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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.

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