

Use of Extension Cords In Accordance With State Fire Code (Section - E 605.5)

WHAT WE CAN USE

Surge protected and or breaker style UL approved extension cords.

Examples: Standard power strip – can be purchased at any hardware or retail store.



Quick Tips on Extension Cords

- They must be UL approved (look for sticker or imprint with UL symbol)
- They must have a built-in circuit breaker
- They should be surge protected
- Avoid placing stress on cables (if needed mount adaptor under desk)
- Each power strip must be plugged into its own outlet, do not “piggy back”.

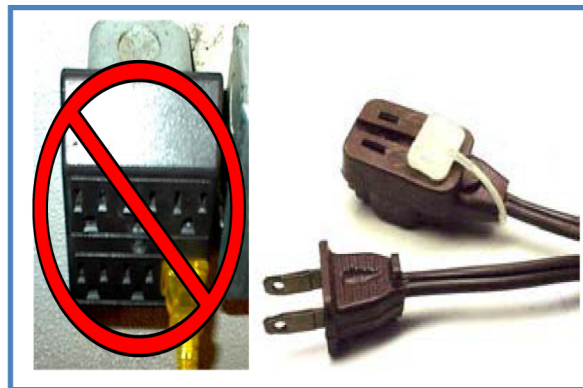
According to data from the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission an extension cord fire occurs every six minutes in a U.S. residence.

Actually, there are approximately 1,700 documented fires in college dormitories, many of which are electrical fires. Use of appropriate extension cords is not only the law but will also provide a safe environment for everyone on campus.

WHAT WE CAN'T USE

Non-surge protected and or non-breaker style extension cords or adaptors.

Examples: Cube adaptor or ungrounded inexpensive cord (usually white or brown with multiple outlets)



Quick Tips on What NOT to Do

- Do not use non-approved cords or adaptors
- Do not connect 2 or more power strips together (each must plug into a wall outlet, not another extension cord or adaptor.)
- Do not use thick outdoor type extension cords for any purpose indoors.

Questions

- Q: **Where on campus does this apply?**
A: All residence halls & public facilities.
- Q: **Where can I purchase approved extension cords and adaptors?**
A: Any hardware or retail store.
- Q: **What if I have more questions?**
A: Call Campus Safety at ext. 7992