

# SAFETY BULLETIN

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## LOVE IS IN THE AIR

Show your loved ones that you really care by looking out for their safety. Follow these tips to protect them from dangerous electrical situations that could potentially harm them.

## TO PROTECT YOUR CHILDREN

Protect little fingers from electrical shock by covering outlets with outlet caps. Plain ones work best because they don't attract as much attention from children.

Avoid using novelty night lights. These will tempt children to play with it or the outlet it's plugged into.

Teach children not to grab plug-in toys and appliances by the cord. Tugging on a cord can damage it, turning it into an electrical or fire hazard.

Don't let children climb trees or play with kites near electrical lines. They could come in contact with the electrical lines and could be seriously harmed.

## TO PROTECT YOUR ELDERLY RELATIVES

Outlets on the ground may be hard to reach for seniors who can't get up and down easily. Carefully check their electrical outlets for heat, sparks and noises. If the outlet is hot to the touch, has sparks coming out of it or makes popping noises, call a certified electrician immediately.

Remind your elderly loved ones not to fall asleep with a heating pad, electrical blanket or space heater on as this could cause the heaters to overheat and possibly cause fires.

Move extension cords out of walkways to avoid stumbling or falls. But don't hide them under rugs either – this could cause them to overheat and could cause a fire.

## LAST BUT NOT LEAST

Always remind your loved ones to stay away from downed power lines!

If you see a downed power line, leave the area and immediately call 9-1-1.

Keep your pets and children away too!