

AVOID POTENTIALLY UNSAFE ELECTRICAL PRODUCTS

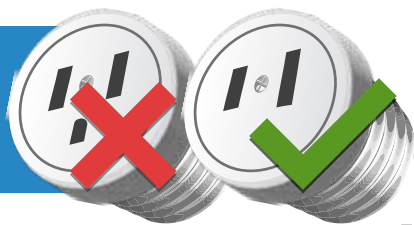
KNOW THE DANGERS OF USING UNSAFE ADAPTERS ON ELECTRICAL OUTLETS



The average American home has around **70 receptacle outlets** and **20 to 30 circuit breakers**. Learn what gadgets to **avoid using** to keep your electrical system safe at home.

Unsafe Electrical Products

Lamp Base Screw in Adapters

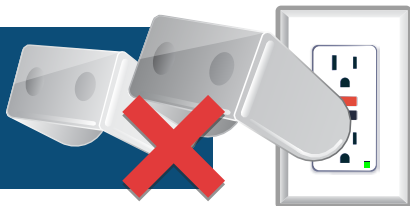


Lamp base adapters that screw into lamp or lightbulb sockets **may be safe if used correctly**

Only **2-prong** polarized adapters may be safe

3-prong adapters are **not safe**, these plugs are **not properly grounded** and **should not be used** with appliances with 3-prong plugs

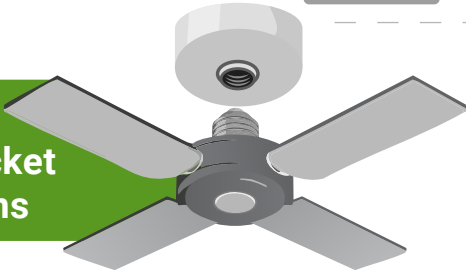
Outlet Tighteners



Devices that are inserted into receptacle outlets to prevent plugs from falling out **are unsafe**

These devices can block a plug from contacting the outlet receptacle and **can lead to overheating and fires**. If your outlet can no longer hold a plug, **replace it**

Lamp Base / Socket Ceiling Fans



Ceiling fans that screw into lamp or lightbulb bases **may be too heavy for the listed weight limit** for the ceiling base

Lamp bases are designed and tested to **support lamps with no moving parts**. Fan blades cause vibrations which may lead to **electrical fires** or the **fan falling out**

Safety Certifications

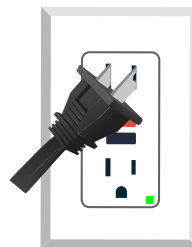
Did you know that many electrical products **undergo testing to show they are safe**? Certifications and listings from OSHA recognized testing labs like **UL** and **CSA** mean the products meets the minimum electrical safety standards. **Always look for certification marks when purchasing electrical devices.**



How to Avoid Potentially Unsafe Electrical Products



Look for safety certification marks from reputable testing labs such as UL, CSA or Intertek



Replace the outlet receptacles if the plug feels loose



Purchase from reputable retailers and distributors to help avoid counterfeits



Have a **qualified electrician** install additional outlets if needed