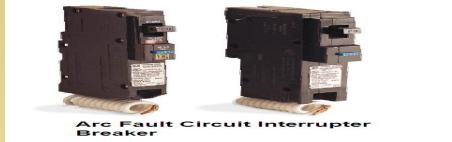


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Safety Precautions



Never use water on suspected electrical fires.

Frayed wires can cause fires – Replace all old or damaged appliance cords.

Never overload extension cords.

Keep all electrical appliances away from wet floors and counters.

Try not to run cords under rugs or in high traffic areas.

Make sure all smoke alarms are working, and that you have one on each level of your home or business.

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Prevent an Electrical Fire in your Home!



According to the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA), electrical fires account for 67,800 fires, 485 deaths, and \$868 million in property losses in a typical year. These numbers are staggering and can easily be prevented by taking a few simple steps to ensure your home's safety.

One way to protect your home is to have AFCI breakers installed in all the proper places in your home. The AFCI (Arc Fault Circuit Interrupters) protects you and your house from a fire caused by an electrical arc by tripping breakers before the arc can start a fire.

The new rule according to the NEC code [2008 NEC, 210.12 (B)] states that it is required for any dwelling unit family room to have an AFCI. This includes all bedrooms, dining rooms, living rooms, parlors, libraries, dens, sun rooms, closets, recreation rooms, or computer rooms. The USFA says that 15% of residential fires start in a bedroom, so take note and upgrade all bedrooms and family rooms.

Also stated in the NEC code are GFCIs (Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter). These protect you from electrical shock. GFCIs are required in all locations that may become wet, such as kitchens, unfinished basements, garages, outdoors, Jacuzzis, and hot tubs. Though they are NOT designed to protect against house fires, they are important to have installed in your home or business.

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