STAY SAFE AROUND ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT

These hints from the experts at the Electric Safety Foundation International may help you stay safe around electrical equipment.

Never remove the third prong of a three-prong plug. Convert two-pronged outlets using an adapter with a ground tab.

- When working outdoors, use only weather-resistant heavy gauge extension cords marked “for outdoor use.”
- Keep outdoor outlets and electrical products covered and dry between uses.
- If an electrical product falls into a pool or pond, unplug it before you reach into the water.
- Turn off electrical products if a cord overheats. Be sure amperage ratings for outdoor extension cords are higher than those of the electrical product with which they’re used.
- Never try to repair electrical products yourself.
- Keep cords out of your path or work area. Throw the cord over your shoulder.
- Put a ground circuit interrupter between your electric power source and your electric products.

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