

Electricity and Water – A Deadly Combination!

We use electrical appliances and equipment to perform countless chores and activities around the home every day. These items are quite frequently used in a very close proximity with water.

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- Electric appliances and water can be a lethal combination. If an appliance falls into a sink or tub of water, or if you touch an appliance with wet hands or while standing in water, you risk severe electric shock and possibly death.
- Never use any electric appliances, radios (except small battery-powered ones), TV's or hair dryers near sinks, toilets or bathtubs.
- Always dry your hands before touching any electric appliance.
- Keep the floor around your washer and dryer clean and dry.
- Unplug small appliances when washing them. Never immerse appliances such as rice cookers or crock pots in water. This could damage them and give you an electric shock.
- Use Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter (GFCI) electrical outlets in locations that are near water sources such as bathrooms, kitchens, laundry rooms, garages or the outdoors.
- Keep extension cords away from heat and water.
- Make your children aware of the dangers involved with playing on or around electrical equipment that may come into contact with water.
- If an appliance has come into contact with water or if it has been submerged, have the unit checked out professionally to make sure it is still in a safe working order.