

Incident Date: 19991109 City: NOXON State: MT

CONSUMER ACTIVATED PORTABLE ELECTRIC HEATER TO WARM BATHROOM. AFTER 5 MINUTES SHE NOTICED SPARKS AND SMALL FLAME IN THE HEATER. CONSUMER REPORTED SEEING DARK SMOKE AND SMELLING BURNING RUBBER. CONSUMER TURNED OFF UNIT AND UNPLUGGED IT FROM WALL OUTLET. NO INJURIES OR DAMAGE FROM INCIDENT OCCURRED.

Incident Date: 19991029 City: FREMONT State: OH

A HOUSEHOLD EXTENSION CORD CONNECTING A SMALL TELEVISION TO A WALL OUTLET SHORTED OUT IGNITING NEARBY DRAPERY AND PARTICLE BOARD PANELING. NO ONE WAS AT HOME AT THE TIME AND NO INJURIES WERE REPORTED. TOTAL DAMAGES WERE ESTIMATED TO BE \$20,000.

Incident Date: 20000208 City: LUBBOCK State: TX

UPC EXEMPLAR-7146301058 A COMPLAINANT NOTICED THAT HIS BOTTLE WARMER HAD BEEN MELTING DURING USE. THE BOTTLE WARMER WAS PLUGGED INTO AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET LOCATED IN THE BEDROOM OF A SINGLE FAMILY HOME. THERE WERE NO INJURIES IN THIS CASE. IT IS UNKNOWN WHAT HAPPENED TO BRING ABOUT THE EVENT.

Incident Date: 20000202 City: NOEL State: MO

A HUMIDIFIER PLUGGED INTO AN ELECTRICAL WALL OUTLET BEGAN TO SMOKE DURING USE. THE COMPLAINANT UNPLUGGED THE HUMIDIFIER AND DISCONTINUED USING IT. THERE WERE NO INJURIES OR DAMAGES. THE EVENT OCCURRED IN THE BEDROOM OF A SINGLE-FAMILY HOME.

Incident Date: 19991129 City: BETHLEHAM State: PA

A 5 YEAR OLD, 9" COLOR TV WITH VHS PLAYER WAS CONNECTED TO A WALL RECEPTACLE. THE TELEVISION SET WAS NOT ON AT THE TIME. THE TV MALFUNCTIONED, EMITTING SMOKE FROM THE REAR CABINET. THE OWNER UNPLUGGED THE UNIT. NO DAMAGES OR INJURIES OCCURRED.

Incident Date: 20000912 City: OAKLAND State: CA

THE VICTIM IS A 6 YEAR OLD FEMALE WHO WAS INJURED AT A LAUNDROMAT WHILE ON A COIN OPERATED RIDE. THE VICTIM WAS ON THE RIDE WITH HER SISTER WHEN SHE FELL OFF AND HIT HER HEAD ON A METAL PLUG OUTLET. SHE WAS TAKEN TO THE HOSPITAL AND TREATED FOR A HEAD CONTUSION BEFORE BEING RELEASED.

Incident Date: 19991205 City: MARYSVILLE State: WA

4 YEAR OLD MALE WAS ASSEMBLING A NEW ELECTRIC TOY. VICTIM PLUGGED IN ELECTRIC CORD AND THEN INSERTED METAL PRONG OF EXTENSION CORD PLUG INTO RECEPTACLE FOR TOY'S LIGHT BULB. SECOND AND THIRD DEGREE BURNS RECEIVED ON RIGHT HAND. MEDICAL TREATMENT WAS RECEIVED AND NO LONG TERM EFFECTS ARE EXPECTED.

Incident Date: 20000127 City: PENSACOLA State: FL

WHILE EXERCISING ON AN ELECTRICALLY OPERATED TREADMILL, A 63 YR OLD MALE SHUT AN ELECTRIC FAN OFF WHICH WAS ALSO PLUGGED INTO THE SAME ELECTRICAL OUTLET AS THE TREADMILL. THE TREADMILL SUDDENLY WENT TO FULL SPEED CAUSING THE VICTIM TO FALL TO HIS KNEES AND OFF THE TREADMILL. THE VICTIM SUSTAINED A MINOR CONTUSION TO BOTH KNEES BUT REQUIRED NO MEDICAL TREATMENT.

Incident Date: 20000130 City: LIVONIA State: MI

AN 11 MONTH OLD MALE DIED IN A STRANGULATION INCIDENT. HIS MOTHER PLACED THE VICTIM IN HIS BEDROOM AND CLOSED THE DOOR. SHE PLACED A RADIO WHICH WAS PLUGGED IN, IN THE VICTIM'S CRIB. TEN MINUTES LATER SHE FOUND THE VICTIM SUSPENDED AT THE NECK REGION OVER THE ELECTRICAL CORD WHICH WAS STILL PLUGGED INTO A WALL OUTLET.

Incident Date: 19991006 City: TAYLOR State: MI

AN ADAPTOR WAS PLUGGED INTO A WALL OUTLET AND HAD A SURGE PROTECTOR ATTACHED TO IT. A MICROWAVE, TOASTER OVEN, CAN OPENER AND SMALL TELEVISION WERE PLUGGED INTO THE SURGE PROTECTOR. OFFICIALS BELIEVE THE ADAPTOR WAS OVERLOADED AND THE POINT OF ORIGIN OF THE FIRE. TWO PEOPLE DIED AS A RESULT OF THE FIRE. DAMAGES UNKNOWN.

Incident Date: 20000614 City: BETTENDORF State: IA

THIS INVESTIGATION INVOLVED A HOUSE FIRE THAT ORIGINATED IN THE BEDROOM OF A HOUSE . FIRE OFFICIALS FEEL A HAND HELD ELECTRIC HAIR DRYER WAS USED AND PLACED IN A CLOSED VANITY DRAWER, BRUSH END(HEATING ELEMENT) FACING UPWARD. IT WAS STILL PLUGGED INTO THE WALL OUTLET. IT FELL OVER AND IGNITED COMBUSTIBLES IN THE DRAWER. FIRE DAMAGE WAS ESTIMATED AT \$50,000 AND THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 20000610 City: DECATUR State: IL

A 12-YEAR OLD BOY USED A HOMEMADE ELECTRIC SHOCKING DEVICE TO HARVEST WORMS FROM THE LAWN AT HIS HOME. HE PLUGGED THE DEVICE INTO AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET AND WAS ELECTROCUTED.

Incident Date: 20000801 City: OVERLAND PARK State: KS

AN EIGHT-YEAR-OLD ELECTRIC DISHWASHER STARTED SMOKING FROM THE FRONT DOOR LATCH AFTER RUNNING FOR ABOUT 15 SECONDS. THE OWNER WAS PRESENT AND QUICKLY UNPLUGGED THE UNIT FROM THE ELECTRICAL WALL OUTLET. NO INJURY OR PROPERTY DAMAGE OCCURRED.

Incident Date: 20000918 City: GARDEN CITY State: KS

AN INVESTIGATOR FROM THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL DETERMINED A HOUSE FIRE STARTED NEAR A TABLE ON WHICH SEVERAL PIECES OF ELECTRONICS WERE LOCATED. HOWEVER, HE DID NOT IDENTIFY WHICH PRODUCT MAY HAVE STARTED THE FIRE. ALL WERE PLUGGED INTO THE SAME OUTLET. NO ONE WAS INJURED. TOTAL DAMGE WAS ESTIMATED AT \$20,000.

Incident Date: 19991021 City: GARY State: IN

TWO MALE TENANTS, AGES 6 AND 43, PERISHED IN A HOUSE FIRE CAUSED BY AN OVERHEATED EXTENSION CORD. THREE DIFFERENT CORDS WERE CONNECTED TO ONE ANOTHER FROM AN OUTLET TO A SPACE HEATER. THE ELECTRICAL DRAW FROM THE HEATER WAS TOO HEAVY A LOAD ON ONE OF THE CORDS.

Incident Date: 19991226 City: ONTARIO State: OR

A PORTABLE ELECTRIC HEATER CAUSED OVERHEATING OF AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET AND/ OR ELECTRICAL WIRING IN THE WALL OF A ROOM THAT WAS AN ADDITION ATTACHED TO A RURAL MOBILE HOME AND STARTED A FIRE. THE FIRE DESTROYED THE ENTIRE HOME. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 20000312 City: CHICAGO State: IL

THE VICTIM IS A 23 YEAR OLD FEMALE WHO WAS INJURED AT HER PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT . THE VICTIM PLUGGED THE ADAPTER TO HER CD PLAYER INTO AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET AND RECEIVED A SHOCK TO HER LEFT HAND. SHE WENT TO THE HOSPITAL AND WAS TREATED FOR THE ELECTRIC SHOCK. SHE WAS THEN RELEASED.

Incident Date: 20000315 City: FRANKFORT State: KY

THIS REPORT CONCERNS A THREE-YEAR-OLD COUNTERTOP COOKING SURFACE. THE UNIT "SHOOTS SPARKS" FROM THE POINT WHERE ITS BURNERS PLUG IN TO THEIR RECEPTACLE. SERVICE PERSONNEL HAVE SERVICED THE UNIT TWICE SINCE 1996 BUT THE PROBLEM PERSISTS. THE CONSUMER FEARS THAT THE COOKING SURFACE COULD BECOME ENERGIZED, PRESENTING A FIRE OR SHOCK HAZARD. NO DAMAGE OR INJURIES HAVE OCCURRED TO DATE.

Incident Date: 20000301 City: DAYTON State: OH

A TOASTER OVEN/BROILER THAT WAS PLUGGED INTO AN OUTLET, BUT WAS IN THE "OFF" SETTING, CAUGHT FIRE. THERE WERE NO DAMAGES TO THE HOME, NOR ANY INJURIES.

Incident Date: 20000329 City: NORTH FORT MY State: FL

A FORTY -FIVE YR OLD MALE RECEIVED A MILD ELECTRICAL SHOCK WHILE REMOVING PAPER FROM THE SHREDDER. THE MULFUNCTION WAS FOUND NOT TO BE WITH THE APPLIANCE BUT WITH THE WIRING IN THE COMPLAINANT'S RESIDENCE, WHERE ALL THE OUTLETS WERE WIRED WITH "HOT NEUTRALS", ACCORDING TO AN ELECTRICIAN.

Incident Date: 20000101 City: CLERMONT State: FL

A 37 YR-OLD FEMALE PLUGGED HER PORTABLE HAIR DRYER INTO HER BATHROOM RECEPTACLE THAT WAS A GROUND FAULT CIRCUIT INTERRUPTER AND NOTICED A SPARK AND A SMALL AMOUNT OF BLACK SMOKE COMING FROM THE AREA OF THE PLUG. SHE DISCONTINUED USING IT. SHE WAS NOT INJURED.

Incident Date: 19990308 City: RANDOLPH State: NJ

AN UNIDENTIFIED REFRIGERATOR THAT WAS BRAND NEW AND CONNECTED TO AN ELECTRIC OUTLET FOR APPROXIMATELY 24 HOURS MALFUNCTIONED AND THE OUTLET'S WIRING SYSTEM OVERHEATED AND ERUPTED IN FLAMES. UNOFFICIAL FIRE DEPT STATEMENT ESTIMATED DAMAGES TO THE PROPERTY OVER \$500,000.00.

Incident Date: 19980615 City: INDEPENDENCE State: OR

A 65 YEAR OLD FEMALE WAS OPERATING A POWER PLANER / JOINTER. SHE ATTEMPTED TO TURN THE SWITCH OFF, BUT IT WOULD NOT TURN OFF. SHE HAD TO UNPLUGGED THE POWER CORD FROM THE WALL OUTLET. THE SWITCH WAS REMOVED AND FOUND TO BE FILLED WITH SAWDUST. THE SAWDUST HAD JAMMED THE SWITCH. THE FEMALE BELIEVES THAT THE SWITCH SHOULD BE MOUNTED UPSIDE DOWN OR IN ANOTHER LOCATION ON THE POWER PLANER / JOINTER TO PREVENT SAWDUST CONTAMINATION.

Incident Date: 20000318 City: PASSAIC State: NJ

A ONE YEAR OLD FEMALE REMOVED A PLASTIC SHOCK GUARD FROM AN ELECTRIC OUTLET. HER THREE YEAR OLD SISTER THEN INSERTED A KEY IN THE OUTLET AND PUT HER LIPS ON THE KEY. AS A RESULT SHE SUFFERED 2ND AND 3RD DEGREE BURNS AND LOST PART OF HER LOWER LIP.

Incident Date: 20000423 City: NEW BALTIMORE State: MI

THE CONSUMER WAS USING A CLAMP LIGHT WHILE PAINTING IN HIS HOME. AFTER APPROXIMATELY 15 HOURS OF USE IN A TWO DAY PERIOD, HE OBSERVED THE PLUG MELTED AROUND THE METAL PRONGS. THE LIGHT WAS PLUGGED INTO A FAIRLY NEW RECEPTACLE, WHICH WAS IN EXCELLENT CONDITION. NO INJURIES WERE SUSTAINED.

Incident Date: 19991202 City: THEALKA State: KY

AN 11 YEAR OLD FEMALE AND A 7 YEAR OLD MALE WERE TRAPPED ON THEIR BEDROOMS BY A FIRE AND DIED OF CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING (59%) DUE TO SMOKE INHALATION . A WRISTWATCH HAD FALLEN INTO AN EXPOSED ELECTRICAL FLOOR OUTLET AND ENERGIZED THE BOX. THE HEAT GENERATED FROM THE OUTLET DRIED OUT THE SURROUNDING WOOD FLOOR STARTING IT ON FIRE. THE PARENTS OF THE VICTIMS SUFFERED SERIOUS BURNS ATTEMPTING TO RESCUE THEIR CHILDREN. TOTAL DAMAGES WERE UNREPORTED.

Incident Date: 20000508 City: ARLINGTON HEIG State: IL

THE CONSUMER PLUGGED A PLASTIC LAMP/ NIGHTLIGHT INTO A WALL OUTLET. ABOUT 10 MINUTES LATER, CONSUMER NOTICED SMOKE COMING FROM ONE OF THE FIGURINES. CONSUMER IMMEDIATELY UNPLUGGED THE LAMP AND DISCONTINUED ITS USE. THE CONSUMER NOTICED THAT ONE OF THE FIGURINE'S HAD MELTED ONTO THE BULB. NO INJURIES OCCURRED.

Incident Date: 20000515 City: OLD HICKORY State: TN

THE BABY WIPE WARMER WHICH HAD BEEN PLUGGED INTO A BEDROOM ELECTRICAL RECEPTACLE BEGAN TO OVERHEAT, CAUSING THE HEATING COILS TO DISCOLOR THE PROTECTIVE PLASTIC COVERING. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 20000415 City: PORTLAND State: OR

A CONSUMER RECEIVED AN ELECTRIC SHOCK WHILE INSPECTING THE DRIVE MECHANISM FOR HIS NEW ASTRONOMICAL TELESCOPE. HE PLUGGED THE TELESCOPE DRIVE POWER CORD INTO A GFCI OUTLET AND THE GFCI TRIPPED. HE INSPECTED THE POWER CORD PLUG AND FOUND THAT THE NEUTRAL AND GROUND WIRES REVERSED INSIDE THE PLUG.

Incident Date: 20000505 City: WEEHAWKEN State: NJ

A 38-YEAR OLD MALE REPORTED THAT HE RECEIVED AN ELECTRIC SHOCK TO HIS LEFT HAND WHEN HE GRABBED THE HARD PLASTIC HOUSING OF A MULTIPLE OUTLET POWER STRIP. HE WAS IN THE PROCESS OF PLUGGING IN A FOURTH APPLIANCE INTO THE STRIP AND SETTING THE STRIP IN THE "ON" POSITION WHEN THE SHOCK OCCURRED. THE UNITS INTERNAL BREAKER DID NOT TRIP BUT THE CIRCUIT BREAKER IN HIS HOUSE DID.

Incident Date: 20000402 City: LYNNWOOD State: WA

A 9-MONTH OLD MALE PULLED A PLUG -IN NIGHTLIGHT PARTIALLY OUT FROM THE ELECTRIC OUTLET AND PUT HIS FINGERS BETWEEN THE NIGHT LIGHT AND THE LIGHT'S METAL PRONGS. VICTIM'S MOTHER OBSERVED INCIDENT AND PULLED HIS FINGERS OUT PRIOR TO ANY ELECTRIC SHOCK.

Incident Date: 20000423 City: MYRTLE POINT State: OR

A STEREO (BOOM BOX) SHORTED OUT AND STARTED HOUSE FIRE. THE STEREO WAS ON TOP OF A DRESSER IN AN UPSTAIRS BEDROOM. THE STEREO WAS OFF, BUT THE POWER CORD WAS PLUGGED INTO A WALL OUTLET. NO ONE WAS INJURED IN THIS INCIDENT. DAMAGES WERE ESTIMATED AT \$20,000-\$30,000.

Incident Date: 19990804 City: LEWISTON State: ME

A 34 YEAR OLD MALE BURNED HIS RIGHT HAND WHEN HE ATTEMPTED TO REMOVE A BATTERY CHARGER FOR A RIDE-ON CHILD'S VEHICLE FROM A WALL OUTLET. IT WAS LATER LEARNED THAT THE MANUFACTURER HAD INCLUDED THE INCORRECT CHARGER WITH THE TOY.

Incident Date: 20000504 City: CORWITH State: IA

THE 16 YEAR OLD MALE VICTIM WAS USING AN ELECTRIC POWER GRINDER TO REMOVE PAINT FROM THE SWING SET. HE WAS STANDING ON A METAL STEP LADDER. WHILE USING THE GRINDER HE WAS ELECTROCUTED. OFFICIALS FEEL THE CAUSE OF THE ELECTROCUTION WAS A FAULTY OUTLET IN THE SHELTER IN THE PARK WHERE THE GRINDER WAS PLUGGED IN. THEY FOUND THE HOT WIRE TOUCHING THE GROUND WIRE INSIDE THE OUTLET AND FEEL THIS ENERGIZED THE METAL BODY OF THE GRINDER.

Incident Date: 20000429 City: MEDFORD State: OR

AN OVERLOADED 5-OUTLET POWER STRIP KEPT IN A WORKBENCH DRAWER MAY HAVE SHORTED OUT AND STARTED A FIRE IN A GARAGE WORKBENCH. TWO CORDLESS POWER DRILL BATTERY CHARGES, 1 AA BATTERY CHARGER, 1 POWER WRENCH BATTERY CHARGER, AND A POWER CORD FROM AN AIR COMPRESSOR WERE PLUGGED INTO THIS POWER STRIP. THE POWER STRIP PLUG AND A PLUG FROM AN ELECTRIC GRINDER WERE PLUGGED INTO A HOMEMADE JUNCTION BOX, WHICH WAS ALSO IN THE WORKBENCH DRAWER.

