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TO: Residents of Elderly/Disabled Housing

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RE: ELECTRICAL SAFETY TIPS

Power Strip Safety Tips

- Make sure the power strip has an internal circuit breaker that will trip the breaker when overloaded to prevent overheating.
- Power strips should have a cord of no more than 6 feet in length.
- Power strips vary in their capacity but should only be used for items that require light loads such as computers, printers and clocks. They are not made to handle refrigerators, freezers, coffee makers, or air conditioner units: These items should **ONLY** be plugged directly into an unshared wall outlet.
- Power strips are meant for temporary use and should be unplugged when not in use.
- If the power strip feels hot to the touch, unplug from wall outlet immediately.
- Do not connect one power strip to another power strip
- Make sure the power strip has been tested by an independent testing agency such as Underwriters Laboratory (UL) or the Electrical Testing Laboratories (ETL).

An Air Conditioner and several other devices were plugged into this power strip. The A/C unit was on at the time of the incident.. The increased load from the A/C caused the power strip to overload and catch fire. The A/C unit was also damaged and needed to be replaced.

The Enfield Housing Authority provides equal opportunity to participate in our housing programs. Any disabled individual requiring a reasonable accommodation to fully utilize the housing programs and related services may request such by contacting Shari Riddick, Portfolio Manager at (860) 745-7493 ext. 202

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