

Extension Cord Safety Tips

Roughly 3,300 home fires originate in extension cords each year. Extension cords can overheat and cause fires when used improperly, so keep these important tips in mind to protect your home and loved ones.



Inspect cords for damage before use. Check for cracked or frayed sockets, loose or bare wires, and loose connections. Discard damaged cords.



Make sure extension cords are properly rated for their intended use. Never use an indoor extension cord outdoors.



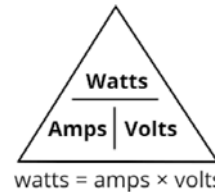
Never plug an extension cord into another extension cord.



Only use cords that have been approved by an independent testing laboratory.



Always use GFCI protection when using an extension cord outdoors.



The appliance or tool that you are using with will have a wattage rating on it. Match this up with your extension cord, and do not use a cord that has a lower rating.



Never use three-prong plugs with outlets that only have two slots. Never cut off the ground pin to force a fit, which could lead to electric shock.

Stennis Common Work Instruction ([SCWI-8715-0006](#)) [Electrical Safety Program](#) establishes minimum standards to prevent personnel from hazardous electrical exposures.

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