

Public Service Announcement

Electrical safety

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The Department of Community Services' Nunavut Fire Marshal's Office (NFMFO) is encouraging residents to make electrical safety part of their everyday routine at home and at cabins.

Electrical fires can start quickly and are often caused by overloaded outlets, damaged cords or unsafe use of heaters and appliances. In Nunavut, where heating equipment, generators and extension cords are often used for long periods, taking simple precautions can help reduce fire risks.

To help prevent electrical fires:

- Do not overload electrical outlets.
- Check cords, plugs, and extension cords for damage before use. Replace damaged cords right away.
- Keep space heaters at least one metre away from anything that can burn.
- Plug heaters and major appliances directly into the wall outlet whenever possible.
- If using a generator, always operate it outside and away from doors, windows and vents.

If lights flicker, breakers trip often, or outlets feel warm, stop using them and have them checked by a certified electrical professional.

A few simple safety checks can help prevent fires and keep your family safe.

For more fire safety information, contact the NFMO or visit the [Nunavut Fire Marshal's office page](#) on the Government of Nunavut website.

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