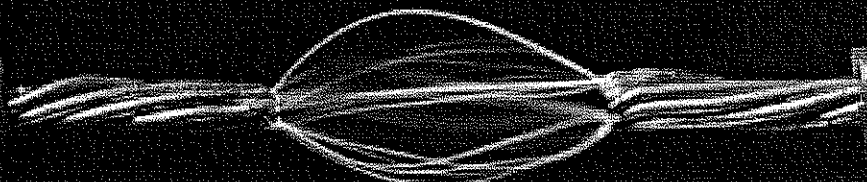


# May IS NATIONAL ELECTRICAL SAFETY MONTH



Each year, there are about 31,000 fires and 200 deaths involving home electrical systems. Additionally, 180 people died from electrocution relating to consumer products in 2002.

Don't use equipment or cords that are damaged. Inspect cords for excessive wear before plugging them in. Have a licensed electrician check your home's electrical system for hazards if it's been more than 10 years since your last inspection, or if you notice any of these . . .

## ELECTRICAL SYSTEM HAZARD

### WARNING SIGNS:

- Dimming or Flickering Lights
- Sizzle or Buzzing Sounds
- Odor of Overheated Plastic
- Plugs that Pull Out of the Receptacle Easily
- Flashes or Showers of Sparks
- Hot Switch Plates and Outlet Covers
- Fuses Burn Out or Circuit Breakers Need Resetting Frequently



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