Incident Date: 19990715 City: PORTLAND State: OR

A SURGE PROTECTOR IGNITED IN AN OFFICE AT THE SAME TIME THAT SEVERAL COMPUTERS WERE DAMAGED BY AN ELECTRICAL SURGE. THE COMPUTERS AND THE SURGE PROTECTOR WERE PLUGGED INTO DIFFERENT OUTLETS AT THE TIME OF THE EVENT. THE CAUSE OF THE EVENT WAS NOT DETERMINED. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 20000605 City: WAUKEGAN State: IL

AN ADULT FEMALE HAD AN AIR FRESHENER PLUGGED INTO A WALL OUTLET FOR A MONTH WHEN IT SHORT- CIRCUITED, OVERHEATED AND BEGAN TO SMOKE. THE SMOKE DETECTORS IN THE HOME SOUNDED AND ALERTED THE CONSUMER WHO WAS SLEEPING. THE CONSUMER IMMEDIATELY CALLED THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. NO ONE WAS INJURED AND NO DAMAGES WERE REPORTED.

Incident Date: 20000616 City: CAMDEN State: NJ

AN ELECTRICAL RECEPTACLE IN A KITCHEN WALL, MALFUNCTIONED, RESULTING IN A FIRE. THREE MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY, THE PARENTS, AGES 46 AND THEIR 14 YEAR OLD DAUGHTER, WERE TREATED FOR SMOKE INHALATION. DOLLAR LOSS WAS UNDETERMINED.

Incident Date: 20000615 City: BREMERTON State: WA

THE FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONDED TO THE SCENE OF A CONSUMER REPORTING A BURNING ODOR. FIRE PERSONNEL FOUND ENVELOPES LAYING ON TOP OF AN ELECTRIC TOASTER HAD BEEN SCORCHED. THE TOASTER WAS PLUGGED INTO A WALL OUTLET BUT WAS NOT ACTIVATED AND REPORTEDLY HAD NOT BEEN USED FOR A FEW DAYS. NO INJURIES OR PROPERTY DAMAGE INVOLVED.

Incident Date: 20000530 City: HENDERSON State: TX

A 6-YEAR OLD MALE , WHO WAS WET AND BAREFOOTED AT THE TIME , WAS ACCIDENTALLY ELECTROCUTED. HE TOUCHED THE KNOB ON THE METAL CAMPER DOOR THAT FITS ON THE BACK OF HIS GRANDFATHER'S PICK-UP TRUCK. IT WAS SAID THAT THE CAMPER WAS PLUGGED INTO A RESIDENTIAL ELECTRICAL OUTLET THAT WAS NOT PROPERLY GROUNDED.

Incident Date: 20000624 City: HOUSTON State: TX

A POLYMER HOT WATER STAND USED TO ELEVATE HOT WATER HEATERS BROKE UNDER THE WEIGHT OF A 50- GALLON WATER HEATER. THE HOT WATER HEATER (FULL AT THE TIME) TILTED, BUT THE WATER INLET AND OUTLET LINES HELD THE WATER HEATER. THE NATURAL GAS LINE DID NOT BREAK AND NO GAS LEAK OCCURRED. THERE WAS NO INJURY.

Incident Date: 20000619 City: TUSCALOOSA State: AL

THE VICTIM IS A 48-YEAR OLD FEMALE WHO WAS INJURED AT HOME WHEN AN ELECTRIC OUTLET NEXT TO A BED CAUGHT FIRE CAUSING THE COMFORTER AS WELL AS THE MATTRESS, BOX SPRING AND CARPET TO CATCH ON FIRE. THE VICTIM BURNED HER LEG WHILE ATTEMPTING TO EXTINGUISH THE FIRE WITH THE BURNING COMFORTER. SHE WAS TAKEN TO THE HOSPITAL AND TREATED FOR BURNS TO HER LOWER LEG AND INNER THIGH. SHE WAS RELEASED THE SAME DAY.

Incident Date: 20000815 City: ARLINGTON State: TX

CONSUMER TOOK A 14" X 3" OUTDOOR/INDOOR LIGHT FIXTURE AND PLUGGED IT IN TO THE CHARGER THAT WAS PLUGGED INTO THE ELECTRIC WALL OUTLET TO RECHARGE. TEN TO FIFTEEN SECONDS LATER, THE CONSUMER HEARD A STRANGE NOISE COMING FROM THE CHARGER. SHE SAW SPARKS AND SMOKE BEING EMITTED FROM THE UNIT. THE UNIT WAS UNPLUGGED. NO INJURY WAS SUSTAINED.

Incident Date: 20000802 City: SAN JOSE State: CA

A 44 YEAR OLD FEMALE PURCHASED A BRAND NEW CD CLOCK RADIO. THE RADIO WAS PLACED ON TOP OF A BEDROOM DRESSER. THE RADIO POWER CORD WAS PLUGGED INTO A WALL OUTLET. FIVE MINUTES LATER, THE RADIO STARTED SMOKING. SHE UNPLUGGED THE RADIO AND RETURNED THE RADIO TO THE RETAILER.

Incident Date: 19990801 City: ESTACADA State: OR

A CONSUMER REPORTED THAT THE POWER CORD PLUG FOR AN AUTOMATIC COFFEEMAKER APPEARS TO HAVE BECOME WELDED TO THE APPLIANCE OUTLET ON A CLOCK RADIO. THE CONSUMER USED THE CLOCK RADIO TO TURN ON THE COFFEEMAKER ONCE PER DAY FOR APPROXIMATELY 18 MONTHS.

Incident Date: 20000813 City: DAVENPORT State: IA

A FIRE IGNITED IN THE AREA OF AN OUTLET. PLUGGED INTO THE OUTLET WAS A CELL PHONE CHARGER AND A LARGE AIR CONDITIONER. THE OUTLET WAS IN THE LIVING ROOM. THE ELECTRICAL WIRING WAS DETERMINED TO BE OBSOLETE WITH NO GROUND SYSTEM. THE FIRE CAUSED OVER \$50,000 IN DAMAGE TO THE SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING. NO ONE WAS INJURED.

Incident Date: 20000906 City: CABOT State: AR

A COMPLAINANT REPORTED THAT HER TORCHIERE HALOGEN LAMP HAD BECOME HOT AND SMELLED LIKE BURNING ELECTRICAL WIRES. THE LAMP HAD BEEN PLUGGED INTO A WALL OUTLET IN A SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE FOR APPROXIMATELY 3 HOURS WHEN IT BEGAN TO SMELL. THERE WAS NO FIRE NOR WERE THERE ANY INJURIES IN THIS CASE.

Incident Date: 20000720 City: BURNSVILLE State: MN

ON JULY 20, 2000, A BURNSVILLE, MN CONSUMER PURCHASED A NIGHT-LIGHT FROM A LOCAL RETAILER. THAT EVENING, THE LIGHT WAS PLUGGED INTO A KITCHEN OUTLET. THE FOLLOWING MORNING, THE CONSUMER DISCOVERED THAT A HOLE HAD MELTED THROUGH THE LIGHT'S PLASTIC COVER THAT COMPLETELY ENCLOSED THE BULB. NO INJURIES OR OTHER PROPERTY DAMAGE.

Incident Date: 20000702 City: SAN BERNARDIN State: CA

A TWO YEAR OLD SIX OUTLET SURGE SUPPRESSOR (POWER STRIP) PLUGGED INTO THE GARAGE WALL CAUGHT FIRE. THE INCIDENT CAUSED \$78,000 DAMAGE TO THE GARAGE AND THE ATTACHED HOUSE.

Incident Date: 20000920 City: PARMA State: OH

COMPLAINANT WAS USING AN LP GAS GRILL. THE GRILL HAD BEEN ON FOR A FEW MINUTES, WHEN FLAMES SHOT UP FROM UNDER THE GRILL. FIRE DEPARTMENT WAS CALLED AND THEY TURNED THE TANK VALVE OFF. NO INJURIES OCCURRED. THE GRILL WAS RETURNED TO A RETAIL OUTLET BEFORE THE HOSES AND VALVES COULD BE SAMPLED. THE INCIDENT OCCURRED IN THE COMPLAINANT'S BACK YARD

Incident Date: 20000927 City: CRYSTAL LAKE State: IL

A COMBINATION TELEVISION/VIDEO CASSETTE PLAYER STARTED TO SMOKE WHILE THE PRODUCT WAS IN AN "OFF" POSITION. THE COMPLAINANT DISCONNECTED THE POWER CORD FROM THE DIRECT CURRENT WALL OUTLET. THE SMOKE CEASED IMMEDIATELY. THERE WERE NO INJURIES OR STRUCTURAL DAMAGE TO THE PROPERTY.

Incident Date: 20000915 City: CRYSTAL RIVER State: FL

AN APARTMENT FIRE WAS SUSPECTED OF BEING STARTED WHEN A PLUG-IN AIR FRESHENER OVERHEATED AND POPPED OUT OF THE WALL RECEPTACLE AND IGNITED A NEARBY WICKER CHAIR. NO ONE WAS INJURED. DAMAGE TO THE APARTMENT WAS \$7,572.

Incident Date: 20000904 City: STATEN ISLAND State: NY

A FEMALE COMPLAINANT RECEIVED AN ELECTRICAL SHOCK WHEN SHE ATTEMPTED TO PULL OUT THE ELECTRICAL CORD FROM THE OUTLET AFTER IT BEGAN SPARKING AND CAUGHT FIRE WHILE SHE WAS TRYING TO MAKE A POT OF COFFEE USING HER COFFEEMAKER. THE AMOUNT IN ESTIMATED DAMAGES CAME OUT TO \$450.00.

Incident Date: 20001018 City: WOODENVILLE State: WA

THE POWER PLUG AND A SHORT CONNECTING SECTION OF CORD OF A 2-MONTH OLD PORTABLE RADIATOR-TYPE OIL-FILLED ELECTRIC HEATER THAT HAD NOT BEEN USED VERY MUCH OVERHEATED AND MELTED. THE HEATER HAD BEEN ON FOR TWO HOURS AT THE MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE SETTING WHEN THE PLUG BEGAN TO SMOKE. OTHER THAN FOR THE WALL OUTLET WHICH ALSO BURNED, THERE WAS NO PROPERTY DAMAGE.

Incident Date: 20001031 City: MUSKEGON State: MI

THE CONSUMER BELIEVES HIS 4 YR OLD MICROWAVE IS THE CAUSE OF AN APART MENT FIRE THAT FORCED 25-30 PEOPLE OUT OF THEIR APARTMENTS. THE PRODUCT WAS PLUGGED DIRECTLY INTO A WALL OUTLET & WAS LAST USED 2 WKS PRIOR TO THE FIRE. WHILE THE CONSUMER WAS AWAY AT WORK, A SMOKE DETECTOR & FIRE ALARM ALERTED THE RESIDENTS OF THE APARTMENT COMPLEX. ALL OF THE RESIDENTS WERE ABLE TO MAKE IT OUT OF THEIR APARTMENTS WITHOUT INJURY. THE APARTMENTS ARE STILL BEING REPAIRED BUT DAMAGES ARE ESTIMATED AT \$100,000 STRUCTURAL & \$50,000 CONTENTS. NO INJURIES REPORTED. THE FIRE MARSHAL & FIRE INVESTIGATORS STILL HAVE NOT MADE A DETERMINATION AS TO THE CAUSE & ORIGIN OF THE FIRE BECAUSE THE CONSUMER HAS NOT TURNED THE PRODUCT OVER TO THEM.

Incident Date: 20000914 City: RIVERHEAD State: NY

NO INJURIES OCCURRED WHEN A COFFEE MAKER WAS BELIEVED TO HAVE CAUSED A SEVERE FIRE TO A SINGLE FAMILY HOME. THERE WAS A GFCI AT THE RECEPTACLE, HOWEVER IT WAS SEVERELY DAMAGED BY THE FIRE AND IT'S PERFORMANCE COULD NOT BE DETERMINED.

Incident Date: 20001105 City: PALATINE State: IL

ON THE MORNING OF 11/05/00, THE CONSUMER AND WIFE BEGAN TO SMELL SMOKE AND NOTICED SMOKE COMING FROM THE ELECTRICAL OUTLETS IN HIS BEDROOM. THEY THEN OBSERVED AN ORANGE GLOW FROM THE BASEMENT AND EVACUATED THE HOME. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT EXTINGUISHED A FIRE IN THE BASEMENT. THE CONSUMER LIT A CANDLE THAT WAS LOCATED ON A PLASTIC SHELVING UNIT IN THE BASEMENT OF THE HOME THE PREVIOUS EVENING AND FORGOT TO EXTINGUISH IT.

Incident Date: 20010208 City: FOND DU LAC State: WI

THIS INVESTIGATION INVOLVED AN APPROXIMATELY FIVE YEAR OLD CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTOR THAT WAS BEING USED IN A DENTAL OFFICE. ON THE DATE OF THE INCIDENT THE DETECTOR SOUNDED AND BEGAN TO SMOKE. IT WAS DURING OFFICE HOURS SO IT WAS UNPLUGGED QUICKLY AND THERE WAS NO FURTHER DAMAGE EXCEPT FOR SOME SMOKE STAINING TO THE WALL ABOVE THE OUTLET.

Incident Date: 20001028 City: PITTSBURG State: KS

A FIRE STARTED IN THE AREA OF A MULTI-OUTLET POWER STRIP SURGE PROTECTOR RECEPTACLE IN A UNIVERSITY LABORATORY. THE CAUSE WAS AN UNSPECIFIED ELECTRIC SHORT CIRCUIT IN THE RECEPTACLE. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.



Incident Date: 20010423 City: SAGINAW State: MI

AN 11 YEAR OLD MALE SUSTAINED BURNS TO HIS HANDS AND FEET DURING A HOUSE FIRE AND WAS ABLE TO ESCAPE BY JUMPING OUT OF A TWO STORY WINDOW. FIVE OTHER OCCUPANTS WERE ABLE TO ESCAPE WITHOUT INJURY. OFFICIAL SUSPECT THAT A SPACE HEATER LOCATED IN AN ENCLOSED PORCH OR AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET WAS THE POINT OF ORIGIN. PROPERTY AND CONTENT LOSS WAS VALUED AT \$46,500.

Incident Date: 20010214 City: HOUSTON State: TX

A DIRECT TV DISH SATELLITE RECEIVER SELF IGNITED WHILE PLUGGED INTO AN ELECTRICAL WALL OUTLET. THE DAMAGED RECEIVER WAS RETURNED TO THE MANUFACTURER AND REPLACED. DAMAGE WAS LIMITED TO THE RECEIVER ITSELF. NO INJURY OCCURRED.

Incident Date: 20010505 City: LONG BEACH State: NY

A SERIOUS FIRE DAMAGED A SINGLE FAMILY HOME AFTER AN EXTENSION CORD BEGAN ARCING VIOLENTLY AFTER BEING PLUGGED INTO A DUPLEX OUTLET

Incident Date: 20001112 City: HOLLY HILL State: FL

A 74-YEAR OLD MALE, WHO WAS DISABLED AND IN A WHEELCHAIR, DIED IN A HOUSE FIRE THAT WAS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN STARTED BY EITHER A TELEVISION OR THE OUTLET POWER STRIP THAT WAS OVERLOADED. THE VICTIM'S 58 YEAR-OLD WIFE SUFFERED 2ND AND 3RD DEGREE BURNS BUT SURVIVED. ESTIMATED DAMAGE LOSS WAS \$50,000.

Incident Date: 20001101 City: EUCLID State: OH

COMPLAINANT PURCHASED AN ELECTRIC PORTABLE HEATER. LABELING INDICATED THAT HEATER HAD A "TIP-OFF" SWITCH. SWITCH WOULD TURN OFF HEATER IF IT TIPPED OVER. CONSUMER TIPPED HEATER OVER AND HEATER DIDN'T TURN OFF. COMPLAINANT RETURNED HEATER TO RETAIL OUTLET. COMPLAINANT CALLED MANUFACTURER AND MANUFACTURER TOLD HER THAT LABELING WAS AN ERROR AND THAT HEATER DIDN'T HAVE TIP-OFF SWITCH. COMPLAINANT FEELS THAT HEATER PRESENTS HAZARD.

Incident Date: 20001120 City: TEXAS CITY State: TX

A 41-YEAR-OLD FEMALE WAS PREPARING TO SAND DOWN UNEVEN PARQUET FLOOR TILES USING A ROTOZIP REBEL W/ ZIP MATE ATTACHMENT. SHE READ/FOLLOW ED INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY BEFORE INSTALLING/USING. CONSUMER WAS SITTING INDIAN STYLE ON THE FLOOR IN SHORTS. SHE TURNED ON THE UNIT AND EASED THE DISC ONTO THE FLOOR TILE WITH A 5? TO 15? INCLINE. UNIT WAS VIBRATING. ROTOZIP WAS NOT IN USE 1 MINUTE WHEN THE UNIT FELL OFF LEAVING CONSUMER WITH AUXILIARY HANDLE IN HER HAND, THE UNIT JUMPING (ZIPMATE WAS STILL ATTACHED) ALL OVER THE FLOOR AND COMING TOWARDS HER. SHE TRIED TO STOP UNIT WITH HER HAND AND FINALLY DISCONNECTED IT FROM OUTLET. CONSUMER'S THUMB ON RIGHT HAND WAS SHAVED BY UNIT, TAKING OFF SEVERAL LAYERS OF SKIN. DID NOT GO TO THE HOSPITAL; RX WAS PERFORMED AT HOME. NO GLOVES WORN.

Incident Date: 20001120 City: WESTMONT State: NJ

A 2 YEAR OLD PORTABLE ELECTRIC SPACE HEATER POSITIONED ON THE LIVING ROOM FLOOR OF A SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING SUDDENLY BEGAN TO MAKE A RUMBLING, RATTLING NOISE WHICH WAS FOLLOWED BY THE HEATER COILS BECOMING BRIGHT RED IN COLOR AND A BURNING ELECTRICAL ODOR EMANATING FROM THE HEATER. THE COMPLAINANT PULLED THE PLUG FROM THE OUTLET AND NO DAMGE OR INJURY WAS SUSTAINED. NO EXTENSION CORD WAS IN USE WITH THE HEATER.

