

SUMMER ELECTRICAL SAFETY

By extending your knowledge of extension and electrical cords, as well as power tools, you can help protect yourself from harm when working outdoors.

Put the power tools down if you're upset, angry or in a hurry. Wait until you can focus on the job and you may prevent an accident.

The Electrical Safety Foundation International offers these electrical safety tips for warm weather work:

- ➤ Do not wear loose clothing or jewelry when using power tools.
- Never use power tools near live electrical wires or water pipes.
- Remember, metal ladders conduct electricity. Be aware of power lines and wires.
- ➤ Never remove guards from power tools or lawn products. They are there to protect you.
- ➤ Outdoor receptacles should be protected with ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCI).
- Make sure tools and extension cords are marked for outdoor use.
- ➤ Read and follow the manufacturers' instructions when using any product that is powered by electricity.

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