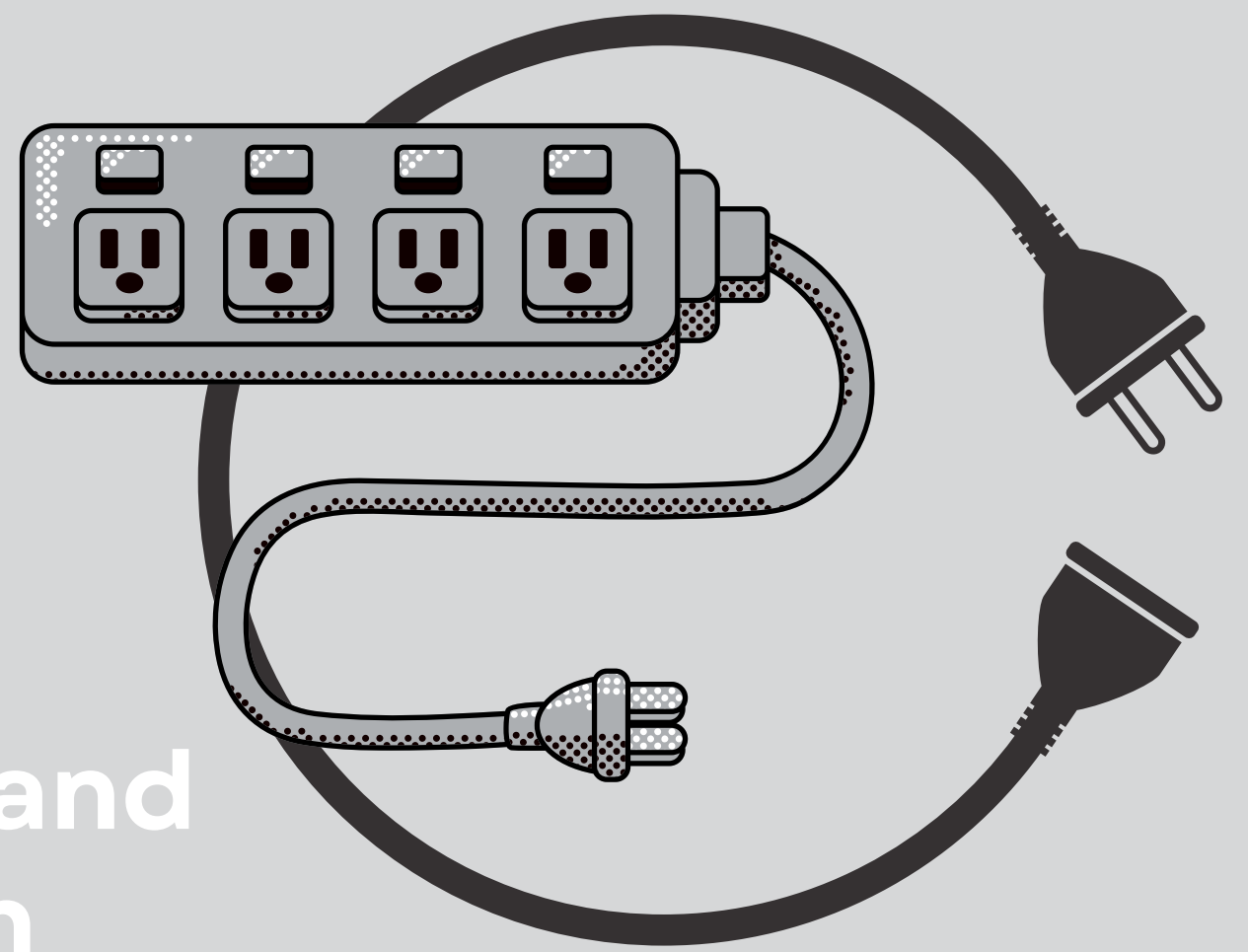


Classroom Electrical Safety

8 CRITICAL POINTS

Tips to Prevent Overheating and Fire Hazards in the Classroom



1

INSPECT

- Inspect any cord on a device or extension cord for exposed wires or damage.
- Ensure no prongs are missing and look at the metal to ensure there is no deterioration.

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PROPER USE

- If a cord has three prongs, ensure it is being plugged into a corresponding plug.
- Never remove a third prong.
- When using string lights, read the guidelines for how many can be connected and follow the recommendations.

3

SAFE SETUP

- Cords should not be connected to reach further. Use one cord the length that is necessary.
- Power strips should not be overloaded.

4

OTHER ELECTRICAL ITEMS

- Any electrical items that can produce heat such as lamps or small appliances should be minimized and only be placed on heat safe surfaces.
- Ensure there is adequate room around the lamp or appliance from other potential flammable decor or material.

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TEMPORARY USE

- Extension cords are not meant to be used for permanent wiring.
- Unplug when not in use.

6

TREAT WITH CARE

- To extend the life of extension, equipment or appliance cords, always pull the plug and not the cord to remove.
- This will prevent detachment of the cord from the plug.

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EXPOSURE

- Ensure cords and plugs are not near water, oil or other liquids.
- Keep cords and plugs away from heat and allow room between the plug and any equipment or decor.

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DAMAGED CORDS

- Discontinue use of any cords or equipment that has visible damage or produces flames or sparks.