Incident Date: 20001019 City: CINCINNATI State: OH

AN 11-YEAR-OLD MALE DIED OF SMOKE INHALATION WHEN ELECTRICAL WIRING IN HIS HOME MALFUNCTIONED. ACCORDING TO THE CINCINNATI FIRE DEPARTMENT, A STEREO HAD BEEN PLUGGED INTO AN ELECTRIC OUTLET WHERE THE FIRE ORIGINATED, BUT THEY WERE UNABLE TO DETERMINE THAT THE STEREO HAD BEEN THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE. DAMAGES WERE ESTIMATED AT \$94,000. THE OWNER OF THE HOME, AND GUARDIAN OF THE 11-YEAR-OLD MALE, WAS SERIOUSLY BURNED IN THE FIRE. A FIREFIGHTER WAS ALSO INJURED.

Incident Date: 20001213 City: PAWTUCKET State: RI

A 12-YEAR-OLD MALE RECEIVED FIRST AND SECOND DEGREE BURNS TO HIS RIGHT LIMBS, WHEN THE LAMP PLUG BEHIND HIS BED SHORTED OUT AND IGNITED THE BED FRAME AND MATTRESS. THE WOODEN BED FRAME WAS PRESSED AGAINST THE PLUG, WHICH WAS PLUGGED INTO AN OUTLET BEHIND THE VICTIM'S BED. THE RESTRICTED ELECTRICAL FLOW CAUSED THE PLUG TO SHORT CIRCUIT AND IGNITE. THE FIRE THEN SPREAD TO THE BED FRAME AND THE MATTRESS.

Incident Date: 20001214 City: HARRISBURG State: IL

A 42-YEAR-OLD MALE AND HIS 6-YEAR-OLD DAUGHTER DIED FROM APPARENT SMOKE INHALATION IN A FIRE THAT BEGAN IN THE LIVING ROOM OF THEIR HOME DURING THE NIGHT. THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE WAS UNDETERMINED, BUT IT ORIGINATED AT A LOCATION IN THE LIVING ROOM WHERE TWO EXTENSION CORDS WERE PLUGGED TOGETHER IN SERIES AND COVERED WITH SOME TYPE OF RUG. THERE WERE VARIOUS ELECTRICAL ITEMS PLUGGED INTO THE EXTENSION CORDS, INCLUDING A HALOGEN FLOOR LAMP, A VCR AND AT LEAST ONE TELEVISION. THE CORDS WERE PLUGGED INTO A WALL OUTLET THAT WAS SUPPLIED BY A 16-GAUGE LAMP CORD CONNECTED TO HOB AND NAIL WIRING IN THE ATTIC. THE HOME HAD NO SMOKE DETECTORS.

Incident Date: 20001223 City: FT. LAUDERDALE State: FL

A TWENTY SIX YEAR OLD MALE SUSTAINED MINOR BURNS ON HIS FOREHEAD AND LACERATIONS ON HIS HAND WHILE HIS GIRLFRIEND SUFFERED MINOR BURNS ON HER ARMS AND SYMPTOMS OF SMOKE INHALATION IN ESCAPING A FIRE IN THEIR APARTMENT. AN ELECTRICAL MANFUNCTION OCCURRED EITHER IN THE HOUSE WIRING OR THE PRODUCT ITSELF WHEN A FIVE YEAR OLD MALE INSERTED THE PLUG OF A BOX FAN INTO AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET CAUSING SPARKING AND FIRE. DAMAGE WAS ESTIMATED AT \$40,000.

Incident Date: 20001223 City: MANCHESTER State: NH

TWO MALES, AGES SEVENTEEN AND FOURTEEN, DIED AS A RESULT OF A RESIDENTIAL FIRE CAUSED BY AN OVERLOADED EXTENSION CORD, WHICH WAS BEING USED WITH TWO SIX-OUTLET POWER STRIPS THAT HAD MULTIPLE APPLIANCES PLUGGED INTO THEM. AMONG THESE APPLIANCES WERE TWO ELECTRIC SPACE HEATERS THAT HEATED AN UNFINISHED ATTIC BEDROOM. A FORTY-THREE-YEAR OLD FIREFIGHTER ALSO DIED OF CARDIAC ARREST WHILE ATTEMPTING TO RESCUE ONE OF THE VICTIMS.

Incident Date: 20001115 City: DOUGLAS State: MA

A CONSUMER REPORTED THAT THE WATERPROOF COVER FOR AN OUTDOOR ELECTRICAL RECEPTACLE WIIIL NOT CLOSE IF A 14 GAUGE OUTDOOR EXTENSION CORD IS PLUGGED INTO THIS RECEPTACLE. NO INJURIES RESULTED FROM THIS OCCURRENCE.

Incident Date: 20010101 City: AKRON State: OH

A 9-YEAR-OLD BOY ATTEMPTED TO PUT A POLARIZED PLUG INTO AN OLD ELECTRICAL RECEPTACLE IN HIS BEDROOM.THE PLUG, ON A NEW RADIO/BOOM BOX HE HAD RECEIVED, WOULD NOT GO INTO THE RECEPTACLE, SO HE KEPT TRYING TO FORCE IT IN AND HE EVENTUALLY CAUSED A SHORT CIRCUIT AND SPARKING. SPARKS CAUGHT SOMETHING ON FIRE (PROBABLY CURTAINS) AND THE RESULTING FIRE CAUSED \$13,000 DAMAGE. NO INJURIES OCCURRED.

Incident Date: 20010101 City: SPARTA State: MI

OFFICIALS RESPONDED TO A HOUSE FIRE IN A SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING THEIR INVESTIGATION WAS RULED UNDETERMINED BUT OFFICIALS STATED THE MOST LIKELY CAUSE OF THE FIRE WAS A christmas TREE (POWER) CORD. THE (POWER) CORD RAN FROM A WALL OUTLET, BEHIND A COUCH, ACROSS THE FLOOR UNDER A CARPET OR RUG TO A christmas TREE. NO INJURIES WERE SUSTAINED AND ESTIMATED PROPERTY AND CONTENTS LOSS WAS VALUED AT \$50,000.

Incident Date: 20010103 City: HOT SPRINGS State: AR

A 30-YEAR-OLD FEMALE, HER 26-YEAR-OLD BROTHER,HER 2-YEAR-OLD DAUGHTER AND HER TWO SONS, AGES 4 AND 5, ALL DIED FROM SMOKE INHALATION IN A MOBILE HOME FIRE. OFFICIALS SUSPECT AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET, TELEVISION AND A VIDEO-CASSETTE RECORDER AS A POSSIBLE CAUSE OF THE FIRE. EXACT CIRCUMSTANCES AND SPECIFIC PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION ARE UNKNOWN AT THIS TIME. DAMAGES ESTIMATED AT \$15,000.

Incident Date: 20001230 City: TOLEDO State: OH

THE CONSUMER PLUGGED AN ELECTRIC ALARM CLOCK INTO A WALL OUTLET IN A BEDROOM. AFTER APPROXIMATELY TWO HOURS, THE CONSUMER NOTICED THE BACK OF THE ALARM CLOCK'S PLASTIC BODY HAD MELTED AROUND THE CORD. NO INJURIES WERE SUSTAINED AND DAMAGE WAS LIMITED TO THE ALARM CLOCK.

Incident Date: 20010109 City: MONROEVILLE State: PA

A NEW 6 OUTLET SURGE STRIP WAS PLUGGED INTO AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET IN A HOME AND SPARKED THROUGH THE PLUG IN THE STRIP ITSELF. THE HOMEOWNER PULLED SURGE STRIP PLUG OUT OF RECEPTACLE AND IT QUIT SPARKING. NO DAMAGE OR INJURY OCCURRED.

Incident Date: 20010105 City: BURTON State: MI

A 58-YEAR-OLD MALE WAS ASLEEP IN HIS HOME WHEN A FIRE STARTED IN THE ATTACHED SUNROOM. THE FIRE ORIGINATED FROM AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET AT THE FLOOR LEVEL IN THE SUNROOM AND MAY HAVE BEEN CAUSED FROM WATER LEAKING INTO THE ELECTRICAL OUTLET AND TELEVISION IN THE SUNROOM FROM MELTING SNOW ON THE ROOF. THE VICTIM AWOKE DURING THE FIRE AND ESCAPED THE HOME BY JUMPING THROUGH THE GLASS OF THE SUNROOM. THE VICTIM SUSTAINED 2ND AND 3RD DEGREE BYRNS TO 45% OF HIS BODY AND SEVERAL CUTS AND ABRASIONS. HE DIED 1 WEEK LATER. THE PROPERTY DAMAGE IS ESTIMATED AT \$70,000.

Incident Date: 20000806 City: HARTFORD State: CT

A 16-YEAR-OLD MALE RECEIVED FATAL ELECTROCUTION INJURIES WHEN HE ATTEMPTED TO REPAIR A MICROWAVE OVEN WHILE IT WAS PLUGGED INTO AN ELECTRIC OUTLET. THE VICTIM AND HIS SISTER RETRIEVED A DISCARDED MICROWAVE. IT DID NOT WORK, AND HE REMOVED THE MICROWAVE HOUSING TO TRY AND REPAIR IT. HE TOUCHED A LIVE WIRE IN THE UNIT AND RECEIVED A MAJOR ELECTRIC SHOCK.

Incident Date: 20010820 City: HAMILTON State: TX

A MALE COMPLAINANT WAS USING AN ELECTRIC TABLE SAW TO CUT WOODEN SQUARES FOR A CUSTOMER/HOMEOWNER. WHEN HE WAS FINISHED FOR THE DAY HE TURNED OFF THE SAW AT THE SWITCH AND LEFT IT PLUGGED INTO A WALL OUTLET. APPROXIMATELY 3 HOURS LATER THE HOMEOWNER NOTICED 7' FLAMES COMING FROM THE SAW, TURNED OFF THE SAW AND NOTICED A SECTION OF HER HOME HAD CAUGHT FIRE. SHE USED A GARDEN HOSE TO PUT OUT THE FIRE. NO ONE WAS HURT AND THE ESTIMATED DAMAGES WERE APPROXIMATELY \$4500.00.

Incident Date: 20010119 City: NAMPA State: ID

FIRE MARSHAL DETERMINED THAT THE CAUSE OF A FIRE THAT OCCURRED IN THE LOBBY OF A PRIVATE COLLEGE DORMITORY WAS DUE TO EITHER AN UNSPECIFIED CORD OR AN ELECTRIC OUTLET. THERE WERE NO INJURIES. THE FIRE IS STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION.

Incident Date: 20010215 City: PEORIA State: IL

THE VICTIM IS A 11 YEAR OLD MALE WHO WAS INJURED AT HOME WHEN THE BATHROBE HE WAS WEARING IGNITED AND THE SYNTHETIC MATERIAL DRIPPED ON HIS TOES. THE VICTIM WAS TAKEN TO THE HOSPITAL, TREATED FOR THE BURNS AND RELEASED LATER THE SAME DAY. THE SOURCE OF THE FIRE WAS AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET.

Incident Date: 20010218 City: COON RAPIDS State: MN

ON 2/18/01 A COON RAPIDS, MN MALE WAS WIPING OUT THE INTERIOR OF AN ELECTRIC COUNTER-TOP ROTISSERIE OVEN WITH A DAMP CLOTH PRIOR TO ITS INITIAL USE WHEN HE RECEIVED A MILD ELECTRIC SHOCK. THE UNIT WAS PLUGGED IN BUT WAS TURNED OFF. THE OUTLET WAS PROTECTED BY A GFCI WHICH DID NOT ACTIVATE. THE CONSUMER RETURNED THE PRODUCT TO THE RETAILER.

Incident Date: 20010225 City: BINGHAMTON State: NY

A 23-YEAR-OLD MALE DIED OF SMOKE INHALATION WHEN THE HOUSE HE WAS LIVING IN CAUGHT ON FIRE. THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE WAS DETERMINED TO BE A LAMP THAT WAS PLUGGED INTO AN EXTENSION CORD THEN INTO A WALL OUTLET. NO OTHER INJURIES OCCURRED.

Incident Date: 20001105 City: BOONE State: IA

A 31 YEAR OLD FEMALE WAS FOUND UNRESPONSIVE IN A DOWNSTAIRS BATHROOM SHOWER WITH SEVERE BURNS TO HER LEFT SIDE. LYING NEXT TO THE SHOWER WAS AN ELECTRIC HAND HELD HAIR DRYER THAT WAS PLUGGED INTO AN EXTENSION CORD. THE EXTENSION CORD WAS PLUGGED INTO A WALL OUTLET ABOVE THE VANITY. SHE WAS TRANSPORTED TO A HOSPITAL WHERE SHE WAS PRONOUNCED DEAD FROM ELECTROCUTION.

Incident Date: 20010131 City: CANTON State: OH

COMPLAINANT PURCHASED AN ELECTRIC FIREPLACE AND INSTALLED IT IN HER FAMILY ROOM. FIREPLACE WAS PLUGGED INTO WALL RECEPTACLE. AFTER USING IT ONE DAY, FOR ABOUT THREE HOURS, SHE UNPLUGGED IT AND RECEIVED A MINOR BURN ON HER THUMB FROM THE PLUG. SHE THEN NOTICED THAT THE PLUG WAS SPLIT OPEN. AN ELECTRICIAN WHO REPLACED THE CORD SAID THE DAMAGE TO THE PLUG WAS CAUSED BY OVERHEATING RESULTING FROM THE WIRES IN THE CORD BEING TOO SMALL. A NEW CORD, 12/3, WAS INSTALLED ON THE FIREPLACE.

Incident Date: 19991129 City: NEW ORLEANS State: LA

A FIRE THAT ORIGINATED IN THE AREA OF A TOASTER OVEN RESULTED IN PROPERTY DAMAGE IN EXCESS OF \$300,000. THE TOASTER OVEN WAS PLUGGED INTO AN OPERATIONAL OUTLET BUT THE OVEN HAD NOT BEEN USED IN SEVERAL DAYS.

Incident Date: 20010311 City: GLENVIEW State: IL

THE CONSUMER SMELLED SMOKE THAT ORIGINATED FROM AN ELECTRIC COUNTER TOP TOASTER OVEN. THE PRODUCT WAS "OFF" ALTHOUGH IT WAS PLUGGED INTO THE DIRECT CURRENT OUTLET. THE PRODUCT MELTED A PLASTIC CONTAINER THAT WAS SITUATED NEXT TO IT. THERE WERE NO INJURIES OR STRUCTURAL DAMAGE.

Incident Date: 20010307 City: BISHOP State: GA

ACCORDING TO THE COMPLAINANT, ON 3/7/01 SHE WAS USING AN ELECTRIC IRON IN THE BASEMENT OF HER HOME. AFTER USING THE IRON FOR AN HOUR SHE SMELLED A BURNING ODOR AND DISCOVERED THE METAL SOLE PLATE HAD OVERHEATED AND WAS GLOWING BRIGHT RED. SHE PULLED ON THE UNIT'S CORD, WHICH SEPARATED IN HALF, LEAVING THE PLUG INSIDE THE WALL RECEPTACLE. SHE SUSTAINED A MINOR BURN TO HER RIGHT FOREARM WHEN SHE PULLED THE CORD.

Incident Date: 20010213 City: LOUISVILLE State: KY

COMPLAINANT HEARD A LOUD POPPING EXPLOSION AND THEN SAW SMOKE AND FIRE COMING FROM A CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTOR PLUGGED INTO AN ELECTRICAL WALL RECEPTACLE IN HIS HOME. HE RAN TO THE BREAKER BOX TO TURN OFF THE CIRCUIT, FINDING THAT THE FUSE WAS BLOWN. HE THEN RETURNED TO THE CO DETECTOR, REMOVED IT FROM THE WALL, AND SMOTHERED THE FLAMES COMING FROM THE PRODUCT. NO INJURIES OCCURRED AND THE ONLY DAMAGE WAS TO THE CO DETECTOR.

Incident Date: 20010302 City: MILWAUKEE State: OR

A 52-YEAR OLD MALE PURCHASED A BRAND NEW DROP LIGHT WITH A 20' CORD FROM A LARGE HARDWARE STORE. HE THEN INSTALLED A 75 WATT LIGHT BULB IN THE DROP LIGHT SOCKET. HE PLUGGED THE THREE-WIRE CORD INTO A BATHROOM WALL OUTLET (GFI) AND USED THE LIGHT TO LOOK INTO THE FURNACE CLOSET. 30 MINUTES LATER, HE SMELLED AN ODOR AND SAW SMOKE COMING FROM THE CORD. THE OUTER ORANGE CORD MELTED IN 20 DIFFERENT SPOTS. THE GREEN WIRE SHOWED SIGNS OF OVERHEATING AND THE INSULATION HAD SEPARATED FROM THE GREEN WIRE. HE SUFFERED A MINOR BURN TO HIS RING FINGER.

Incident Date: 20010209 City: ST. PAUL State: MN

ON 2/9/01 A ST. PAUL, MN CONSUMER PURCHASED A NEW TOASTER, PLUGGED IT INTO A RESIDENTIAL KITCHEN OUTLET, INSERTED A POP TART INTO ONE OF THE SLOTS AND PRESSED DOWN THE HANDLE. APPROXIMATELY TEN SECONDS LATER, TWO TO THREE INCH FLAMES WERE VISIBLE COMING FROM THE TOASTER. THE CONSUMER UNPLUGGED THE TOASTER AND THREW IT INTO THE SINK. NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19990520 City: MEADVILLE State: PA

A 1 YEAR OLD FEMALE DIED OF SMOKE INHALATION WHEN AN ELECTRICAL FIRE OCCURRED IN HER HOME. SHE WAS ASLEEP IN HER CRIB WHEN A FIRE STARTED IN AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET IN HER ROOM. HER FATHER WAS INJURED TRYING TO ENTER THE SECOND FLOOR IN AN EFFORT TO RESCUE HER. HE HAS SINCE RECOVERED.

Incident Date: 20010315 City: HAGERSTOWN, State: MD

RESPONDENT SMELLED SOMETHING BURNING AS HE WAS WALKING UP THE STAIRS IN HIS HOME. GLANCE AT A NIGHT-LIGHT PLUGGED INTO THE WALL AND NOTICED IS WAS FLICKERING AND SMOKING. HE UNPLUGGED THE NIGHT-LIGHT FROM THE WALL OUTLET. THERE WERE NO INJURIES OR PROPERTY DAMAGE INVOLVED IN THIS INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 20010321 City: MARION State: NC

AN ELECTRIC HAND-HELD HAIR DRYER WAS LEFT CONNECTED TO A BATHROOM WALL RECEPTACLE (SWITCHED OFF) WHEN THE UNIT SUDDENLY BECAME ELECTRICALLY ENERGIZED. THE HOMEOWNER HEARD THE BLOWER, FOUND THE DRYER "RED-HOT & SMOKING" AND UNPLUGGED THE POWER CORD. NO INJURIES OR PROPERTY DAMAGES OCCURRED.

