in the dark.

## 5 FUSES

- Loose fuses can overheat. Regularly check plug-type fuses to ensure a tight fit.
- Replace a fuse with another that has an identical rating.
- Always call a certified electrician to do any wiring in your home.