Fire Safety Bulletin – Electrical Safety Tips

Fire prevention is our best defense against fires. Whether here at the University, or at home, following these electrical fire safety tips will ensure a safe environment for all.

- Never overload extension cords, power strips, or wall outlets
- Check electrical cords for signs of damage. Replaced frayed or cracked cords to prevent shocks and fires.
- Never place electrical cords under rugs or bedding. Heat or sparks from these cords could cause a fire.
- All electrical equipment should carry the “Underwriters Laboratories (UL)” safety approval and be labeled accordingly.
- Use proper wattage light bulbs in all lighting fixtures. Do not exceed the recommended wattage designated on the lighting fixtures.
- Halogen light bulbs are not permitted in University buildings.

Please refer your questions or comments to:

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