

# Check out electrical equipment to keep your home fire-safe

We've reached third base in our October campaign to "Cover All Bases and Strike Out Fire."

Human error and problems associated with the equipment that provides electrical services are among the leading causes of house fires in the United States. Here is some advice from the National Fire Protection Association to help you with electrical equipment safety at home:



- Be sure your fuses and circuit breakers are rated for the loads, or amperage, that each circuit is designed to handle.
- Use only one heat-producing appliance on the same circuit at a time.
- Install ground fault circuit interrupter protection for all kitchen-counter, outdoor, basement, garage and bathroom outlets.
- Replace damaged appliance and extension cords. Don't plug extension cords into each other.
- Don't run extension cords under carpets or across doorways, or pinch them under furniture or between walls and furniture.
- If any power tool or appliance feels too hot or smells funny, unplug it immediately and have it serviced or replaced.

For more home fire prevention information, visit the Hanford Fire Department Web site at: [http://www.hanford.gov/fire/Fire\\_Prevention\\_Month/fpinfo.htm](http://www.hanford.gov/fire/Fire_Prevention_Month/fpinfo.htm). ♦