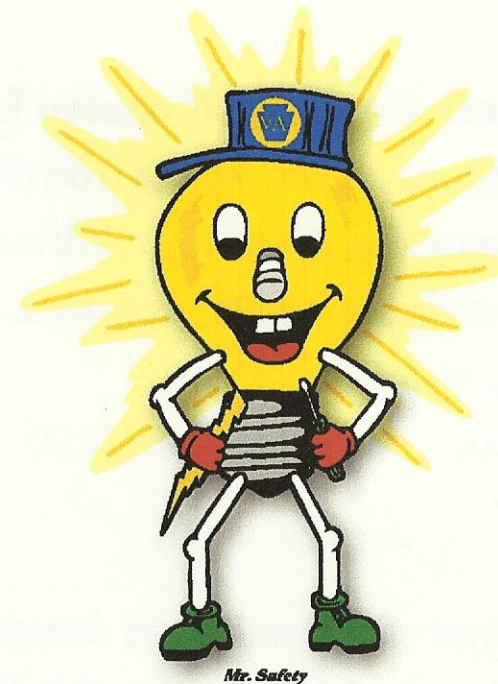


May Is Electrical Safety Month

The International Association of Electrical Inspectors is a leading organization in electrical training. This organization would benefit all inspectors, engineers, and electricians. These benefits include:

- IAEI News magazine subscription
- Educational Opportunities
- Networking
- Continuing Education

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Mr. Safety

Electrical Safety Tips

From Your Friends at
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Attention Boaters

Do you know about ESD (Electrical Shock Drowning)?

You should, it may save your life or a loved ones life.

Electrical Shock Drowning is caused from electrical leakage to the water from faulty electrical grounding systems in either watercrafts or shore power systems. For more information, visit Boat US at:

www.boatus.com/seaworthy/ESD

The Governor of Virginia has designated May as "Electrical Safety Month" Here are some tips to keep you and your family safe from accidents that can arise from electrical products from age or damage and misuse.

Extension cords.

Extension cords are designed for temporary use only. Of course during the holiday seasons extension cords are needed. Be sure to inspect the cords for nicks and 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/Arc Fault Circuit Interrupters

The GFCI and AFCI have a TEST and RESET button on them. It is recommended that GFCI and AFCI be tested once a month.

Smoke Alarms

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

Check the wattage of light bulbs in all light fixtures.

All light fixtures have a label with the maximum rated size wattage bulb required for that light. This also includes table lamps, but especially light fixtures with covers for they hold the heat in.

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

Boaters

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