



Electrical Emergencies

- ❑ When an electrical emergency occurs, there are several survival actions that can be taken. You should know how to "trip" the main circuit breaker at the electrical panel to turn off all power to the house.
- ❑ If an appliance smells funny or operates improperly, pull the plug if it can be done safely. If arcing (sparking), burning or smoking from an appliance occurs, turn off the power at the circuit breaker, get outside quickly, and **CALL 911**.
- ❑ Winds accompanying thunderstorms may knock down power lines or utility poles. Keep people away from the area, and call 911. If power lines come in contact with a vehicle, do not touch the line or the vehicle. If people are inside, tell them to stay inside. If they try to exit, they may complete a grounded electrical circuit and be instantly killed. They must stay inside the vehicle until the power is turned off by the utility company.
- ❑ If a serious electrical malfunction occurs in your home, school or workplace, it is the same as a fire. Notify others, exit promptly, activate any fire alarm as you exit, and call 911 from outside. If you are familiar with the operation of a fire extinguisher, you can use a "Class ABC or BC" Fire Extinguisher on an electrical fire.

For more information on Electrical Emergencies or the right fire extinguisher for you, call the City of Newton Fire Department (828)695-4334.