

## **Indoor Safety**

Electricity is a safe and reliable energy source when used properly. Like any other source of energy, it can be hazardous if used without caution and care.

## Use power cords with caution.

- Replace cords that are damaged or frayed.
- Never place cords under carpet or rugs.
- Extension cords are only for temporary use. Prolonged use of extension cords can cause overheating and fire.
- Never pull an electrical cord; always pull the plug.
- Never overload outlets. Overloaded outlets do cause fires an estimated 5,300 annually in American households. Source: CPSC @ <a href="http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/pubs/524.html">http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/pubs/524.html</a>. Almost 2,000 of those occur during the holidays. Source: ESFi @ <a href="http://www.esfi.org">http://www.esfi.org</a>.

## Be careful with electricity around water!

- Never reach for or unplug an appliance that has fallen into water. Turn the power off at the breaker before you unplug the appliance or remove it from the water.
- Do not touch electrical switches with wet hands.
- Do not place electrical appliances on the edge of the bathtub or sink.

