



School Electrical Safety Reminders

Extension Cords and Power Strips

Extension cords are for *temporary* use only

Regularly inspect cords for damage and to assess operating condition

Extension cords are never to be run through doors, windows, under rugs, carpeting or through ceilings or walls

Daisy chaining (hooking together) of power strips is not permitted



Plug-In Devices for Scents, Scented Wax, Candle Warmers & Oil Diffusers

Any scented device that uses electrical power from an outlet are not approved. The devices can overheat, cause burns and in some cases fires. – *Tom Roessler, Deputy State Fire Marshal*
Minnesota State Fire Marshal Division



Oil Diffusers: Exposure to fragrances and scents can cause some staff and/or students to experience asthma or allergic reactions, including upper respiratory irritation, headaches, and other symptoms.

Electrical Equipment - Coffee Makers, Microwaves, Refrigerators, Fans, Lamps

Limit appliances to teacher lounges where student access can be controlled.

Districts reduce energy costs by not allowing unnecessary appliances.

Require that the use of microwave ovens or appliances in the classroom be related to the curriculum, marked accordingly, and that they be used only under teacher supervision.

MSFC 605.7 Appliances. Electrical appliances and fixtures shall be tested and *listed* in published reports of inspected electrical equipment by an *approved* agency and installed and maintained in accordance with all instructions included as part of such listing.

Questions regarding the District's electrical safety policy - Contact your Building Director