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.

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**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)

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**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”.

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**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.

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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.

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**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