

# Prevention Quick Drills

## POCKET TOOLS TRAINING

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### PREVENTION TIPS

Fire Prevention Daily  
Quick Drills - Easy Access  
to Prevention Topics

## Outdoor Electrical Safety

#### Reference:

NFPA Outdoor Electrical Safety  
Tips, NFPA Public Education  
Division, 1 Batterymarch Park,  
Quincy, MA 02169  
[www.nfpa.org/education](http://www.nfpa.org/education)

#### Important Reminder

Call "Before You Dig"  
(8-1-1) before any  
digging on your  
property. They will mark  
where your  
underground utilities are  
located. It is a free  
service.

Lighting to improve the look and safety of our homes, electric tools to make our outdoor work easier, and power lines to our home, all need to be handled with care.

#### Outside Electrical Work

- Have a qualified electrician do all electrical work.
- To prevent an electrical shock, make sure all your outside electrical receptacles are GFCI (ground-fault circuit interrupter) protected.

#### Equipment Safety

- Use lighting and power tools that have the label of an independent test laboratory and make sure they are made for outdoor use.
- Store your electrical tools indoors.
- Keep electric tools away from children.
- Keep the area around your electric meter and other electrical equipment clear.
- Check lighting and extension cords for damage before using. Replace any damaged cords right away.
- Use extension cords that have the label of an independent test laboratory and are marked for outdoor use.
- Extension cords are not meant for long-term use.

#### Power Lines

Have a professional tree cutting service trim branches that might fall on electrical wiring. Use a wooden or fiberglass ladder outside. Keep the ladder at least 10 feet away from power lines. Never touch anyone or anything in contact with a downed wire. Power lines may be live, stay a safe distance away. Report downed wires to authorities right away.



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