Incident Date: 19970904 City: FARGO State: ND

A 16 YEAR OLD BOY WAS FOUND LYING UNCONSCIOUS ON THE KITCHEN FLOOR WITH AN ELECTRIC TOASTER ON HIS CHEST. HE WAS CLUTCHING THE APPLIANCE CORD WHICH WAS UNPLUGGED FROM THE WALL OUTLET. HE WAS RUSHED TO THE HOSPITAL AND TREATED FOR ELECTRIC SHOCK. HE WAS HOSPITALIZED AND RELEASED AFTER TREATMENT FOR THESE INJURIES.

Incident Date: 20010320 City: PASADENA State: CA

THE 47 YEAR OLD MALE VICTIM SUSTAINED A LACERATION TO THE STOMACH WHEN HE PLUGGED HIS POWER SAW INTO AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET AND IT STARTED (HE THOUGHT IT WAS TURNED-OFF). HE WENT TO THE HOSPITAL WHERE HE WAS EXAMINED, RECEIVED STITCHES, AND WAS RELEASED.

Incident Date: 20000812 City: BABYLON State: NY

A HAIR DRYER BEGAN SMOKING AND ARCING AT THE RECEPTACLE WHILE IT WAS BEING USED IN A RESIDENTIAL HOME.

Incident Date: 20010404 City: LINCOLN PARK State: MI

WHEN CONSUMER PLUGGED IN A NEW DESK LAMP DIRECTLY INTO A WALL OUTLET AND TURNED THE LAMP ON, FLAMES STARTED SHOOTING OUT OF THE ON/OFF TOGGLE SWITCH. THE CONSUMER UNPLUGGED THE UNIT, TOOK IT OUTSIDE AND THE FLAMES EXTINGUISHED THEMSELVES. THE BASE OF THE LAMP SUSTAINED SMOKE AND FIRE DAMAGE, THE BULB STAYED INTACT AND THE SHADE WAS COMPLETELY CONSUMED BY FIRE. THE CONSUMER SUSTAINED A BURN TO HIS RIGHT HAND AND MEDICAL TREATMENT WAS ADMINISTERED AT HOME.

Incident Date: 19990710 City: PLUM CITY State: WI

THIS INVESTIGATION INVOLVED A HOUSE FIRE IN WHICH FIVE FAMILY MEMBERS DIED FROM SMOKE INHALATION. ORIGINALLY, FIRE OFFICIALS FELT THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE WERE SPENT FIREWORKS THAT WERE PLACED NEXT TO THE HOUSE. HOWEVER, AN ELECTRICAL ENGINEER FELT THE CAUSE WAS A FAULTY ELECTRICAL OUTLET IN THE LAUNDRY ROOM OF THE HOME.

Incident Date: 20010409 City: BRAINTREE State: MA

A CONSUMER REPORTED THAT SMOKE WAS EMITTED FROM THE BATTERY CHARGER FOR HER CHILDREN'S 12 VOLT BATTERY POWERED RIDING TOY TRUCK WHEN SHE PLUGGED THIS BATTERY CHARGER INTO AN ELECTRICAL RECEPTACLE. NO INJURIES RESULTED FROM THIS OCCURRENCE.

Incident Date: 20010401 City: BREMERTON State: WA

THE COMPLAINANT HAD BEEN USING THE HEATER FOR ABOUT 2 MONTHS. THE HEATER HAD BEEN VIBRATING SINCE USED THE FIRST TIME. THE SMALL ELECTRIC SPACE HEATER HAD BEEN ON A MODERATELY LOW SETTING FOR A FEW HOURS WHEN HE SMELLED SOMETHING BURNING. A LOOK AT THE HEATER SHOWED IT GLOWING RED AND APPEARED TO BE ABOUT TO BURST IN FLAMES. THE HEATER WAS UNPLUGGED AND RETURNED TO THE STORE. A PREVIOUS HEATER HAD BEGUN OVERHEATING AT THE PLUG AND OUTLET AND HAD ALSO BEEN RETURNED FOR AN EXCHANGE. THE COMPLAINANT HAS ANOTHER EVEN EXCHANGE OF THE SAME BRAND AND MODEL HEATER WITH NO PROBLEM.

Incident Date: 20010117 City: PACHECO State: CA

A 66-YEAR-OLD WOMAN DIED OF COMPLICATIONS OF SMOKE INHALATION IN HER HOUSE IN PACHECO, CA. THE SUSPECTED CAUSE OF THE FIRE IS AN EXTENSION CORD USED FOR A GAS-FIRED CLOTHES DRYER. THE CORD CAME FROM UNDER THE CLOTHES DRYER IN THE LAUNDRY AREA UP AN ELEVATION AND THROUGH A DOORWAY INTO THE KITCHEN WHERE IT WAS PLUGGED INTO AN OUTLET. THE CORD WAS NOT AVAILABLE FOR SAMPLING OR EXAMINATION. IT WAS DESCRIBED AS A HEAVY ORANGE CORD WITH A 3-PRONG PLUG.

Incident Date: 20010412 City: TACOMA State: WA

THE COMPLAINANT, A 40 YEAR OLD FEMALE, JUST MOVED A RECHARGEABLE 6 VOLTS BICYCLE LIGHT BATTERY AND AC ADAPTER OUT THE WAY IN ORDER TO PLUG IN AN IRON INTO THE BEDROOM WALL OUTLET. THE BATTERY AND AC ADAPTER WERE LYING ON THE BEDROOM FLOOR NEXT TO A WALL OUTLET. AS SHE MOVED THE BATTERY CORD, THE CORD GLOWED RED AND MELTED THE WIRE INSULATION. SHE ALSO SAW FLAMES COMING FROM THE CONNECTION (MALE/FEMALE) BETWEEN THE BATTERY CORD AND THE AC ADAPTER CORD. THE CARPET WAS TEMPORARILY IGNITED. THE AC ADAPTER PLUG WAS NOT PLUGGED INTO THE BEDROOM WALL OUTLET. NO ONE WAS INJURED IN THIS INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 20010330 City: GREEN VALLEY State: AZ

AN 89-YEAR OLD MAN WAS ELECTROCUTED WHILE USING A HEDGE TRIMMER WITH AN EXTENSION CORD TO CUT A HEDGE. THE MEDICAL EXAMINER FOUND BURNS ON THE VICTIM'S CHEST THAT APPEARED TO RESEMBLE THE EXTENSION CORD AND THE CURVED-ROUND METAL BASE OF THE FEMALE RECEPTACLE ON THE CORD.

Incident Date: 20010310 City: KINGSLAND State: GA

THE COMPLAINANT PURCHASED A NEW ELECTRIC CLOTHES DRYER TO REPLACE ON OLD ONE. HE REMOVED THE OLD DRYER AND INSTALLED THE NEW DRYER HIMSELF. THE NEXT DAY HIS WIFE PUT A LOAD OF LAUNDRY IN THE DRYER, SET IT ON PERMANENT PRESS AND STARTED THE DRYER. THE 220 VOLTS ELECTRICAL OUTLET BEGAN EMITTING SPARKS AND FLAME. THE COMPLAINANT TRIPPED THE ELECTRICAL BREAKER AND THE FLAMES SELF EXTINGUISHED. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 20010402 City: FAIR HAVEN State: MI

THE CONSUMER TURNED ON A SIX MONTH OLD "LILY" TABLE LAMP WHICH WAS PLUGGED DIRECTLY INTO A WALL OUTLET. THE LAMP WAS ON FOR APPROXIMATELY FIVE MINUTES WHEN SHE HEARD A LOUD "POPPING" NOISE AND OBSERVED ONE FOOT FLAMES SHOOTING OUT FROM THE TOP OF THE LAMP. SHE UNPLUGGED THE UNIT, PLACED IT OUTSIDE AND THE FLAMES EXTINGUISHED THEMSELVES. NO INJURIES WERE SUSTAINED AND DAMAGE WAS LIMITED TO THE LAMP.

Incident Date: 20001001 City: MISSOULA State: MT

COMPLAINANT EXPERIENCED TWO INCIDENTS WITH TWO SAME/BAND MODEL EXTENSION CORDS, IN WHICH THE CENTER OUTLET OF EACH 3-OUTLET EXTENSION CORD STARTED SMOKING AND SPARKING. ONE EXTENSION CORD BURNED OFF A PLUG PRONG OF THE APPLIANCE PLUGGED INTO IT. ONE EXTENSION CORD WAS DISCARDED, AND THE OTHER IS BEING HELD AS EVIDENCE BY PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR.

Incident Date: 20010412 City: COLUMBUS State: OH

THE VICTIM IS A 2 YEAR OLD FEMALE WHO WAS INJURED AT AN OUTLET RETAIL STORE WHILE IN THE BASKET OF A SHOPPING CART. THE VICTIM STOOD UP IN THE CART AND FELL OUT, HITTING HER FOREHEAD ON THE FLOOR. SHE WAS TAKEN TO THE HOSPITAL AND TREATED FOR A MILD HEAD INJURY. SHE WAS RELEASED THE SAME DAY.

Incident Date: 20010508 City: SUFFOLK State: VA

A FIRE, THAT STARTED BEHIND A REFRIGERATOR, CAUSED SUBSTANTIAL DAMAGE TO A MOBILE HOME. OFFICIALS WERE UNABLE TO DETERMINE THE EXACT CAUSE OF THE FIRE BUT BELIEVE IT RESULTED FROM AN OVERLOADED AND/OR FAILED ELECTRICAL OUTLET TO WHICH THE REFRIGERATOR AND TWO OTHER UNIDENTIFIED APPLIANCES WERE PUGGED IN. NO ONE WAS INJURED IN THE FIRE, AS THE RESIDENTS WERE NOT HOME AT THE TIME OF INCIDENT. THE ESTIMATED DAMAGE WAS \$ 20,000.

Incident Date: 20010311 City: LAKELAND State: FL

WHILE A 49 YEAR OLD MALE WATCHED TELEVISION IN HIS MOBILE HOME BEDROOM, A PLUG-IN ROOM DEODORIZER IN THE LIVING ROOM OVERHEATED WHICH CAUSED ITS OIL RESERVOIR TO BURST. THE OIL ENTERED AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET WHERE IT IGNITED AND CAUSED FLAMES TO SPREAD TO THE LIVING ROOM CARPET, WALL PANELING, WINDOW BLINDS AND WINDOW FRAME. NO DEATHS OR INJURIES ARE REPORTED. PROPERTY DAMAGE IS NOT REPORTED.

Incident Date: 20010429 City: MANLIUS State: NY

A 57 YEAR OLD MALE RECEIVED TWO ELECTRIC SHOCKS IN QUICK SUCCESSION FROM AN EXPOSED WIRE ON THE MOLDED PLASTIC RECEPTACLE OF AN OUTDOOR EXTENSION CORD. NO INJURY WAS SUSTAINED AND THE COMPLAINANT DID NOT SEEK ANY MEDICAL TREATMENT.

Incident Date: 20001126 City: QUEBA State: IL

THE VICTIM IS A 42 YEAR OLD MALE WHO WAS INJURED AT HOME WHEN AN OUTLET BEHIND A REFRIGERATOR CAUGHT FIRE. THE VICTIM EXTINGUISHED THE FIRE WITH A TOWEL AND BREATHED IN SMOKE. HE WAS TAKEN TO THE HOSPITAL, TREATED FOR SMOKE INHALATION AND RELEASED. THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE IS THOUGHT TO BE A SHORT IN THE REFRIGERATOR.

Incident Date: 20010425 City: YAKIMA State: WA

AN ADULT MALE PURCHASED A NEW ELECTRIC JIGSAW FOR USE IN HOME IMPROVEMENT PROJECT. CONSUMER REPORTED HE READ OWNER'S MANUAL AND THEN INSTALLED A NEW BLADE IN THE SAW AND THEN PLUGGED UNIT INTO ELECTRIC OUTLET. CONSUMER REPORTED WHEN HE LIFTED THE SAW USING IT'S HANDLE, THE SAW ACTIVATED DUE TO IT'S POWER BUTTON BEING DEPRESSED. CONSUMER STATED HE WAS STARTLED BUT NO INJURY OCCURRED. CONSUMER CONTINUES TO USE SAW WITH CAUTION.



Incident Date: 20010517 City: CHESAPEAKE State: VA

FIRE OFFICIALS BLAMED AN ELECTRIC SPACE HEATER FOR STARTING A FIRE THAT KILLED A 28-YEAR-OLD MALE AS HE SLEPT IN THE SLEEPING COMPARTMENT OF HIS PARKED VENDING TRUCK. THE VICTIM, WHO WAS USING THE HEATER TO KEEP WARM, HAD USED AN EXTENSION CORD TO PLUG THE ELECTRIC SPACE HEATER INTO A STANDARD 110 VOLT A.C. OUTLET PROVIDED NEARBY AS PART OF THE PARKING SPACES UTILIZED BY VENDORS. AN ESTIMATE OF THE DOLLAR AMOUNT OF DAMAGES WAS NOT AVAILABLE.

Incident Date: 20010311 City: NEWKIRK State: OK

AN ADULT MAN OPERATED AN ELECTRIC POP-UP TOASTER. THE GFCI IN THE KITCHEN ELECTRIC WALL OUTLET TRIPPED AND BLEW OUT. THE ELECTRIC CIRCUIT WENT DEAD. THE TOASTER MAY HAVE SHORTED OUT. THERE WAS NO INJURY.

Incident Date: 20010604 City: BELLEVUE State: NE

A 33 YR. OLD BELLEVUE, NE MALE HAD JUST GONE TO BED IN HIS APARTMENT WHEN HE HEARD A CRACKLING NOISE AND SMELLED SMOKE. UPON ENTRY INTO HIS LIVING ROOM HE SAW SMOKE COMING FROM A FLUORESCENT BULB IN AN INCANDESCENT FLOOR LAMP. CONSUMER REPLACED THE BULB AND WHEN PLUGGING THE LAMP IN, SPARKS SHOT FROM THE OUTLET. NO INJURIES OR PROPERTY DAMAGE.

Incident Date: 20010124 City: MANCHAUG State: MA

NO INJURY OCCURRED WHEN A CONSUMER WHO WAS DUSTING HER HOUSE NOTICED THAT THE ELECTRIC POWERED PLUG-IN CO DETECTOR WHICH WAS PLUGGED INTO A WALL OUTLET SHOWED SIGNS OF MELTING AND BURNING. IT WAS ALSO LEARNED THAT IDENTICAL CO DETECTORS LOCATED AT TWO OTHER RESIDENCES WERE ALSO SHOWING SIGNS OF A SIMILAR DEFECT.

Incident Date: 20001228 City: BOURBONNAIS State: IL

A FIRE OCCURRED IN THE GARAGE OF A TWO-FAMILY HOME. THE CAUSE WAS NOT THE AIR FILTER AND BOX FANS, BUT ACCORDING TO THE FIRE INVESTIGATOR, IT WAS "WIRING NOT TO CODE." THE RENTER CONNECTED AN EXTENSION CORD TO A RECEPTACLE ON THE EAST WALL OF THE GARAGE AND CUT OFF THE OTHER END OF THE CORD AND CONNECTED THE LIVE WIRES TO THE WEST WALL RECEPTACLE. THERE WAS \$5,000 IN DAMAGES. NO INJURIES WERE SUSTAINED.

Incident Date: 20010415 City: HAMPDEN TOWN State: PA

A FIRE OCCURRED WITHIN AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET THAT SERVICED A CLOTHES DRYER LOCATED IN THE BASEMENT OF A SINGLE FAMILY HOME. THERE WAS EXTENSIVE FIRE DAMAGE IN THE BASEMENT AND A BEDROOM LOCATED ABOVE THE LAUNDRY ROOM. THE REMAINDER OF THE HOUSE HAD SEVERE SMOKE DAMAGE. NO ONE WAS INJURED IN THIS INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 20010623 City: NICEVILLE State: FL

SMOKE WAS OBSERVED COMING FROM THE MELTED LIGHT SENSOR PORT OF A NIGHT-LIGHT. THE NIGHT-LIGHT WAS IMMEDIATELY REMOVED FROM AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET WITHOUT INCIDENT. NO DEATHS, INJURIES OR PROPERTY DAMAGE IS REPORTED.

Incident Date: 19990101 City: NEW YORK State: NY

NO INJURIES OCCURRED WHEN A FIFTY YEAR OLD MALE WAS WORKING ON HIS POWERBOOK P.C. AND THE ADAPTER COMPLETELY MELTED WHILE IT WAS PLUGGED INTO THE WALL OUTLET.

Incident Date: 20010710 City: BLUE ISLAND State: IL

A FIRE OCCURRED IN THE DINING ROOM OF A SINGLE FAMILY TWO-STORY HOME SHORTLY AFTER INSTALLING A SECOND USED AIR CONDITIONER. ACCORDING TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE WAS OVERLOADING OF THE ELECTRIC OUTLET DETERMINED BY PRIOR TRIPPED FUSES AND CHARRING ON THE OUTLET. ESTIMATED LOSS IN THIS FIRE WAS \$20,000. NO INJURIES OCCURRED.

Incident Date: 20010711 City: DALY CITY State: CA

FIRE OFFICIALS CITED A SHORT CIRCUIT ARC IN A TOUCH LAMP AS THE CAUSE OF A RESIDENTIAL FIRE THAT CAUSED \$75,000 DAMAGE. THE LAMP COULD NO LONGER BE ACTIVATED BY TOUCH AND HAD TO BE PLUGGED IN AND OUT OF AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET TO TURN IT ON AND OFF. THE LAMP WAS PLUGGED IN AND TURNED ON WHEN IT CAUGHT ON FIRE DURING THE NIGHT. OCCUPANTS OF THE HOME ESCAPED WITHOUT INJURY. THE LAMP WAS RECEIVED IN A USED CONDITION AND MAY HAVE BEEN REWIRED. THE COMPLETE IDENTIFICATION OF THE LAMP COULD NOT BE ESTABLISHED.

