

## **Outdoor Electrical Safety: Information for tenants if they inquire**

**As the weather gets warmer, tenants tend to look beyond the interior and begin outdoor maintenance and improvement projects. Tenants may approach you for some information or resources regarding electrical safety. Here's what to do!**

Many of these do-it-yourself projects involve the use of power tools. Working with power tools requires skilled instruction and training as they can be deadly if not properly used or maintained. In light of safety concerns, tenants may approach you for some information or resources regarding electrical safety. Here is some information and resources that you can provide if you are approached and information is requested.

### **Two Facts/Statistics regarding the use of electrical equipment:**

- Eight percent of consumer product-related electrocutions each year are attributed to electrical accidents with power drills, saws, sanders, hedge trimmers, and other electric power tools (CPSC). Most of these fatalities could be prevented by the use of a GFCI.
- Nine percent of electrocutions were caused by accidents involving the use of lawn and garden equipment and ladders, which in most cases came into contact with overhead power lines.

### **Sources for information regarding Electrical Safety:**

#### **Outdoor Electrical Safety Check (ESFI, Electrical Safety Foundation International)**

<http://www.esfi.org/index.cfm/page/Outdoor-Electrical-Safety-Check/cdid/10814/pid/11406>

#### **Using Electrical Equipment Outdoors**

<http://www.esfi.org/index.cfm/page/Outdoor-Electrical-Safety-Check/cdid/10814/pid/11406>

Have you been approached for information regarding electrical safety by tenants? Please tell us your story!!!

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