

NATIONAL ELECTRICAL SAFETY MONTH – WORK SAFELY AT HOME

Many of use have created home offices while we are following stay at home orders. The National Electrical Safety Foundation Institute offers these electrical safety tips to keep you and your home safe from electrical hazards.

1. Avoid overloading outlets
2. Unplug appliances when not in use to save energy and minimize the risk of shock or fire
3. Regularly inspect electrical cords and extension cords for damage
4. Extension cords should only be used on a temporary basis
5. Never plug a space heater or fan into an extension cord or power strip
6. Never run cords under rugs / carpets, doors, or windows
7. Plug in smartly. Make sure cords do not become tripping hazards
8. Keep papers and other potential combustibles at least three feet away from space heaters and other heat sources
9. Make sure you use proper wattage for lamps / lighting
10. Make sure your home has smoke alarms. Test them monthly, change batteries yearly, and replace the unit every 10 years

Wherever you work, it's always important to be safe.

Get a charge from completing your work, not from the devices you are using to do the work!