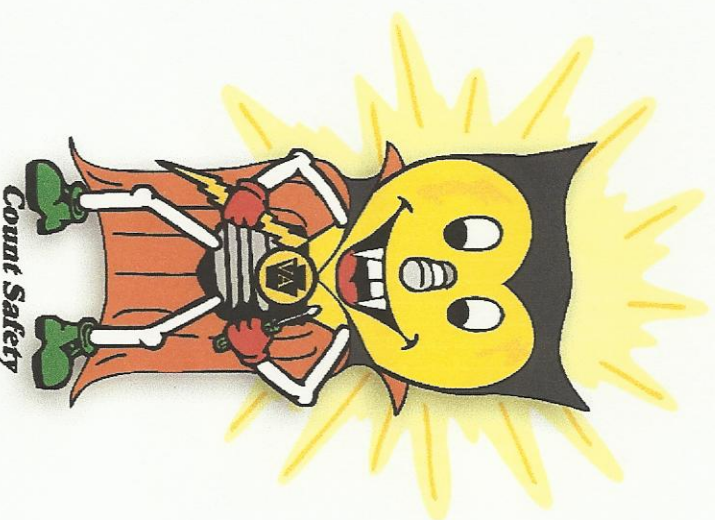


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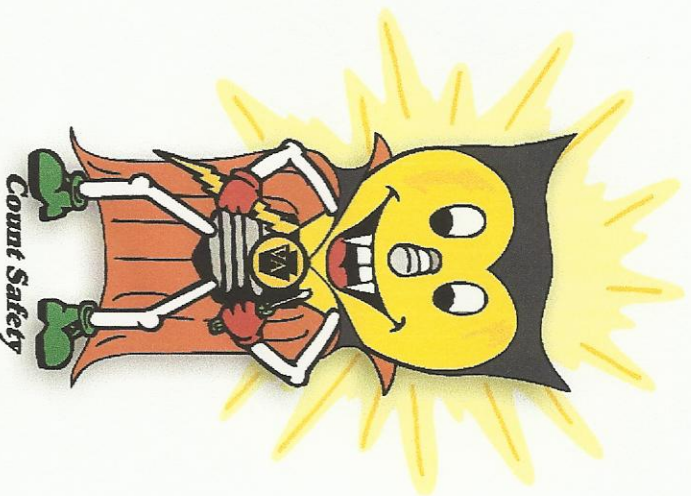
Safety Tips



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Count Safety wants you to be sure all of his little ghouls and goblins who visits your homes to "Trick or Treat" us, to be safe from the scary decorations. Here are some items to look for to ensure that you and your family do not have a real scary time that can arise from electrical products from age or damage.

Decorations.

Check all decorations for defects and cuts. Follow all manufacturer instruction on the package for installation. We recommend using insulated staples to help preventing damaging the insulation. And remember to remove all exterior decorations after the holidays; most are not made to be exposed to the weather for long periods of time

Extension cords.

Extension cords are designed for temporary use only. Of course during the holiday season's extension cords are needed. Be sure to inspect the cords for nicks, cuts. If the extension cord does have cuts or nicks DO NOT USE THEM! Extension cords are cheaper than a new house. Do not over load extension cords.

Exterior Receptacle covers.

If you install exterior decorations you should use what is known as "In Use" covers. This protects you and your decorations from the weather when they are plugged in.

Ground Fault Circuit Interrupters.

All out door receptacles are required to be on ground fault circuit interrupters, same with kitchen counter top receptacles and bathroom receptacles. The GFCI's have a TEST and RESET button on them. You should use the test button regularly to test your GFCI. It is recommended that GFCI be tested once a month.

Smoke Detectors.

Replace the batteries in your smoke detectors and either vacuum or blow clean of trapped dust once a year. We recommend doing this when you are hanging your holiday decorations.

Check the wattage of light bulbs in all light fixtures.

All light fixtures have a label with the rated size wattage light bulb required for that light. This also includes table lamps, but especially light fixtures with covers for they hold the heat in. If the light fixture is missing its label than we recommend 60-watt maximum for safety.

And remember to turn all decorations off when not at home. And to remove decorations after the holiday.

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