

AVOID POTENTIALLY UNSAFE ELECTRICAL PRODUCTS

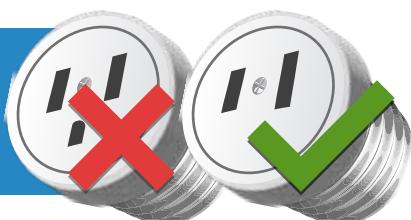
KNOW THE DANGERS OF USING UNSAFE ADAPTERS ON ELECTRICAL OUTLETS

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

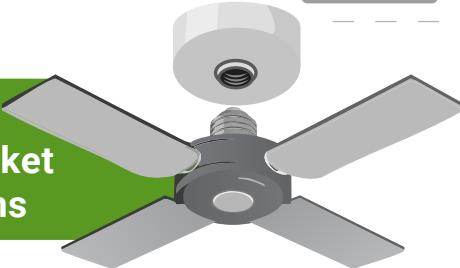
Outlet Tighteners



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 meet the minimum electrical safety standards. **Always look for certification marks when purchasing electrical devices.**



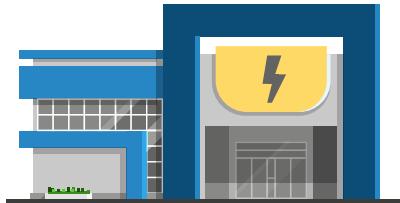
How to Avoid Potentially Unsafe Electrical Products



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