

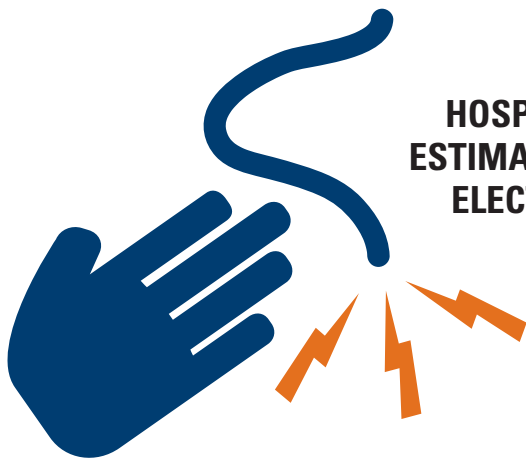


SAFETY BRIEF

EXTENSION CORD USE

Extension cords can deliver power right where you need it, but they can also cause safety hazards if used improperly. Follow these tips to help keep yourself safe when using an extension cord.

- **Do not** use extension cords as permanent wiring. If you find yourself using the same extension cord for more than 30 days, this may indicate a need for more permanent wiring.
- **Do not** run extension cords through holes in walls, ceilings, floors, doorways or other openings.
- **Do not** place extension cords where vehicles, forklifts or other equipment could drive over them.
- **Do not** remove the cord's grounding prong.
- **Do** check your extension cord before use. If you notice any damage to the insulation, remove it from service immediately.
- **Do not** plug multiple cords together. Select a cord that is long enough.
- **Do** store extension cords in a dry, indoor place.
- **Do** match the wattage rating of the tool you are using with the rating on the cord. Do not use a cord with a lower rating than the tool. A cord's gauge indicates its size. The smaller the number, the larger the wire and the more electrical current it can safely handle.
- **Do** remove the extension cord from outlets by pulling on the plug and not the cord.
- **Do** consider the length of cord you'll need for the work you are completing. Longer cords can't handle as much current as shorter cords with the same gauge.



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