Incident Date: 20010609 City: SIOUX CITY State: IA

A TWO-YEAR-OLD CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTOR PLUGGED DIRECTLY INTO A WALL OUTLET IN A SPARE BEDROOM OVERHEATED AND SCORCHED THE WALL ABOVE. THE CONSUMER FOUND THE DAMAGED DETECTOR AFTER HEARING A FAINT HIGH PITCHED NOISE FOR SEVERAL DAYS AND TRACKING IT TO THE DETECTOR. NO FURTHER DAMAGES WERE REPORTED AND NO INJURIES OCCURRED.

Incident Date: 20010622 City: AVON PARK State: FL

A SHORT CIRCUIT IN AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET RESULTED IN ARCING AND THE IGNITION OF COMBUSTIBLE MATERIALS IN AN UNOCCUPIED COTTAGE. THIS COTTAGE WAS USED FOR STORAGE OF FURNITURE AND HOUSEHOLD ITEMS. NO DEATHS OR INJURIES ARE REPORTED. PROPERTY DAMAGE IS ESTIMATED AT \$20,000.

Incident Date: 20010705 City: LACEY State: WA

A RESIDENTIAL FIRE AT A SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING WAS SUSPECTED OF BEING IGNITED BY A TWO SLICE TOASTER SITUATED IN THE KITCHEN AREA. THE TOASTER HAD BEEN USED THE MORNING OF THE FIRE AND WAS CONTINUOUSLY LEFT PLUGGED INTO A WALL ELECTRIC OUTLET. NO ONE WAS HOME AT THE TIME OF THE FIRE. DAMAGE TO RESIDENCE WAS \$40,000. NO INJURIES OR FATALITIES.

Incident Date: 20010718 City: PACTCHOGUE State: NY

A 5 YEAR-OLD FEMALE SUSTAINED A SUPERFICIAL LACERATION TO HE LEFT HAND AFTER SHE INJURED HERSELF WHILE PLAYING WITH A TOY BOX CUTTER THAT WAS PURCHASED AT A LOCAL DISCOUNT OUTLET.

Incident Date: 20010704 City: CRANBERRY TW State: PA

RESPONDENT'S WIFE WAS AWAKENED BY NOISE IN KITCHEN. INVESTIGATED AND DISCOVERED SMOKE, AN ODOR OF BURNING PLASTIC AND THAT THE GRINDER/COFFEEMAKER WAS "ON" AND GRINDING ON AN EMPTY BEAN CHAMBER. SHE HAD TO UNPLUG UNIT FROM OUTLET TO GET IT TO TURN OFF AS SWITCH WOULDN'T WORK. NO FIRE INCIDENT OCCURRED.

Incident Date: 20010716 City: BIRMINGHAM State: AL

A COMPLAINANT STATED THAT HER ELECTRIC PLUG IN LIQUID ROOM DEODORIZER HAD BEEN PLUGGED INTO A 110 OUTLET IN HER LIVING ROOM FOR 2 DAYS. AS SHE STARTED TO UNPLUG IT, THE PLASTIC BASE PORTION WAS EXTREMELY HOT. SHE UNPLUGGED IT AND NO INJURIES WERE INVOLVED. SHE STATED SHE CONTINUED TO USE IT BUT UNPLUGGED IT WHEN SHE WENT TO BED OR LEFT HER HOME.

Incident Date: 20010721 City: MOORESVILLE State: NC

AN ELECTRIC BABY WIPES WARMER, CONTINUALLY PLUGGED-IN TO A RECEPTACLE OUTLET EMITTED SMOKE AND FUMES IN A CHILD'S BEDROOM. THE HOMEOWNER SMELLED THE BURNING ELECTRICAL WIRING, FOUND THE WARMER UNIT SMOLDERING AND UNPLUGGED THE POWER CORD. NO INJURIES OR PROPERTY DAMAGES OCCURRED.

Incident Date: 20010726 City: DALLAS State: TX

A FIRE STARTED IN AN APARTMENT; IT IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY AN ELECTRICAL SHORT IN WINDOW AIR CONDITIONER. THE CAUSE OF ORIGIN INV. FROM THE INSURANCE COMPANY STATED THAT HE COULD NOT DETERMINE IF THE AIR CONDITIONER WAS THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE BECAUSE A POWER SUPPLY CORD THAT WAS USED TO CONNECT THE UNIT TO THE ELECTRICAL OUTLET HAD A SPLICE IN IT; BASED ON THE SPLICED POWER SUPPLY CORD IT LOOKED LIKE IT COULD HAVE BEEN THE POWER SUPPLY CORD LEADING TO THE AC THAT CAUSED THE FIRE.

Incident Date: 20010101 City: FT. LAUDERDALE State: FL

ACCORDING TO AN ADULT FEMALE COMPLAINANT, A TOASTER-OVEN LOCATED UNDER THE KITCHEN CABINET THAT WAS PLUGGED INTO A 110-VOLT AC WALL OUTLET IN AN UNOCCUPIED RV MOTOR HOME IN THE DRIVEWAY AT HOME REPORTEDLY HAD ITS OVEN DOOR HANDLE CHARRED WHILE THE ROTARY TURN KNOB CONTROL WAS IN THE OFF POSITION WITH THE TOASTER FUNCTION LIGHT ON. THERE WERE NO INJURIES. DAMAGES WERE LIMITED TO THE TOASTER-OVEN AND A BROWN MARK ON THE CABINET ABOVE.

Incident Date: 20010821 City: WESTMINSTER State: MA

A CONSUMER REPORTED THAT THE ELECTRICAL PLUG/ADAPTER OF A BABY MONITOR HAD EMITTED AN ODOR OF BURNING PLASTIC AND THAT WHEN SHE EXAMINED IT, SHE FOUND THAT IT WAS VERY HOT, THAT A PORTION OF IT HAD MELTED, AND THAT A PORTION OF THE ELECTRICAL RECEPTACLE PLATE HAD ALSO MELTED. NO INJURIES RESULTED FROM THIS OCCURRENCE.

Incident Date: 20020104 City: ARLINGTON State: VA

A 43-YEAR-OLD FEMALE HOMEOWNER STATED HER VACUUM CLEANER CAUGHT ON FIRE DURING USAGE BY BOTH HER AND HER HOUSEKEEPER. ACCORDING TO REPAIR PERSONNEL, THE FIRE OCCURRED BECAUSE SOMEONE HAD REPLACED THE ORIGINAL HANDLE MOUNTING SCREW WITH A LONGER SCREW. THE SCREW DID NOT PROPERLY SECURE THE END PRONGS OF THE HANDLE INTO THE HANDLE'S RECEPTACLE, WHICH CREATED AN ELECTRICAL ARC. THERE WERE NO INJURIES OR PROPERTY DAMAGE ASSOCIATED WITH THIS INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 20011226 City: MAYNARDVILLE State: TN

A NIGHT-LIGHT ALARM CLOCK SHORTED OUT AS A 5 YEAR-OLD WAS ATTEMPTING TO PLUG IT INTO A WALL RECEPTACLE IN HIS BEDROOM OF HIS PARENTS MOBILE HOME. THE SHORT CAUSED A FIRE THAT DESTROYED THE MOBILE HOME. AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT, THE MOBILE HOME WAS OCCUPIED BY THE 5 YEAR-OLD, HIS 6 YEAR-OLD SISTER AND HIS 24 YEAR-OLD MOTHER. NO INJURIES RESULTED FROM THE INCIDENT. PROPERTY DAMAGE WAS ESTIMATED AT \$27,832.82 AND DAMAGE TO PERSONAL PROPERTY WAS ESTIMATED AT \$8,250.00.

Incident Date: 20010730 City: GREENVILLE State: IL

A CONSUMER FOUND A REMOTE CONTROL CHIME ON FIRE IN HIS KITCHEN. THE CHIME IS ONE OF THREE PIECES (REMOTE CONTROLLED CHIME, TRANSCEIVER MODULE, AND INDOOR/OUTDOOR MOTION DETECTOR) THAT WERE INCLUDED IN A INDOOR/OUTDOOR MOTION DETECTOR KIT. THE REMOTE CONTROLLED CHIME WAS PLUGGED INTO AN OUTLET ABOVE THE KITCHEN SINK. THE CONSUMER GRABBED AN OVEN MITT AND PULLED THE CHIME OUT OF THE WALL SOCKET TO EXTINGUISH THE FIRE. THE CHIME CLEARLY SHOWS FIRE DAMAGE ON THE UPPER RIGHT SIDE OF THE UNIT. NO ONE WAS INJURED IN THE INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 20010723 City: LUCERNE State: CA

A 26-YEAR OLD MALE ALLEGEDLY RECEIVED AN ELECTRIC SHOCK THAT DAMAGED HIS HEART WHEN HE PLUGGED AN EXTENSION CORD INTO AN OUTLET AT A RESTAURANT. ALTHOUGH THE RESPONDENT, AN EYEWITNESS, SAW A WHITE FLASH, THE INCIDENT DID NOT SEEM TO UPSET THE VICTIM; HE REMAINED "NORMAL" AND DID NOT APPEAR TO HAVE A PROBLEM. WHETHER THE CORD OR THE OUTLET WAS THE RESPONSIBLE PRODUCT INVOLVED REMAINS UNCLEAR. A LAWSUIT IS IN PROGRESS, AND INFORMATION IS LIMITED.

Incident Date: 20010806 City: MALVERN State: AR

A FEMALE HOMEOWNER WAS PREPARING FOR WORK WHEN SHE HEARD A POPPING NOISE AND SMELLED SOMETHING. WHEN SHE WENT INTO THE LIVING ROOM SHE SAW THAT THE SURGE SUPPRESSOR WAS ON FIRE; FIRE WAS COMING OUT OF THE OUTLETS ON THE SUPPRESSOR AND THE FLAMES WERE PRETTY HIGH. SHE IMMEDIATELY UNPLUGGED THE SUPPRESSOR AND THE FLAMES WENT DOWN WHEN IT BECAME UNPLUGGED. SHE GOT A GLASS OF WATER AND Poured IT ON THE SUPPRESSOR AND CARPET. HER CARPET IS FIRE RESISTANT AND DID NOT CATCH ON FIRE. IT MELTED AN APPROXIMATED 6" X 8" PLACE IN THE CARPET. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT WAS NOT CALLED, NO ONE WAS INJURED AND THE CARPET HAS NOT BEEN REPLACED. THE SURGE SUPPRESSOR WAS PURCHASED APPROXIMATELY 1 YEAR AGO ALONG WITH A UNIDEN TELEPHONE AT WAL-MART. ONLY THE TELEPHONE WAS PLUGGED INTO THE SUPPRESSOR.

Incident Date: 20010720 City: MILLSBORO State: DE

A POWER SURGE PROTECTOR STRIP ENERGIZED AND IGNITED A BEDROOM CARPET INTO FIRE. THE POWER STRIP HAD SIX OUTLET PLUGS, FIVE OF WHICH WERE IN USE AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT, WITH A HOME COMPUTER UNIT. NO DEATHS OR INJURES ARE ASSOCIATED WITH THIS INCIDENT. DAMAGE ESTIMATES IS ABOUT ONE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS.

Incident Date: 20010711 City: COLONIAL BEACH State: VA

A 47-YEAR-OLD MALE PURCHASED A PET CLIPPER FOR USE ON DOGS. THE CONSUMER HAD CONTINUOUS PROBLEMS WITH GETTING THE BLADES TO OPERATE PROPERLY WHEN THE SWITCH WAS TURNED ON. AFTER TWO MONTHS OF USE, THE CONSUMER RECEIVED A SHOCK FROM THE CLIPPERS TO HIS LEFT HAND THAT CAUSED HIM TO BLACKOUT. THE CONSUMER HAD THE CLIPPERS PLUGGED INTO A STANDARD HOUSEHOLD OUTLET IN A LOCAL ANIMAL SHELTER. THE CONSUMER SOUGHT MEDICAL ATTENTION AND HAD BURNING SENSATION IN HAND.

Incident Date: 20010823 City: MCMURRAY State: PA

A SMALL FIRE STARTED BEHIND AN ENTERTAINMENT CENTER IN A SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE. THE FIRE WAS CONFINED TO THE PLUG OF A 6 OUTLET POWER STRIP WHICH WAS PLUGGED INTO A OUTLET. THERE WERE THREE DEVICES PLUGGED INTO THE POWER STRIP: A TV, STEREO COMPONENT, AND A . NO ONE WAS INJURED IN THE FIRE INCIDENT. DAMAGE WAS MINIMAL: \$100.00.

Incident Date: 20010722 City: LANSING State: MI

AN OVERLOADED ELECTRICAL OUTLET CAUSED A RESIDENTIAL FIRE. NO INJURIES OCCURRED AND THE AMOUNT OF PROPERTY DAMAGE IS UNKNOWN.

Incident Date: 20010826 City: TULARE State: CA

A HOUSEHOLD-TYPE EXTENSION CORD OF ABOUT SIX-FEET IN LENGTH SHORTED INTERNALLY AND IGNITED A COUCH CAUSING A STRUCTURAL FIRE IN A 100-YEAR OLD HOME THAT WILL COST \$90,000 TO RESTORE. ALTHOUGH THE CORD WAS PLUGGED INTO AN OUTLET AND CONNECTED TO A TABLE LAMP, THE LAMP WAS NOT TURNED ON AT THE TIME. A 43-YEAR OLD MALE AND A 55-YEAR OLD FEMALE SUFFERED MINOR FACIAL THERMAL BURNS. A THIRD PERSON, A 39-YEAR OLD MALE SUFFERED TEMPORARY BREATHING DIFFICULTIES.

Incident Date: 20010916 City: PLEASANTON State: CA

THE BOTTOM OF AN ELECTRIC CROCK-POT BEGAN MELTING, ABOUT 1/2 HOUR AFTER IT WAS TURNED ON. THE COMPLAINANT SMELLED SMOKE, JUST AS HE WAS ABOUT TO LEAVE HIS HOME. HE INVESTIGATED AND FOUND SMOKE COMING FROM THE CROCK-POT. HE UNPLUGGED THE CROCK-POT FROM THE ELECTRICAL OUTLET IN THE KITCHEN, AND PLACED THE CROCK-POT IN THE BACKYARD OF HIS HOME. THERE WAS NO FIRE DAMAGE TO THE HOME AND NO ONE WAS INJURED, DURING THIS INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 20010921 City: HALE State: MI

IN 1998, THE CONSUMER PLUGGED A LANTERN DIRECTLY INTO A WALL OUTLET. THIS EMERGENCY LIGHTING DEVICE AUTOMATICALLY TURNS ON WHEN POWER IS LOST IN THE HOME AND WORKED PROPERLY UNTIL SEPTEMBER 2001. THE CONSUMER RETURNED HOME AND FOUND THERE WAS NO POWER ON IN THE HOME AND SAW THAT THE LANTERN'S LIGHT WAS NOT ON. ABOVE THE WALL OUTLET, THERE WAS MINOR SOOT AND FIRE DAMAGE AND THE BACK OF THE LANTERN AND ITS PLUG SUSTAINED HEAVY FIRE DAMAGE. NO INJURIES WERE SUSTAINED AND PROPERTY DAMAGE WAS MINOR.

Incident Date: 20010806 City: CAMPBELL State: CA

THE COMPLAINANT, A 47 YEAR OLD MALE, PURCHASED TWO SURGE SUPPRESSORS IN 1995. ONE OF THE SURGE SUPPRESSOR FAILED DURING NORMAL USE. THE SURGE SUPPRESSOR ALARM WENT OFF AND THE COMPLAINANT'S WIFE SAW IT ON FIRE. SHE UNPLUGGED THE SURGE SUPPRESSOR FROM THE WALL OUTLET. THE SURGE SUPPRESSOR HAD A 1/2" AND A 1/4" BURN HOLE NEXT TO THE OFF/ON SWITCH. NO ONE WAS INJURED IN THIS INCIDENT. BOTH SURGE SUPPRESSORS WERE COLLECTED AND FORWARD TO HEADQUARTER FOR EVALUATION.

Incident Date: 20010804 City: HAMMOND State: LA

A USED ELECTRIC FAN, PLUGGED INTO A BEDROOM WALL OUTLET, QUIT WORKING. A FIRE THEN STARTED IN THE AREA OF THE FAN. THE BEDROOM HAD FIRE DAMAGE. THERE WERE NO INJURIES. THE FAN LIKELY HAD AN ELECTRIC SHORT.

Incident Date: 20011003 City: LEE'S SUMMIT State: MO

THE CONSUMER PURCHASED A BATTERY-POWERED BIKE LIGHTING SYSTEM FROM A PRIVATE OWNER ON THE INTERNET, IN NEW CONDITION. HE PLUGGED IT INTO A RECEPTACLE IN HIS OFFICE TO CHARGE THE BATTERY FOR THE FIRST TIME. WITHIN LESS THAN TEN MINUTES, THE BATTERY CHARGER BEGAN TO SMOKE AND THE PLASTIC CASE BEGAN TO MELT BEFORE HE UNPLUGGED IT. THE MANUFACTURER SENT HIM TWO REPLACEMENT CHARGERS; HE HAS HAD NO PROBLEMS WITH THE NEW ONES. THE ORIGINAL CHARGER, A POWER SUPPLY AND A REPLACEMENT CHARGER WERE COLLECTED AS SAMPLES.

Incident Date: 20011007 City: TOMAH State: WI

A NEW AIR FRESHENER PLUGGED INTO A WALL ELECTRICAL OUTLET FOR THREE WEEKS MALFUNCTIONED AND SHORTED OUT THE WALL OUTLET. THE CONSUMER HAD NOTICED AN ODD ODOR FOR ABOUT A WEEK BEFORE THE INCIDENT BUT COULD NOT LOCATE ITS SOURCE. NO ONE WAS INJURED AND NO DAMAGES WERE REPORTED. THE USED AIR FRESHENER, THE OUTLET AND A NEW EXEMPLAR OF THE AIR FRESHENER WERE COLLECTED.

Incident Date: 20000715 City: INDIANOLA State: MS

AFTER THE ROTISSERIE WAS PLUGGED INTO AN OUTLET IT EMITTED SPARKS AND SMOKE. THE COMPLAINANT IMMEDIATELY UNPLUGGED THE UNIT FROM THE OUTLET AND NO INJURIES WERE SUSTAINED. THE DAMAGE CAUSED BY THE INCIDENT WAS CONFINED TO A SMALL SCORCHED AREA OF THE KITCHEN COUNTER.

Incident Date: 20000101 City: NEW CITY State: NY

A MALE CONSUMER RECEIVED A MILD ELECTRIC SHOCK WHEN REMOVING THE DRIP PAN FROM THE BOTTOM OF A ROTISSERIE OVEN WHICH WAS PLUGGED IN, BUT TURNED OFF. THE OUTLET WAS PROTECTED BY A GFCI WHICH DID NOT ACTIVATE.

