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Extension Cord Safety



We use extension cords almost every day both at work and at home. These are very useful devices, but they can present a fire or shock hazard when either worn out or used improperly.

Extension cords must be treated with care and checked regularly for damage or deterioration. The cord itself should never be pulled to disconnect it from an electrical source; remove it by the plug. They should not be placed under rugs or furniture and should never be strung through doorways, windows, walls, ceilings, or floors. Damaged cords present a potential fire or shock hazard and should be destroyed and replaced immediately.

An extension cord should never be used as a substitute for permanent wiring. They should not be fastened to a building or structure, even though staples are sold for

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Hello Friends,

Welcome to Midlands Home Inspections, Inc's new feature. We have always had a newsletter that was available on our website; Now we are bringing the news to you.

I hope you enjoy our newsletter and find it informative and useful.

Thank you all again for being part of the Midlands Home Inspections family.

Sincerely,

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Types of Caulk

Many people find it overwhelming when it comes to choosing the right type of caulk for a particular job. Because there are so many different kinds of caulk on the market, the decision can be a difficult one. Here is a quick guide to help you choose the right caulk for your repair job.

this purpose at many hardware stores. Avoid plugging two cords together to make a longer one. It's best to use one cord in a continuous length from the receptacle to the appliance or tool. Extension cords that are either connected together or are too long will reduce operating voltage and operating efficiency of tools or appliances and may cause motor damage.

Extension cords are convenient devices we often take for granted in our everyday activities, but which need proper care and attention. Use good housekeeping practices at home and at work, to keep extension cords from being a tripping hazards or becoming damaged. Inspect them regularly for wear and replace defective units.

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Silicone Caulk

Silicone caulk is the type of caulk that people tend to be most familiar with. It is usually clear in color and has a rubbery, flexible texture when dry. For the past 20 years or so, the majority of caulks on the market have been made out of silicone. Because of its durability and effectiveness on a wide variety of surfaces, silicone continues to be a popular choice today. It is especially useful on non-porous surfaces, including metal and plastic. And because it stays flexible after it is dry, silicone caulk rarely breaks or cracks as a result of extreme temperatures or rapid temperature changes. This makes it perfect for filling gaps around windows and doors.

However, silicone is very challenging to apply and has quite an offensive odor, which has opened the door to other types of caulks, particularly when it comes to indoor use. Additionally, silicone caulk needs to be cleaned up using a special solvent, which can become quite messy.

Latex Caulk

Latex caulk is becoming an increasingly popular option amongst homeowners. Because of its durability, latex caulk can last for up to 20 years and it can also be painted over to match any décor. This makes it perfect for indoor use. Latex caulk doesn't stand up to temperature changes well, however, so don't use it outdoors if you live in a cold climate. It is particularly good for wood siding and filling small cracks in door frames and window frames.

Acrylic Latex Silicone Blend Caulk

This type of caulk is a hybrid of acrylic, latex, and silicone caulks. It is easier to apply than regular silicone caulk but has a similar durability. Some types of acrylic latex silicone blend caulk can be painted to match certain color schemes. This type of caulk is good for both indoor and outdoor uses, including wood siding, cracks in brick and stone, and for weatherproofing windows and doors.

Kitchen and Bath Caulk

Kitchen and bath caulk is designed for use in areas that have high moisture content. It can stand up to mold and mildew growth and is excellent for sealing bathtubs, shower stalls, toilets, and sinks. It is available in a variety of colors to match your décor.

Butyl Rubber Caulk

Butyl rubber caulk is another popular caulk alternative. It is excellent for use in gaps and cracks that are up to ¼" wide, such as those appearing on windowsills and between doors and door frames. Strong and durable, butyl rubber caulk can last up to ten years when applied correctly. It also comes in a range of colors or you can purchase colored tints to mix with the caulk to match the color exactly to your décor. Some butyl rubber caulks can also be used to fill cracks in stone, brick, and concrete.

Oil-Based Asphalt Caulk

This type of caulk is designed for use in heavy-duty repair jobs, including chimney repairs, flashing and air pipe sealing, and outdoor vent sealing. Similar to a soft tar, oil-based asphalt caulk hardens very quickly and provides durable sealing for up to 4 years.

Caulking Cord

Caulking cord is designed to be used as a temporary way of sealing off small gaps, such as those found around air conditioning units, windows and doors. Caulking cord comes on a roll and is then cut to size and placed in position. It can last anywhere between one and two years.



About Us

Midlands Home Inspections, Inc., a company specializing in residential inspections for home sellers and buyers. I'm Brent Simmerman, company owner and Inspector. I am dedicated to providing my clients with a thorough home inspection performed in a professional and friendly manner. I provide the most thorough inspection of your home using the most widely accepted standards in the industry, and present the results in an honest, knowledgeable, unbiased and friendly manner so that you can get the most value from your inspection. Midlands Home Inspections, Inc. will be there for all your home inspection needs today and in the future, and is committed to providing exceptional service for as long as you own your home.

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