

EXTENSION CORD SAFETY

Even when extension cords, power strips and surge protectors are being used correctly, they can pose a serious fire and electrocution hazard.

- ▲ Use extension cords only when necessary and only on a temporary basis.
- ▲ Use only cords which have an UL or ETL (Electrical Testing Laboratories) label.
- ▲ Use only cords with polarized plugs or grounded three-pronged plugs.
- ▲ Use the appropriate heavy duty extension cord for high wattage appliances.
- ▲ For outside use, only use cords that are designed for outside applications.
- ▲ Always insert plugs fully so that no part of the prongs are exposed.
- ▲ Never cover cords with rugs or other objects. Trapped heat can cause a fire.
- ▲ Do not overload cords with too many appliances.
- ▲ A cord that feels hot to the touch must be removed from service immediately.