Incident Date: 20000701 City: ORANGE CITY State: FL

A FIFTY-SEVEN YEAR OLD FEMALE SUFFERED AN ELECTRIC SHOCK WHILE CLEANING THE INTERIOR OF AN ELECTRIC ROTISSERIE SHE WAS USING WITH A DAMP RAG AND THE PLUG STILL IN THE OUTLET. SHE INFORMED ME THAT WHILE HER RIGHT HAND WAS INSIDE THE APPLIANCE HER LEFT ARM WAS LEANING ON HER ELECTRIC RANGE. NO PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL ATTENTION WAS SOUGHT. THE UNIT WAS RETURNED TO THE LISTED MANUFACTURER FOR REPLACEMENT AND HAS BEEN USED UPON RETURN WITH NO ADDITIONAL INCIDENTS.

Incident Date: 20000501 City: COOPERSBURG State: PA

WHILE CLEANING A FOUR MONTH OLD COUNTER TOP ROTISSERIE, AN 80 YEARS OLD FEMALE RECEIVED AN ELECTRICAL SHOCK. THE VICTIM WAS NOT INJURED AND DID NOT SEEK MEDICAL ATTENTION. THE UNIT WAS CONNECTED TO A WALL RECEPTACLE.

Incident Date: 20010315 City: LEONARDTOWN State: MD

THERE WERE NO INJURIES INVOLVED IN THIS ACCIDENT. A FIRE WAS TRACED TO A FAULT IN AN ELECTRICAL POWER STRIP OUTLET IN A SINGLE FAMILY HOME OFFICE.

Incident Date: 20010809 City: ZEPHYRHILLS State: FL

AN ELECTRICAL SHORT CIRCUIT OCCURRED IN A MOBILE HOME IN A WALL BEHIND A REFRIGERATOR. THE OUTLET RECEPTACLE IGNITED A WOODEN STUD THAT THE OUTLET RECEPTACLE AND ITS BOX WERE ATTACHED TO. NO DEATHS OR INJURIES ARE REPORTED. PROPERTY DAMAGE IS ESTIMATED AT \$75,000.

Incident Date: 20011016 City: ESCANABA State: MI

A 10-MONTH-OLD 13-INCH TELEVISION/VCR COMBINATION STARTED ON FIRE IN AN UPSTAIRS BEDROOM OF A SINGLE FAMILY HOME. THE TELEVISION UNIT WAS PLUGGED INTO A POWER STRIP THAT WAS PLUGGED INTO A HEAVY DUTY 50-FOOT EXTENSION CORD, WHICH WAS PLUGGED INTO A WALL OUTLET. THE UNIT WAS NOT TURNED ON AT THE TIME AND THE FIRE STARTED INSIDE OF THE TELEVISION. THE CONSUMER REPORTS SEEING 12-INCH FLAMES COMING OUT OF THE BACK OF THE UNIT. NO INJURIES OCCURRED AND DAMAGES WERE REPORTED AT \$1,000.

Incident Date: 20011012 City: LARKSPUR State: CA

AN UNATTENDED ELECTRIC HAIR DRYER MAY HAVE STARTED A SMALL FIRE IN THE BATHROOM OF AN APARTMENT. NO ONE WAS HOME AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT. FIRE PERSONNEL ENTERED THE APARTMENT AND FOUND MELTED PORTION OF A HAIR DRYER ON TOP OF A FLOOR HEATER. THE HAIR DRYER HAD BEEN PLACED OVER A TOWEL RACK AND DIRECTLY OVER A FLOOR HEATER. THE HAIR DRYER WAS PLUGGED INTO THE BATHROOM OUTLET. THE FLOOR HEATER WAS OFF AND NOT PLUGGED INTO AN OUTLET. THE VICTIM LEFT THE HOUSE ABOUT TWO HOURS PRIOR TO THE FIRE. PROPERTY DAMAGES WERE ESTIMATED BETWEEN \$5,000. TO \$10,000.

Incident Date: 20011102 City: DERRY State: NH

NO INJURY OCCURRED WHEN THE PLUG FOR AN ELECTRIC CLOTHES DRYER WHICH WAS PLUGGED INTO AN OLDER WALL RECEPTACLE SHORTED OUT AND ARCED IGNITING PAPER-BACKED WALL COVERING MATERIAL IN THE LAUNDRY ROOM OF A RESIDENCE.

Incident Date: 20011116 City: WOONSOCKET State: RI

THE 54-YEAR-OLD CONSUMER PERISHED IN A FIRE THAT STARTED IN THE WALL OF HIS LIVING ROOM. THE FIRE STARTED AT AN OUTLET WHERE A MODIFIED EXTENSION CORD HAD BEEN PLUGGED IN. A LAMP HAD BEEN SPLICED INTO THE EXTENSION CORD, AND A GLUE GUN WAS PLUGGED INTO THE SAME EXTENSION CORD. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT DETERMINED THAT THE ELECTRICAL SYSTEM IN THE APARTMENT HAD BEEN MODIFIED AND WAS NOT IN CONFORMANCE WITH LOCAL BUILDING CODES. THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE WAS ELECTRICAL FAILURE. PROPERTY DAMAGE ESTIMATE IS UNKNOWN.

Incident Date: 20011115 City: VANCOUVER State: WA

A CONSUMER REPORTED THAT A TOASTER OVEN WOULD NOT SHUT OFF WHEN HE TURNED THE CONTROL KNOB TO THE OFF POSITION. HE SAID THAT THE HEATING ELEMENT CONTINUED TO OPERATE AT HIGH HEAT REGARDLESS OF THE POSITION OF THE CONTROL KNOB. HE SAID THAT HE SHUT OFF THE TOASTER OVEN BY REMOVING THE POWER CORD PLUG FROM THE ELECTRICAL OUTLET. NO INJURIES OR FIRE DAMAGE OCCURRED.

Incident Date: 20010630 City: VERONA State: PA

A 71 YEAR-OLD FEMALE WAS ELECTROCUTED AND DIED WHILE UNPLUGGING HER ELECTRIC LAWN MOWER. SHE HAD BEEN CUTTING HER GRASS IN A RAINSTORM WHILE IN HER BARE FEET. THE PROTECTION DEVICE IN THE GFI RECEPTACLE WHICH THE 100 FT. EXTENSION CORD WAS PLUGGED INTO DID NOT TRIP.

Incident Date: 20011213 City: HAMPSTEAD State: MD

VICTIM HAD HOLIDAY LIGHTS PLUGGED INTO EXTENSION CORDS, WHICH WERE PLUGGED INTO A RECENTLY PURCHASED POWER STRIP. THE POWER STRIP WAS PLUGGED INTO AN OUTLET IN THE VICTIM'S SHED. A FIRE ORIGINATED IN THE AREA OF THE SHED THAT HAD THE POWER STRIP LOCATED. THERE WAS NO INJURY AND AN ESTIMATED \$2,000.00 IN PROPERTY DAMAGE TO THE SHED.

Incident Date: 20011212 City: MINNEAPOLIS State: MN

THE COMPLAINANT PURCHASED A NEW EXTENSION CORD A WALL OUTLET IN THE LIVING ROOM. A TABLE LAMP APPLIANCE CORD WAS PLUGGED INTO THE EXTENSION CORD. THE COMPLAINANT'S WIFE WAS ATTEMPTING TO PLUG AN APPLIANCE CORD FROM A BACK MASSAGER INTO THE SAME EXTENSION CORD. SHE WAS PUSHING IN THE MALE PLUG FROM THE OPPOSITE SIDE OF THE FEMALE OUTLET ON THE EXTENSION CORD. WHEN SHE PUSHED THE PLUG IN THE EXTENSION CORD SEPARATED INTO TWO HALVES. THIS EXPOSED THE INTERNAL COMPONENTS. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 20011212 City: HOLLY SPRINGS State: NC

A COUPLE DISCOVERED THAT THEIR ELECTRIC 1600 WATT HAIR DRYER, WHICH WAS PLUGGED INTO A WALL OUTLET, BEGAN SMOKING AND THAT THE HAIR DRYER'S PLASTIC HANDLE HAD MELTED. THE HAIR DRYER WAS SET TO THE OFF POSITION AND HAD NOT BEEN USED FOR ABOUT 7 1/2 HOURS. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 20001124 City: WESTBOROUGH State: MA

AN ELECTRIC OPERATED-BATTERY BACKED UNINTERRUPTIBLE POWER SUPPLY DEVICE OVERHEATED AND EMITTED SMOKE DURING NORMAL USE IN THE DISPATCH ROOM OF A REGIONAL FIREHOUSE. THE PRODUCT WAS PLUGGED INTO A WALL OUTLET ON A DEDICATED 20-AMP CIRCUIT, AND CONTROLLING TWO COMPUTERS AND A FIRE ALARM DECODING DEVICE AT THE TIME. THERE WAS NO FIRE, INJURY, SPRINKLER/ALARM ACTIVATION, OR CIRCUIT TRIPPED AS A RESULT OF THIS INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19800513 City: State: CT

ON MAY 13, 1980, A 2 YEAR OLD BLACK MALE CHILD STUCK THE MALE END OF AN EXTENSION CORD FOR A TAPE RECORDER, THAT WAS STILL PLUGGED INTO A WALL OUTLET, INTO HIS MOUTH CAUSING ELECTRICAL BURNS THE INSIDE OF HIS MOUTH, SPECIFICALLY THE TONGUE.

Incident Date: 20011119 City: DULUTH State: MN

THE COMPLAINANT HAD A TWO YEAR OLD ELECTRIC HAND HELD HAIR DRYER. IT WAS LYING IN THE BATHROOM OF HIS HOME ON THE VANITY. IT WAS PLUGGED INTO THE WALL OUTLET, BUT WAS NOT BEING USED. HE WAS WALKING BY THE BATHROOM WHEN HE NOTICED THE HAIR DRYER SPARKING AND SMOKING. HE IMMEDIATELY UNPLUGGED THE UNIT. THERE WERE NO INJURIES DURING THIS INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 20011120 City: WASHINGTON State: DC

A 66-YEAR-OLD MALE ATTEMPTED TO PLUG TWO DIFFERENT, BUT IDENTICAL, LAMPS INTO A 6-OUTLET INDOOR POWER STRIP LOCATED IN HIS BEDROOM. WHEN THE MAN TURNED BOTH LAMP SWITCHES TO THE ON POSITION, THE LIGHT BULBS "FLASHED". AFTER THE INCIDENTS OCCURRED, THE LIGHT BULBS HAD THE APPEARANCE OF BEING BURNED OUT. THERE WERE NO INJURIES OR PROPERTY DAMAGE ASSOCIATED WITH THESE INCIDENTS.



Incident Date: 20010803 City: ST. JAMES State: NY

NO INJURIES OCCURRED WHEN A MULTI-OUTLET POWER STRIP CAUSED A MINOR FIRE IN A RESIDENTIAL HOME.

Incident Date: 20011124 City: DOUGLASVILLE State: GA

THE COMPLAINANT WAS ATTEMPTING TO MOUNT AN ELECTRIC POWER STRIP TO A TABLE TOP AREA. THE POWER STRIP WAS PLUGGED INTO AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET. AS THE COMPLAINANT ATTEMPTED TO ATTACH THE POWER STRIP ONTO THE WALL, ONE OF THE MOUNTING SCREWS FELL INTO THE UNIT. THE UNIT BEGAN TO POP, SMOKE AND THE HOME'S CIRCUIT BREAKER FOR THAT AREA OF THE CONSUMER'S HOME TRIPPED CUTTING POWER TO THE UNIT. THE COMPLAINANT WAS NOT INJURED AND THERE WAS NO PROPERTY DAMAGE.

Incident Date: 20011124 City: COLUMBIA State: IL

A CONSUMER WAS ATTEMPTING TO REPLACE THE BATTERY ON HIS BATTERY-OPERATED PORTABLE CORDLESS POWER DRILL WHEN HE NOTICED THAT THE BATTERY CHARGER THAT WAS PLUGGED INTO AN OUTLET IN HIS GARAGE WAS PARTIALLY MELTED. THE CONSUMER REMOVED IT FROM THE OUTLET. THE BATTERY CHARGER WAS PLUGGED IN FROM THE DATE IT WAS RECEIVED AS A GIFT (LATE DECEMBER, 1997) UNTIL THE DAY OF THE INCIDENT (NOVEMBER 24, 2001); BEING UNPLUGGED WHILE THE CONSUMER WAS ON VACATION. WHILE PLUGGED IN, THE BATTERY CHARGER CONTINUOUSLY HAD AT LEAST ONE 12-VOLT BATTERY POWER PACK IN THE CHARGER.

Incident Date: 20011128 City: PORTLAND State: OR

AN ELECTRIC SCOOTER WAS PLUGGED INTO AN OUTLET CHARGING OVERNIGHT. THE SCOOTER WAS PLUGGED IN FOR 16 HOURS CAUSING A FIRE AND DESTROYING THE SCOOTER AND MOST OF THE HOUSE.

Incident Date: 20011226 City: COVINGTON State: KY

SHORTLY AFTER RETURNING TO HIS BUSINESS OFFICE FOLLOWING THE christmas HOLIDAY BREAK, THE CONSUMER NOTICED AN ODOR THAT SEEMED TO SMELL LIKE SMOKE. THE CONSUMER'S SECRETARY WALKED INTO HER OFFICE AND AN OBSERVED FLAMES AND SMOKE RISING FROM A SURGE PROTECTOR THAT WAS BEING USED TO POWER A COMPUTER AND MONITOR. THE CONSUMER IMMEDIATELY RAN TO HIS SECRETARIES OFFICE AND UNPLUGGED THE SURGE PROTECTOR FROM THE ELECTRICAL OUTLET, AND THE FLAMES AND SMOKE SUBSIDED. NO PROPERTY DAMAGE OR INJURIES OCCURRED AS A OF THIS INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 20011225 City: PORTLAND State: OR

FIRE OFFICIALS CONCLUDED THAT AN ELECTRICAL FAULT IGNITED A christmas TREE IN A TOWNHOUSE WHILE THE OCCUPANTS WERE OUT FOR A WALK. THE OFFICIALS IDENTIFIED christmas LIGHTS AS THE PROBABLE CAUSE BUT ALSO FOUND FIRE DAMAGE IN A JUNCTION BOX FOR A WALL RECEPTACLE THAT COULD HAVE BEEN A POSSIBLE CAUSE. THERE WERE NO INJURIES. THE FIRE CAUSED AN ESTIMATED \$150,000 PROPERTY DAMAGE.

Incident Date: 20020103 City: GREENWOOD State: IN

THE CONSUMER WHILE MAKING COFFEE WITH HIS COFFEE MAKER, NOTICED THAT IT HAD BEGUN TO EMIT SMOKE FROM THE VENTS, AND SMELLED AS THOUGH SOMETHING ELECTRICAL WAS BURNING. THE CONSUMER UNPLUGGED THE COFFEE MAKER FROM THE ELECTRICAL OUTLET, AND THE SMOKE SUBSIDED WITHOUT FURTHER INCIDENT. NO INJURIES OR FURTHER DAMAGE WERE SUSTAINED AS A RESULT OF THIS INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 20011220 City: GREEN State: OH

A TWO-YEAR-OLD STRING OF christmas TREE LIGHTS CRACKLED AND EMITTED SMOKE, WHEN THEY WERE PLUGGED INTO A WALL RECEPTACLE. THE LIGHTS WERE UNPLUGGED IMMEDIATELY AND NO INJURIES OCCURRED. THE INCIDENT OCCURRED IN THE COMPLAINANT'S LIVING ROOM. THE LIGHTS WERE SAMPLED.

Incident Date: 20011225 City: GRAND PRAIRIE State: TX

THE COMPLAINANT, A 61 YEAR-OLD FEMALE, PLUGGED A NEW MAKEUP MIRROR INTO A WALL OUTLET FOR THE FIRST TIME. THE WALL OUTLET IMMEDIATELY ERUPTED INTO FLAMES AND THE COMPLAINANT WAS ABLE TO UNPLUG THE MAKEUP MIRROR. THE COMPLAINANT SUSTAINED A SLIGHT BURN TO A FINGER THAT DID NOT REQUIRE ANY MEDICAL ATTENTION. PROPERTY DAMAGE WAS LIMITED TO THE MAKEUP MIRROR PLUG, WALL OUTLET AND A PORTION OF THE WALL AROUND THE PLUG.

Incident Date: 20011215 City: SEATTLE State: WA

A NIGHT LIGHT PLUGGED INTO A WALL OUTLET BEGAN TO FLICKER. THE NIGHT LIGHT APPEARED TO BE HOT AND WAS REMOVED FROM THE OUTLET.

Incident Date: 20011226 City: LAWRENCE State: MA

NO INJURY OCCURRED WHEN AN ELECTRIC POWERED SPACE HEATER THAT WAS PLUGGED INTO A WALL OUTLET ARCED AT THE POWER PLUG END OF THE POWER CORD AND IGNITED NEARBY COMBUSTIBLE MATERIALS IN THE LIVING ROOM OF A RESIDENCE. DAMAGE ESTIMATES WERE . \$200,000.

Incident Date: 20011225 City: VAIL State: IA

ON 12/25/2001, A FAMILY OBSERVED AN ELECTRIC christmas DECORATION WAS MALFUNCTIONING, EMITTING A BURNING SMELL AND IT WAS PARTLY MELTED ON THE BOTTOM OF ONE PIECE. THEY FOUND THE CONTROL BOX WAS VERY HOT AND DISCONNECTED IT FROM THE OUTLET. THERE WAS NO DAMAGE AND NO ONE WAS INJURED.

Incident Date: 20020116 City: BOWLING GREEN State: KY

THE CONSUMER'S 4 YEAR OLD GRANDSON ATTEMPTED TO UNPLUG A NIGHT LIGHT FROM THE WALL OUTLET, AND HIS FINGERS NEARLY TOUCHED THE METAL PRONGS WHILE THE NIGHT LIGHT WAS STILL LODGED INTO THE ELECTRICAL OUTLET. THE CHILDS GRANDFATHER WAS ABLE TO ALERT HIM TO REMOVE HIS FINGERS FROM THE NIGHT LIGHT IN TIME, TO AVOID ANY POSSIBLE INJURIES. NO INJURIES WERE SUSTAINED AS A RESULT OF THIS INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 20011219 City: MIAMI SPRINGS State: FL

AN ELECTRICAL FIRE IN A DRUG STORE AFTER HOURS REPORTEDLY ORIGINATED IN AN AREA NEAR AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET WHERE THERE A MULTI-OUTLET POWER STRIP CONNECTED TO EXTENSION CORDS CONNECTED TO christmas LIGHTS. THERE WERE NO INJURIES. THE FIRE RESULTED IN \$300,000 DAMAGES TO THE BUILDING AND \$300,000 DAMAGES TO THE CONTENTS.

