This Safety Topic Will Keep You Energized!

LACOE Risk Management wants to electrify you with some electrical safety tips and information!

Workplace Electrical Safety

When individuals think about where electrical hazards are commonly found, thoughts may not necessarily turn to the office. However, the Georgia Institute of Technology (GIT) states that electrical equipment used in offices can be hazardous and result in serious injuries if not properly maintained. GIT recommends the following tips to help prevent exposure to workplace electrical hazards:

- Ensure appliances are turned off before leaving work at the end of the day
- Use grounded appliances that can be plugged into three pronged outlets
- Is an appliance giving off a strange smell? Unplug it immediately
- Do not use appliances with cracked, frayed or broken cords
- Keep walkways and doorways free of clutter and extension cords
- Never hang or suspend extension cords with staples, nails or wires
- Check plugs to ensure they fit securely into outlets
- Never attempt to force a plug into an outlet
- Keep the proper clearances in front of electrical panels

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Avoid The Wire Trip

Consider power cord organizers to avoid unnecessary workplace entanglements and clutter.

General Electrical Safety

According to the National Fire Protection Association, 47,700 home fires in the U.S. are cause by electrical failures or malfunctions each year. Overloaded electrical circuits are a major cause of residential fires.

- Never use extension cords or multi outlet converters for appliances.
- All major appliances should be plugged directly into a wall receptacle outlet.
- Only use the appropriate watt bulb for any lighting fixture. Using a larger watt light bulb may cause a fire.

2017 Safety Performance

How are we doing?

LACOE has seen an increase in injuries for March in comparison to our other months this year. Risk management encourages staff to be aware of their surroundings and report potential safety hazards to Risk Management. Employee safety concern forms are available through LACOE’s form services site.

Answers to March’s Safety Tip of the Month:

Picture #1: Fire door blocked Picture #2: Fire door propped open Picture #3: Distracted Walking

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