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May is National Electrical Safety Month

The San Francisco Fire Department is encouraging members of the public to review electrical safety measures at home and in the work place. Please share the below listed safety tips and links.

Safety tips

- Replace or repair damaged or loose electrical cords.
- Avoid running extension cords across doorways or under carpets.
- In homes with small children, make sure your home has tamper-resistant (TR) receptacles.
- Consider having additional circuits or outlets added by a qualified electrician so you do not have to use extension cords.

<http://www.nfpa.org/safety-information/for-consumers/causes/electrical/electrical-safety-in-the-home>

Safe Electricity, a public awareness program of the Energy Education Council (EEC), offers the following seven tips for those who may be near overhead power lines when working outside:

1. Look up and around you. Always be aware of the location of power lines, particularly when using long tools like ladders, pool skimmers, and pruning poles. Be especially careful when working near power lines attached to your house. Keep in mind that wind can blow large objects out of your control.
2. Keep equipment and your body at least 10 feet from power lines. Even if you do not come in contact with a power line, the electricity can arc to nearby objects and people.
3. Be careful when working on or around your roof. That includes installing or cleaning gutters, installing rooftop antennas and satellite dishes or doing repair work. Never use water or blower extensions to clean gutters near electric lines. Contact a professional maintenance contractor.
4. Never climb trees near power lines.
5. Never trim trees near power lines. Leave that to the professionals.

6. Always follow safety procedures.

7. If you see wires down, do not touch them, call 911 and stay clear of the area.

http://blog.seattlepi.com/seattle911/files/library/power_strip_info.pdf

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