Incident Date: 20010101 City: CAROL CITY State: FL

FIVE RESIDENTS IN A SINGLE-FAMILY HOUSE INCLUDING THE 39-YEAR OLD FEMALE HOMEOWNER AND A 47-YEAR OLD MALE AND THREE CHILDREN ESCAPED A FIRE REPORTEDLY ORIGINATING IN ONE OF THE BEDROOMS IN THE AREA NEAR AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET WHERE THERE WERE SEVERAL HOUSEHOLD-TYPE EXTENSION CORDS AND A 3-OUTLET POWER TAP ADAPTER. THERE WERE NO INJURIES REPORTED. THE FIRE RESULTED IN \$70,000 DAMAGES TO THE HOUSE AND \$30,000 DAMAGES TO THE CONTENTS.

Incident Date: 20010804 City: SIOUX FALLS State: SD

A FIRE OCCURRED IN THE ATTIC OF A ONE STORY SINGLE FAMILY HOME IN SIOUX FALLS. THE "FIRE ORIGINATED IN A SPLICE OF ALUMINUM TO COPPER WIRING RUNNING THROUGH THE ATTIC AND SERVING A WALL OUTLET IN THE ENTRY." NO INJURIES OCCURRED, HOWEVER, PROPERTY DAMAGE WAS VALUED AT \$39,416. THE HOUSE WAS NOT EQUIPPED WITH A SMOKE DETECTOR.

Incident Date: 20010613 City: ST AUGUSTINE State: FL

AN 85-YEAR-OLD MALE WAS USING AN ELECTRIC DRILL WHILE WORKING ON A BULKHEAD IN A CREEK WHEN HE WAS ELECTROCUTED. THE DRILL WAS CONNECTED TO AN EXTENSION CORD THAT WAS PLUGGED INTO A HOMEMADE OUTLET MOUNTED ON A TREE NEAR HIS BACKYARD DOCK.

Incident Date: 20020201 City: ALEXANDRIA State: VA

A 32-YEAR-OLD FEMALE WAS SITTING IN HER HOME OFFICE WHEN A TABLE LAMP BEGAN TO MAKE A "POPPING" NOISE. AFTER THE POPPING NOISE OCCURRED, SMOKE AND FLAMES BEGAN COMING OUT FROM THE ROTATING ON/OFF SWITCH LOCATED ON THE PRODUCT'S ELECTRICAL CORD. THE FEMALE BLEW OUT THE FLAMES AND THEN UNPLUGGED THE ELECTRICAL CORD FROM ITS OUTLET. THERE WERE NO INJURIES OR PROPERTY DAMAGE ASSOCIATED WITH THIS INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 20020101 City: BOWIE State: MD

THE RESPONDENT NOTICED A BURNING ODOR AND FOUND A NIGHTLIGHT THAT WAS PLUGGED INTO ELECTRICAL OUTLET UNDER SOME CABINETS IN THE KITCHEN WAS SMOKING. RESPONDENTS WIFE REMOVED THE SMOKE DETECTOR FROM THE OUTLET AND THERE WERE NO INJURIES OR PROPERTY DAMAGE INVOLVED IN THIS INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 20011211 City: BETHEL State: OH

AN OVERLOADED CIRCUIT IN OR AROUND AN ELECTRIC BOX FOR A RECEPTACLE OVERHEATED. THE RESULTING FIRE CAUSED \$200,000 IN LOSS. NO INJURIES OCCURRED.

Incident Date: 20020101 City: DALLAS State: TX

AN 86-YEAR-OLD MALE, THE HOMEOWNER, HIS 44-YEAR-OLD DAUGHTER AND A FEMALE TEENAGER WERE AT HOME AT THE TIME OF THE FIRE. A LAMP CORD PLUGGED DIRECTLY INTO THE WALL OUTLET ON THE WALL UNDER THE WINDOW WAS SQUASHED BEHIND A COUCH. EVERY TIME SOMEONE SAT DOWN ON THE COUCH IT WOULD WEAR THE LAMP CORD. THE WORN LAMP CORD SHORTED AND IGNITED CURTAINS AND SPREAD TO THE COUCH, THEN TO ALL COMBUSTIBLES IN THE ROOM. THE 86-YEAR-OLD VICTIM AND HIS DAUGHTER DIED AT THE SCENE; THE TEENAGER ESCAPED UNINJURED. IT IS NOT KNOWN IF THERE WERE SMOKE DETECTORS IN THE HOME.

Incident Date: 20010801 City: LACEY State: WA

SPARKS CAME FROM BEHIND THE BACK OF AN AIR FRESHENER THAT WAS PLUGGED INTO A WALL OUTLET. THE AIR FRESHENER WAS REMOVED FROM THE WALL OUTLET. NO ONE WAS INJURED.

Incident Date: 20020101 City: OAKLAND State: CA

THE COMPLAINANT REPORTS THAT HE LEFT THE ELECTRIC HOTPLATE (DOUBLE BURNER UNIT) PLUGGED IN THE ELECTRICAL OUTLET, WITH ITS CONTROLS TURNED TO THE OFF POSITION. HE ADDED THAT HE ALSO LEFT A FRY PAN SITTING ON ONE OF THE BURNERS OF THIS UNIT. UPON RETURNING HOME, THE COMPLAINANT DISCOVERED THAT THE POWER INDICATOR LIGHT WAS ON AND THAT THE FRY PAN WAS OVERHEATING. THE COMPLAINANT DOES NOT UNDERSTAND WHY THE ELECTRIC HOTPLATE TURNED ITSELF ON, WHEN THE CONTROL DIAL WAS LEFT IN THE OFF POSITION. THERE WAS NO FIRE INCIDENT AND NO ONE WAS INJURED.

Incident Date: 20011130 City: TOLEDO State: OR

AN ELECTRIC OIL FILLED SPACE HEATER WAS PLUGGED INTO AN ELECTRIC WALL OUTLET AND TURNED ON TO PREHEAT A BEDROOM. THE SIDE OF THE SPACE HEATER EXPLODED SPLATTERING MINERAL OIL ONTO A WALL AND CARPET. NO ONE WAS INJURED.

Incident Date: 20011217 City: ABILENE State: KS

THE COMPLAINANT PURCHASED 3 FOOT BICYCLE LIGHTS FROM A DEPARTMENT STORE AND USED FOR 2000 HOLIDAY SEASON WITH NO PROBLEMS. IN 2001, COMPLAINANT PLACED THE SAME LIGHTS IN 4 DIFFERENT WINDOWS IN HER HOME. ON DAY OF INCIDENT, THE COMPLAINANT DROPPED HER 10 YEAR OLD SON OFF AT HOME. HE PLUGGED THE FIRST SET OF LIGHTS INTO A WALL OUTLET, LOCATED IN THE COMPLAINANT'S BEDROOM. IMMEDIATELY SPARKS AND FLAMES BEGAN SHOOTING OUT THE PLUG END CATCHING THE CURTAINS AND A PORTION OF THE BEDSPREAD ON FIRE. THE 10 YEAR OLD HAD MINOR BURNS TO HIS HANDS, TREATED BY FIRST AID. TOTAL DAMAGE WAS \$15,000.

Incident Date: 20020208 City: BLACKWELL State: OK

A FIRE STARTED IN THE AREA OF A TURNED OFF ELECTRIC COUNTER TOP TOASTER WHICH WAS PLUGGED INTO A WALL OUTLET. NO ONE WAS INJURED. THE TOASTER WAS THE ONLY PRODUCT IN THE AREA THAT COULD HAVE CAUSED THE FIRE. FIRE DAMAGE WAS \$5000.00

Incident Date: 20020209 City: POULSBO State: WA

SPARKS CAME FROM BEHIND A PLUG-IN AIR FRESHENER THAT WAS PLUGGED INTO A FAMILY ROOM ELECTRICAL WALL OUTLET. THE AIR FRESHENER WAS REMOVED FROM THE OUTLET. THERE WAS BURN DAMAGE TO THE FRONT OF THE OUTLET AND THE BACK OF THE AIR FRESHENER. NO ONE WAS INJURED.

Incident Date: 20020216 City: HUNTINGDON State: PA

A 48 YEAR OLD FEMALE WHILE SITTING IN HER LIVING ROOM HEARD WHAT APPEARED TO BE A POPPING SOUND COMING FROM A PLUG IN AIR FRESHENER WHICH WAS BEING UTILIZED IN A WALL RECEPTACLE. SHE IMMEDIATELY UNPLUGGED THE UNIT. AS RESULT OF HER QUICK DETECTION NO DAMAGES OCCURRED.

Incident Date: 20010701 City: UNKNOWN State: CA

A 52 YEAR OLD MALE WAS IN A HOTEL ROOM IN EUROPE, WHEN HE ATTEMPTED TO REMOVE AN ELECTRICAL ADAPTER PLUG (PURCHASED IN THE UNITED STATES) FROM A WALL OUTLET. THE VICTIM RECEIVED A STRONG ELECTRICAL SHOCK AND WAS KNOCKED BACKWARDS. HE BECAME LIGHTHEADED AND NAUSEOUS. THE VICTIM DID NOT SEEK MEDICAL ATTENTION FOR HIS SYMPTOMS.

Incident Date: 20011227 City: LYNDHURST State: NJ

SPARKS EMANATED FROM A LOOSE DUPLEX WALL OUTLET AS THE PLUG END OF A CLOCK RADIO WAS BEING INSERTED INTO THE RECEPTACLE. THE SPARKS IMPINGED UPON A MATTRESS POSITIONED DIRECTLY IN FRONT OF THE OUTLET SETTING THE MATTRESS ON FIRE. ATTEMPTS BY THE OCCUPANT TO EXTINGUISH THE FIRE WERE UNSUCCESSFUL. THE RESULTING FIRE GUTTED THE BEDROOM AND CAUSED AN ESTIMATED \$100,000 IN DAMAGES TO THIS SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING CONVERTED INTO AN UPSTAIRS AND DOWNSTAIRS APARTMENTS. SMOKE ALARMS ACTIVATED AND NO INJURIES RESULTED.

Incident Date: 20020220 City: WAYNE State: NJ

A 42 YEAR OLD MALE RECEIVED A SHOCK WHEN HE TOUCHED THE METAL VENT COVER OF A HAND HELD HAIR DRYER. ONE OF THE HEATING COILS WAS TOUCHING THE COVER. THE HAIR DRYER WAS PLUGGED INTO A GROUND FAULT CIRCUIT INTERRUPTER OUTLET WHICH SHUT OFF THE CURRENT.

Incident Date: 20020214 City: TEMPERANCE State: MI

A 40-YEAR-OLD FEMALE AND HER HUSBAND PURCHASED A MICROWAVE OVEN WHEN THEY HAD THEIR NEW HOME BUILT. THEY HAD BEEN USING IT REGULARLY FOR THREE MONTHS WHEN IT STARTED TO TRIP THE GFCI OUTLETS. THE OUTLETS ARE ALL ON DIFFERENT CIRCUITS. THERE HAS BEEN NO DAMAGE AS A RESULT OF THE PROBLEM.

Incident Date: 20011224 City: RAVENNA State: OH

A COUPLE RETURNED HOME TO THE SMELL OF FIRE. THE FIRE APPEARED TO CONCENTRATE IN THE AREA OF A WALL OUTLET AROUND WHERE A SCENTED OIL-FILLED PLUG-IN HAD BEEN INSERTED. THE EXTENT OF THE FIRE DAMAGE WAS CONFINED TO THE MOBILE HOME UNIT. THERE WERE NO INJURIES SUSTAINED BY THE CONSUMERS. PROPERTY AND CONTENT LOSS IS ESTIMATED TO BE AT \$28,000.

Incident Date: 20020208 City: BAKERSFIELD State: CA

THE DOOR SWITCH OF A 22-YEAR-OLD, FREESTANDING AUTOMATIC DISHWASHER SHORT-CIRCUITED WHILE IN OPERATION CAUSING THE WIRE CONNECTING THE SWITCH TO THE TIMER TO CATCH FIRE. THE FIRE WAS CONTAINED IN THE APPLIANCE AFTER ITS POWER CORD WAS UNPLUGGED FROM THE OUTLET. NOBODY WAS INJURED IN THE INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 20020301 City: NAPLES State: TX

A FEMALE COMPLAINANT WENT TO USE HER CLOTHES DRYER TO DRY SOME CURTAINS. SHE TURNED THE INDICATOR AND PUSHED THE START BUTTON. NOTHING HAPPENED, THE DRYER WOULD NOT COME ON. SHE THEN PUT HER HANDS ON TOP OF THE DRYER TO PULL HERSELF OVER TO LOOK BEHIND THE DRYER TO SEE IF IT WAS PLUGGED IN AND WHEN HER LEFT HAND TOUCHED THE DRYER WHERE THE DRYING TIMER IS LOCATED, IT WAS SO HOT SHE HAD TO REMOVE HER HAND IMMEDIATELY. SHE THEN FELT ON THE BACK OF THE DRYER AND FOUND THE HEATING ELEMENT WAS HEATING AND PROBABLY HAD BEEN SINCE THE LAST USE. THE DRYER HAD BEEN SITTING IDLE FOR SEVEN TO EIGHT DAYS (NO USE WHATSOEVER). THE DRYER WAS VERY HOT. SHE UNPLUGGED THE DRYER FROM THE WALL OUTLET TO BREAK ITS CONNECTION. NO DAMAGE WAS DONE TO THE HOME, NO FIRE OCCURRED.

Incident Date: 20011225 City: EDEN State: WI

A PHOTOELECTRIC NIGHTLIGHT BEING USED IN A BATHROOM OF AN OLDER SINGLE FAMILY HOME STARTED ON FIRE. RESIDENTS NOTICED THE FIRE AT APPROX. 3:00 A.M. FLAMES WERE VISIBLE EXTENDING UP FROM THE NIGHTLIGHT. THE FIRE WAS EXTINGUISHED BY PLACING A TOWEL ON THE NIGHTLIGHT AND KICKING IT OFF OF THE WALL RECEPTACLE. THERE WERE NO INJURIES. DAMAGE WAS MINIMAL.

Incident Date: 20020304 City: PORT ORCHARD State: WA

A COUPLE USED AN ELECTRIC DRIP COFFEE MAKER ALMOST EVERY DAY FOR ABOUT 7 YEARS. ON 3/4/2002, A CRACKLING NOISE WAS HEARD FROM THE UNIT AND THEN FLAMES APPROXIMATELY 4 INCHES HIGH WERE OBSERVED ON THE FRONT NEAR THE CONTROL PANEL. THE COFFEE MAKER'S ELECTRIC PLUG WAS REMOVED FROM THE WALL OUTLET AND FLAMES EXTINGUISHED. NO INJURY OR PROPERTY DAMAGE INVOLVED.

Incident Date: 20020415 City: MACOMB State: MI

THE CONSUMER NOTICED THAT THE POWER WAS NOT WORKING IN HER BEDROOM AND FOUND THAT ONE OF THE CIRCUIT BREAKERS HAD TRIPPED. THE CONSUMER FOUND THE OUTLET AND PLUG IN AIR FRESHENER CHARRED. AN ELECTRICIAN REPLACED THE OUTLET AND DETERMINED THAT THE CAUSE OF THE OVERHEATING WAS THE AIR FRESHENER. NO INJURIES OCCURRED.

Incident Date: 20020425 City: ELK MOUND State: WI

A NINE-MONTH-OLD GLUE GUN SHOT OUT A BALL OF FLAMES AFTER BEING PLUGGED INTO A WALL OUTLET FOR APPROXIMATELY TWO MINUTES. THE INCIDENT TRIPPED THE CIRCUIT BREAKER. THE CONSUMER IMMEDIATELY UNPLUGGED THE UNIT AND THREW IT OUTSIDE. NO FURTHER DAMAGES WERE REPORTED AND NO INJURIES OCCURRED.

Incident Date: 20021115 City: MILWAUKEE State: WI

A NEW LIGHT BULB IN A TEN-YEAR-OLD FLOOR LAMP MADE A 'POP' NOISE SHORTLY AFTER BEING TURNED ON AND SHOT FIVE-INCH FLAMES OUT OF THE SOCKET. THE CONSUMER IMMEDIATELY PULLED OUT THE PLUG FROM THE WALL OUTLET AND THE FLAMES EXTINGUISHED. THE LIGHT SOCKET WAS BURNED AND THE LIGHT BULB BASE WAS BURNED AWAY. NO INJURIES OCCURRED. (03-830-4944,4945)

Incident Date: 20020629 City: ROBERT State: LA

A 42-YEAR-OLD MALE DIED FROM ELECTROCUTION. THE VICTIM WAS ATTEMPTING TO REPLACE THE METAL PLATE OVER RECEPTACLES AND CIRCUIT BREAKERS LOCATED IN THE PANEL BOARD, WHEN THE METAL PLATE OR HIS HAND CAME IN CONTACT WITH A HOT LEAD. THE INCIDENT OCCURRED AT A CAMPGROUND. NO OTHER INJURIES OR DAMAGE WERE REPORTED.

