



### **HOME SAFETY TIPS:**

- Never overload outlets. Overloaded outlets do cause fires.
- If an electric appliance smells hot or buzzes, don't touch it or try to unplug it. Turn off the electricity at the circuit breaker and unplug it.
- Keep safety heaters away from flammable materials like curtains, rugs or newspapers and never leave on when you go to sleep or leave the area.
- Unplug small appliances when not in use.
- Always follow the manufacturer's instructions when operating heating pads and electric blankets.
- Ensure outlet safety with children by using outlet covers or plastic outlet caps.
- Replace cords that are damaged or frayed.
- Never place cords under carpet or rugs.
- Extension cords are only for temporary use. Prolonged use of extension cords can cause overheating and fire.
- Never pull on an electrical cord; always pull the plug.
- Never reach for or unplug an appliance that has fallen into water. Turn the power off at the breaker before you unplug the appliance or remove it from the water.
- Do not touch electrical switches with wet hands.
- Do not place electrical appliances on the edge of the bathtub or sink.
- To avoid overheating your clothes dryer, clean the lint screen/filter before and after each load of clothes, also, clean the dryer vent and exhaust duct periodically.

### **OUTDOOR SAFETY TIPS:**

- Use extreme caution when near overhead power lines.
- If you see a downed power line, contact the BLP immediately at 228-0300. Do not touch the line or anything that is in contact with the line. Do not attempt to move the line and keep others away.
- When using an aluminum ladder, check above you for power lines. If you touch a power line with an aluminum ladder, you could be seriously injured or killed.
- When working on a roof, moving antennas, metal gutters or other long metal objects, ensure they don't inadvertently contact a power line.
- Contact the BLP at 228-0300 to have any foreign objects removed from a power line (tree limb, kite, model airplanes, etc.) Never climb a power pole or try to remove the object yourself.

- Do not use power tools while the ground is wet or while standing in water.
- Make sure outdoor electrical outlets are weatherproofed and protected by a Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter. This device is designed to protect you from electric shock.
- Keep away from transformers, which are green and mounted on concrete slabs and are found where there are underground power lines.
- Because electric substations are places where electricity is at high voltages, they are extremely dangerous. Remind children never to play near or enter a substation. The fencing around the perimeter are designed to keep you out and safe.