Electrical Fire Safety

An estimated 28,300 residential building electrical fires occur annually and cause 360 civilian deaths, 1,000 civilian injuries, and $995 million in direct loss according to the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA). Electrical fires occur most often during the months of December and January. Most electrical fires result from problems with faulty electrical outlets and old wiring. Problems with cords and plugs, such as extension and appliance cords, also cause many home electrical fires. To prevent an electrical fire in your home, Routinely check electrical appliances and wiring and replace all worn, old or damaged cords immediately.

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For information and resources on this subject visit **www.usfa.dhs.gov/citizens/focus**