HOME ELECTRICAL SAFETY

Safety is Smart, Prevention is Power



Each year, electrical malfunctions account for **35,000 home fires** causing over **1,130 injuries**, **500 deaths**, and **\$1.4 billion in property damage**.

The average American home was **built in 1977**. Many existing homes **simply can't handle** the demands of today's electrical appliances and devices.

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Learn the warning signs of an overloaded electrical system:



Frequent
tripping of
circuit breakers
or blowing of
fuses



Dimming of lights when other devices are turned on



Buzzing sound from switches or outlets



Discolored outlets



Appliances that seem underpowered



How to avoid overloading circuits:



Label your circuit breakers to

understand the different circuits in your home



Have your home inspected by a qualified electrician if it's older than 40 years or has had a major appliance installed



Have a qualified electrician install new circuits for high energy use devices



Reduce your electrical load by using energy-efficient appliances and lighting

