

# ZERO HARM

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## Safety

### Electrical Fire Safety

Electrical fires produce over 67,800 fires a year and cause more than 2,300 injuries which result in more than 480 deaths on the annual average. Many are avoidable and are caused from 1) misuse of electric cords; 2) overloading circuits; 3) poor maintenance and/or 4) running cords under rugs. In order to prevent electrical fires please implement the following procedures and check systems:

- \* Routinely check working condition of appliances and wiring
- \* Replace any electrical tool if it causes small electric shocks, overheats, shorts out or gives off smoke or sparks
- \* Replace worn and/or damaged cords – frayed, cracked
- \* Use electrical extension cords wisely
- \* Do not overload extensions
- \* Keep appliances away from wet counters and floors
- \* Take special caution using electrical appliances in bathrooms and kitchens
- \* Never blow –dry hair while in the bathtub or use hair irons above a sink with water (Share with your teenagers)
- \* Never use 3 prong plug in a 2 slot outlet or extension cord
- \* Use child-proof closures in electrical outlets

**Working together to help our families keep safe !**