



## ELECTRICAL SAFETY WHILE WORKING FROM HOME

For many of us, the new social distancing rules mean that our homes have become our home offices. Whether you're working in a dedicated home office space, the kitchen table or from a laptop in the family room, please ensure that you are practising good electrical safety habits that will help reduce the risk of shock or fire. The [Electrical Safety Foundation International \(ESFI\)](#) has assembled a list of tips that encourage you to review and make part of your new work-from-home practices.

- Avoid overloading electrical outlets
- Unplug appliances when not in use to save energy and minimize the risk of shock or fire
- Inspect electrical cords and extension cords for damage
- Extension cords should only be used temporarily
- Never plug a space heater or fan into an extension cord or power strip
- Never run cords under rugs/carpets or doors
- Make sure cords do not become tripping hazards
- Keep papers and other potential combustibles at least three feet away from space heaters and other heat sources
- Use proper wattage for lamps/lighting
- Make sure your home has smoke alarms. Test them monthly, change batteries yearly, and replace them every 10 years

We also encourage you to keep a fire extinguisher in your home office.

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*While Working From Home*

Do you have a home office or work from home? Follow these electrical safety tips to keep you and your home safe from electrical hazards.

1. Avoid overloading outlets.
2. Unplug appliances when not in use to save energy and minimize the risk of shock and fire.
3. Regularly inspect electrical cords and extension cords for damage.
4. Extension cords should only be used on a temporary basis.
5. Never plug a space heater or fan into an extension cord or power strip.
6. Never run cords under rugs / carpets, doors, or windows.
7. Plug in smartly. Make sure cords do not become tripping hazards.
8. Keep papers and other potential combustibles at least three feet away from space heaters and other heat sources.
9. Make sure you use proper wattage for lamps / lighting.
10. Make sure your home has smoke alarms. Test them monthly, change batteries yearly, and replace the unit every 10 years.

Wherever you work, it's always important to be safe.

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## SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS: HELPING TO PREVENT BREAK AND ENTERS



For businesses whose operations are closed during this time, local regional police services are urging small business owners to take extra precautions to ensure that their retail or restaurant location remains secure.

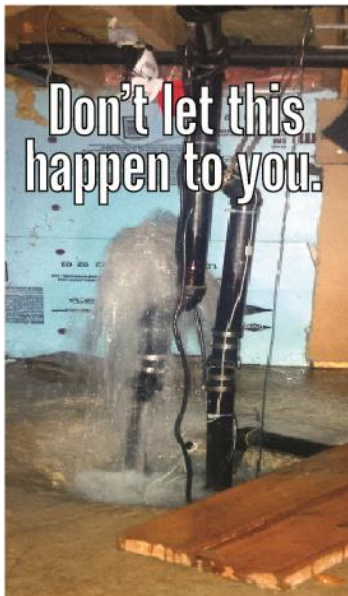
If you are a small business owner with a public or street-facing location, [click here for recommendations and tips to help prevent commercial break and enters](#). Should you have any questions about [monitored security systems for your commercial or retail property](#), [please](#)

[contact us](#).

## BE AWARE: COVID-19 SCAMS

Unfortunately, there are a number of telephone and online/cyber scams circulating and we want to help to ensure that our customers, colleagues and their families do not fall victim to fraudsters looking to profit from consumers' fears. From spoofed government information, to fraudulent charities requesting money, to emails giving false test results or the offer of free medical products, please take extra precaution when dealing with anyone who is unknown to you.

[Please bookmark the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre Covid-19 Fraud Alert webpage and stay up to date on the most recent developments and current reported scams from this trusted resource.](#)



## APRIL SHOWERS CAN BRING MORE THAN MAY FLOWERS...

As spring weather fast approaches, we would like to remind you to take time to perform some maintenance checks around the house to ensure you're ready for increased rainfall and potential flooding that spring weather often brings.

[Click here for sump pump maintenance tips.](#)

[And click here for more information about sump pump monitoring.](#)

Please remember, if water rises above electrical outlets, covers power cords or is near the electrical service panel, it means that the area could be energized. Contact your local electrical utility to disconnect the power.

If you have any questions about installing a monitored sump pump in your home, water bug flood detectors, or other environmental security measures, we would be happy to help, so [please contact us](#).

## WE'RE HIRING!

We have been deemed an essential service and we continue to operate in accordance with our [COVID19 protocols](#). To support our commitment to exceptional customer service we are on the look-out for talented people to join our team. Some of our best leads have come from our customers, and so we are reaching out to you again!

We are also always interested to hear from individuals with technical experience in security and life safety as well as sales. If you know of someone who is looking for an opportunity with a family-owned and operated business that is dedicated to customer satisfaction, [please contact us](#).

We are currently hiring for the following positions:

- CFAA Fire Safety Technicians (Midland and Utterson)
- Manager of Fire Safety (Midland)
- Monitoring Station Operators (Midland)
- Security Alarm Technicians (Collingwood, Utterson, and Midland)

[Click here for more details about each job opportunity and to submit your resume.](#)

We offer an incentive for leads that create viable employment opportunities for our company: three months free monitoring for the lead; 12 months free monitoring if we employ the lead through their probationary period; an additional 24 months of free monitoring should the lead remain employed after one continuous year of service.

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