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## **ADAMS COUNTY FIRE RESCUE TIP OF THE WEEK**

ACFR encourages the public to be safe around electricity

**DENVER, Colo.** – Adams County Fire Rescue would like to remind the public that you do not need a flame to start a fire. Fires can start when electrical heat builds up near things that burn. Therefore, please consider these safety tips:

- Keep things that burn, like scarves or other clothes, off lamps.
- Never leave electronic items charging on top of flammables like beds and couches.
- Keep curtains away from light bulbs. Bulbs can get hot and start a fire.
- Avoid overloading sockets and power strips. Outlets with safety switches are preferred.
- Do not place heavy things on top of cords. This can wear the cord and cause a fire.
- Do not put cords under carpets where people walk on them. They can wear out and cause a fire.
- Use light bulbs with the right number of watts. Do not exceed the recommended watt maximum on light fixtures.
- If a cord is worn, frayed or damaged, repair or replace it with the help of an electrician.
- Never unplug an item by pulling the cord. The cord can wear out and cause a fire.

For a list of these and other safety tips, visit [www.acfpd.org/safety-tips](http://www.acfpd.org/safety-tips).

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