Incident Date: 20021224 City: EATON State: OH

THE COMPLAINANT PLUGGED AN ELECTRIC ROASTER INTO THE APPLIANCE OUTLET OF A GE SPACE MAKER RADIO CASSETTE WITH COUNTER LIGHT AND APPLIANCE OUTLET. WHEN HE TRIED TO REMOVE THE PLUG OF THE ELECTRIC ROASTER FROM THE APPLIANCE OUTLET, IT APPEARED THAT THE APPLIANCE OUTLET HAD MELTED AND THEY WERE UNABLE TO REMOVE THE PLUG. THERE WAS NO FIRE AND NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 20020319 City: FREDERICKSBUR State: VA

APPROXIMATELY 15 MINUTES AFTER A 53-YEAR-OLD MALE COMPLETED PRESSING HIS CLOTHS, HIS STEAM IRON STARTED TO PRODUCE CRACKLING NOISES AND A BRIGHT GLOWING LIGHT THAT WAS APPARENT THROUGH A CLEAR WINDOW LOCATED ON THE IRON. AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT, THE STEAM IRON WAS STILL PLUGGED INTO A RECEPTACLE AND THE TEMPERATURE GAUGE WAS ACTIVATED. THERE WERE NO INJURIES OR PROPERTY DAMAGE ASSOCIATED WITH THIS INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 20020310 City: SOUTH DENNIS State: MA

A 34 YEAR-OLD MALE AND HIS 10 YEAR-OLD DAUGHTER WERE ALERTED BY AN ODOR OF BURNING PLASTIC AND DISCOVERED HALF-INCH SPARKS EMITTING FROM THE BACK OF AN ELECTRIC POWERED FLUORESCENT NIGHT-LIGHT THAT HAD BEEN PLUGGED INTO AN ELECTRIC OUTLET FOR APPROXIMATELY FIFTEEN MINUTES. THERE WERE NO INJURIES OR PROPERTY DAMAGE DUE TO THE INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 20010925 City: BANGOR State: ME

NO INJURY OCCURRED WHEN A SIX OUTLET ELECTRICAL POWER STRIP BEING USED WITH AN AQUARIUM FISH TANK BEGAN TO SMOKE, MELT AND BURN. THE INCIDENT WAS DISCOVERED WHEN THE COMPLAINANT RETURNED HOME AND MANAGED TO UNPLUG THE POWER STRIP AND ALERT THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Incident Date: 20020305 City: HARRISBURG State: PA

A SPACE HEATER LOCATED IN THE KITCHEN OF AN APARTMENT OVERHEATED CAUSING THE END OF THE CORD TO BURN AND FUSE TO THE ELECTRICAL OUTLET. THE FIRE SELF-EXTINGUISHED BEFORE FIRE PERSONNEL ARRIVED. THE VICTIM DIED FROM NATURAL CAUSES NOT RELATED TO THE FIRE.

Incident Date: 20020320 City: SHOW LOW State: AZ

A POP-UP TOASTER MALFUNCTIONED AND BEGAN EMITTING SMOKE AND FLAMES. THE SMOKE ALARM WOKE UP THE HOUSEHOLD. THE FAMILY Poured WATER OVER THE TOASTER AND UNPLUGGED IT FROM THE WALL OUTLET. NO ONE WAS INJURED DURING THIS FIRE.

Incident Date: 20020324 City: NEWVILLE State: PA

A 39 YEAR OLD MALE RECEIVED BURN INJURIES WHEN HE ATTEMPTED TO RESCUE HIS SON FROM A FIRE IN THEIR HOME. THE SON WAS RESCUED BY EMERGENCY WORKERS. THE FIRE STARTED IN AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET NEAR THE CHILD'S BEDROOM. DAMAGE WAS ESTIMATED AT \$50,000.

Incident Date: 20020311 City: DOYLESTOWN State: PA

A TWO YEARS OLD, 8 OUTLETS SURGE PROTECTOR MALFUNCTIONED, RESULTING IN SPARKS AND SMOKE EMITTING FROM THE SURGE PROTECTOR. A HOLE WAS BURNED INTO THE CARPET THAT WAS BENEATH THE SURGE PROTECTOR, RESULTING IN \$800.00 IN DAMAGES. NO OTHER DAMAGES OR INJURIES OCCURRED. A COMPUTER, LAMP, AND FAX MACHINE, CONNECTED TO THE SURGE PROTECTOR, WERE NOT ON AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 20010902 City: OSTERVILLE State: MA

NO INJURY OCCURRED WHEN AN EIGHT OUTLET SURGE SUPPRESSOR BEGAN TO SPARK, SMOKE AND OVERHEAT WHILE IN USE IN AN APARTMENT RESIDENCE LOCATED IN A PRIVATE CLUB COMPLEX.

Incident Date: 20020331 City: MOUNT AIRY State: MD

A 32-YEAR-OLD FEMALE STATED THAT A GFCI RECEPTACLE, LOCATED IN HER KITCHEN, BEGAN TO MAKE SNAPPING NOISES. IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE SNAPPING NOISES, SMOKE BEGAN STREAMING OUT FROM BEHIND THE RECEPTACLE; AND, THEN, A NEARBY REFRIGERATOR'S CIRCUIT BOARD MALFUNCTIONED. THERE WAS NO ADDITIONAL PROPERTY DAMAGE OR INJURIES ASSOCIATED WITH THIS INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 20020410 City: FAIRVIEW HEIGH State: IL

THE CONSUMER'S WIFE REFILLED HER HUMIDIFIER. APPROXIMATELY FIVE MINUTES LATER SHE NOTICED FLAMES COMING FROM THE HUMIDIFIER. THE PRODUCT WAS PURCHASED IN FEBRUARY 2002 FROM A LOCAL RETAIL STORE. THE PRODUCT WAS PLUGGED DIRECTLY INTO AN OUTLET AND WAS ON THE FLOOR OF THE MASTER BEDROOM WHERE IT WAS USED OVERNIGHT ON A DAILY BASIS FROM THE DAY OF PURCHASE UNTIL THE DAY OF THE INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 20020415 City: TUCSON State: AZ

THE METAL NAMEPLATE ON THE BACK OF A PROGRAMMABLE TIMER CAME UNGLUED AND FELL DOWN ON TOP OF THE METAL ELECTRIC CONNECTION PRONGS OF THE TIMER THAT PLUGGED INTO THE WALL ELECTRICAL OUTLET. THE CONTACT BETWEEN THE NAMEPLATE AND THE METAL PRONGS OF THE TIMER CAUSED ELECTRICAL SPARKS. NO ONE WAS INJURED DURING THIS INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 20020419 City: STANDARDSVILL State: VA

A 31 YEAR-OLD MALE WAS USING A GASOLINE POWERED CHAIN SAW WHEN THE CHAIN BRAKE HANDLE DETACHED. HE REPLACED THE HANDLE BUT LATER FOUND IT MELTING AT THE POINT OF ATTACHMENT, NEAR THE SAW EXHUAUST OUTLET. HE REPORTED THE INCIDENT AT A DESIGN FLAW SAFETY HAZARD. NO INJURY INCURRED.

Incident Date: 20020420 City: STATEN ISLAND State: NY

NO INJURIES OCCURRED WHEN A FORTY-SEVEN YEAR OLD MALE NOTICED BURN MARKS ON A WIRELESS TRANSCEIVER MODULE SYSTEM WHILE A LAMP WAS PLUGGED INTO IT AND THE UNIT WAS PLUGGED INTO A STANDARD DUPLEX WALL OUTLET IN HIS LIVING ROOM.

Incident Date: 20020419 City: BELLA VISTA State: AR

CONSUMER DISCOVERED HIS TOASTER OVEN PRODUCING BLACK SMOKE WHILE HE WAS USING IT. IT'S ELECTRICAL CORD WAS DISCONNECTED FROM WALL OUTLET BEFORE A FIRE STARTED. THE OWNER BELIEVES THE WIRING BETWEEN POWER CABLE AND THERMOSTAT IS TOO LOOSE. THE PRODUCT WAS COLLECTED AS SAMPLE AND SENT TO SAMPLE CUSTODIAN.

Incident Date: 20020417 City: SACHSE State: TX

AN UNOCCUPIED SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING SUSTAINED APPROXIMATELY \$10,000 IN PROPERTY DAMAGE AS A RESULT OF A FIRE. THE FIRE IS BELIEVED TO HAVE ORIGINATED IN A PLUG IN OIL SCENTED AIR FRESHENER THAT WAS PLUGGED INTO A WALL OUTLET. NO INJURIES WERE SUSTAINED.



Incident Date: 20010110 City: SEDRO WOOLEY State: WA

A COUPLE WAS EXPERIENCING FLU LIKE SYMPTOMS FOR A COUPLE OF WEEKS. THE COUPLE PURCHASED A CARBON MONOXIDE ALARM AND PLACED THE ALARM IN AN OUTLET IN THEIR ONE ROOM APARTMENT. THE CARBON MONOXIDE ALARM WENT OFF SHORTLY AFTER THEY PLUGGED IT IN AND WENT TO SLEEP. THE COUPLE TURNED OFF THEIR FURNACE. THE NEXT DAY A SERVICE TECHNICIAN FOUND THE FURNACE WAS EXPELLING CARBON MONOXIDE. THE FURNACE WAS SHUT OFF. NO ONE WAS FURTHER INJURED.

Incident Date: 20020424 City: WASHINGTON State: DC

A 46-YEAR-OLD MALE, HIS WIFE, AND 6-YEAR-OLD TWIN BOYS VACATED THEIR HOME AFTER DETECTING SPARKS AND SMOKE COMING OUT FROM AN UNUSED RECEPTACLE. FIRE PERSONNEL WERE CALLED TO THE SCENE AND DETERMINED THAT THE FIRE, WHICH SPREAD THROUGHOUT THE HOME'S THIRD FLOOR, WAS CAUSED BY AN "UNSPECIFIED SHORT-CIRCUIT ARC" THAT OCCURRED WITHIN THE HOME'S UNFINISHED ATTIC AREA. ALTHOUGH PROPERTY DAMAGE WAS ESTIMATED AT \$130,000, THERE WERE NO HUMAN INJURIES ASSOCIATED WITH THIS INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 20020424 City: SOLON State: OH

COMPLAINANT PURCHASED TWO NIGHT LIGHTS IN NOVEMBER OF 2001. AFTER USING NIGHT LIGHTS FOR ABOUT SIX MONTHS, COMPLAINANT NOTICED ONE OF THEM FLICKERING. WHEN HE TOUCHED IT, IT WAS HOT AND HE REMOVED IT FROM ITS RECEPTACLE. THE NEXT DAY HE WAS TALKING TO HIS SON WHO TOLD HIM THE SAME THING HAPPENED WITH THE SECOND LIGHT. NO DAMAGE WAS DONE AND NO ONE WAS INJURED.

Incident Date: 20020428 City: LEAWOOD State: KS

THE CONSUMER TURNED ON A FAN SHE HAD PLUGGED INTO AN OUTLET IN HER DAUGHTERS' ROOM. AFTER THE FAN RAN APPROXIMATELY 15 MINUTES, IT BEGAN TO SMOKE AND SHOOT SPARKS. THE COMPLAINANT UNPLUGGED THE FAN AND DISPOSED OF IT. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 20020429 City: SILVER SPRING State: MD

A FEMALE VICTIM, OF AN UNKNOWN AGE, STATED THAT HER WALL-MOUNTED POWER STRIP UNIT BEGAN "SHOOTING OUT" FIRE FROM VARIOUS OUTLETS. THE INCIDENT OCCURRED WITHIN THE VICTIM'S BASEMENT AFTER THE VICTIM'S HOUSEKEEPER ATTEMPTED TO RESET A TRIPPED CIRCUIT. THE LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENT WAS CALLED TO THE SCENE. ALTHOUGH THERE WERE NO INJURIES ASSOCIATED WITH THIS INCIDENT, PROPERTY DAMAGE WAS ESTIMATED AT \$95,000.

Incident Date: 20020429 City: BISHOP State: CA

A SIX RECEPTACLE WALL SOCKET EXPANDER CAUGHT ON FIRE AND SPARKED WHEN THE VICTIM PLUGGED A THIRD APPLIANCE INTO THE UNIT. NO INJURY OR PROPERTY DAMAGE SUSTAINED DURING THE INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 20020426 City: SNOWHILL State: MD

A 47-YEAR-OLD FEMALE STATED THAT SHE INSERTED A PLUG-IN ROOM DEODORIZER INTO A RECEPTACLE LOCATED IN AN OFFICE BUILDING. THE PLUG-IN ROOM DEODORIZER STARTED TO SMOKE AFTER THE PRODUCT HAD BEEN PLUGGED INTO THE RECEPTACLE FOR ONLY A 10 MINUTE TIME PERIOD. THERE WAS NO PROPERTY DAMAGE OR INJURIES ASSOCIATED WITH THIS INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 20020505 City: WINDHAM State: ME

WHILE A SMOKE ALARM SOUNDED AND THE ODOR OF BURNING PLASTIC FILLED HIS SINGLE FAMILY HOUSE A MALE COMPLAINANT INVESTIGATED THE CAUSE AND DISCOVERED ONE-FOOT LONG FLAMES AND SMOKE EMITTING FROM A SURGE PROTECTOR/BATTERY BACKUP COMBINATION UNIT THAT HAD BEEN PLUGGED INTO A WALL RECEPTACLE FOR FIVE MONTHS WITHOUT INCIDENT. THERE WERE NO INJURIES SUSTAINED DUE TO THE INCIDENT AND THERE WAS APPROXIMATELY \$2,000.00 IN DAMAGES.

Incident Date: 20000704 City: DALLAS State: TX

THE VICTIM, A 33 YEAR-OLD MALE, WAS WORKING ON AN ELECTRIC CLOTHES DRYER WHEN HE WAS ELECTROCUTED. THE VICTIM DIED IN THE EMERGENCY ROOM OF LOW VOLTAGE ELECTROCUTION. AN INVESTIGATION BY AN INDEPENDENT ENGINEERING FIRM REVEALED THE WALL OUTLET TO THE DRYER WAS WIRED WRONG.

Incident Date: 20020322 City: STERLING State: VA

A 42-YEAR-OLD FEMALE COMPLAINANT STATED THAT WHILE HER HUSBAND WAS VACUUMING THEIR KITCHEN FLOOR, THE CANISTER PORTION OF THEIR VACUUM CLEANER BEGAN TO SMOKE. THE VACUUM CLEANER'S PLUG WAS IMMEDIATELY REMOVED FROM ITS RECEPTACLE. THERE WAS NO PROPERTY DAMAGE OR INJURIES ASSOCIATED WITH THIS INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 20020314 City: ALOHA State: OR

A FIRE STARTED AT AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET CONNECTED TO A PORTABLE ELECTRIC HEATER IN A 25 YEAR OLD SINGLE FAMILY HOME. THE OCCUPANTS USED PORTABLE HEATERS AS THE SOLE SOURCE OF HEAT FOR SIX YEARS BEFORE THE FIRE. A PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR CONCLUDED THAT A CHILD SAFETY COVER ON THE ELECTRICAL OUTLET CONTRIBUTED TO THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE BY PREVENTING FULL ENGAGEMENT OF THE HEATER CORD PLUG IN THE OUTLET. THE INVESTIGATOR FOUND HEAT DAMAGE IN OTHER OUTLETS WITH CHILD SAFETY COVERS IN THE HOME WHERE HEATERS WERE USED. NO INJURIES WERE REPORTED. THE FIRE CAUSED \$45,000 PROPERTY DAMAGE.

Incident Date: 20020519 City: WASHINGTON State: DC

A FIRE STARTED IN A THREE-BEDROOM CONDOMINIUM AFTER THE OCCUPANTS PLUGGED AN EXTENSION CORD, SERVICING A SPOT LIGHT, INTO A LIVING ROOM RECEPTACLE. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT DETERMINED THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE TO BE AN UNSPECIFIED ELECTRICAL MALFUNCTION. ALTHOUGH THERE WERE NO HUMAN INJURIES ASSOCIATED WITH THIS INCIDENT, PROPERTY DAMAGE WAS ESTIMATED AT \$50,000.

Incident Date: 20020114 City: HONOLULU State: HI

A FIRE OCCURRED IN THE BEDROOM OF AN APARTMENT WHEN A 4-DAY-OLD PORTABLE ELECTRIC FAN SHORT-CIRCUITED WHILE PLUGGED INTO THE RECEPTACLE OF A DUPLEX WALL OUTLET. THE FAN WAS OFF AT THIS TIME. NO INJURIES OR DEATHS RESULTED HOWEVER THE FIRE CAUSED \$150,000 IN DAMAGED TO THE STRUCTURE AND \$75,000 IN DAMAGE TO ITS CONTENTS.

Incident Date: 20020423 City: CLINTON State: IA

ON 4/23/2002, A SURGE SUPPRESSOR WAS FOUND WITH TWO CHARRED AND BURNT OUTLETS. IT WAS TAKEN OUT OF SERVICE AND NO INJURIES OR DAMAGE WAS CAUSED.

Incident Date: 20020601 City: SAN ANGELO State: TX

A FIRE, ACCORDING TO A NEWSPAPER CLIPPING, WAS STARTED BY AN ELECTRIC EXTENSION CORD AT A SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE. UPON INVESTIGATING THIS INCIDENT, THE MOST PROBABLE CAUSE OF THE FIRE WAS AN ELECTRIC HAND HELD HAIRDRYER THE HOMEOWNER REWIRED A DAY PRIOR TO THE FIRE AND LEFT PLUGGED INTO A RECEPTACLE IN THE UTILITY ROOM. THE FIRE CAUSED \$80,000 IN PROPERTY DAMAGE AND \$40,000 IN PERSONAL PROPERTY DAMAGE. THE HOME WAS UNINSURED. NO INJURIES OCCURRED.

Incident Date: 20020521 City: PAYSON State: AZ

A FAMILY NOTICED THAT THEIR CORDLESS TELEPHONE WAS NOT WORKING. THEY CHECKED THE TELEPHONE POWER SUPPLY TRANSFORMER UNIT THAT WAS PLUGGED INTO A WALL OUTLET DUPLEX RECEPTACLE. THE WALL AROUND THE OUTLET WAS WARM. BOTH THE TRANSFORMER UNIT AND THE WALL OUTLET HAD SUFFERED HEAT DAMAGE. THE OWNER TURNED OFF THE ELECTRICAL POWER AND REMOVED THE TRANSFORMER AND WALL OUTLET. NO INJURIES OCCURRED.

Incident Date: 20020501 City: GEORGE State: IA

AN AIR FRESHENER/NIGHTLIGHT/OUTLET COMBINATION PRODUCT WAS PLUGGED INTO AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET IN A BEDROOM IN A CONSUMER'S HOME. AFTER APPROX. FIVE WEEKS OF USE THE CONSUMER WENT TO CHANGE THE AIR FRESHENER CARTRIDGE AND FOUND THAT THE NIGHTLIGHT COVER HAD MELTED. A HOLE HAD BURNED THROUGH THE BACK OF THE COVER. NO INJURIES OR PROPERTY DAMAGE.

Incident Date: 20020524 City: NAPERVILLE State: IL

THE CONSUMER WAS USING HER ELECTRIC STEAM IRON WHEN FLAMES BEGAN EMITTING FROM THE EXTENSION CORD NEAREST THE BASE OF THE IRON. WHILE UNPLUGGING THE IRON FROM THE OUTLET, AND ABOUT TWO SECONDS LATER, THE SILVER IRONING BOARD COVER CAUGHT ON FIRE. THE FLAMES ON THE IRON DIED OUT AFTER UNPLUGGING IT. THE CONSUMER'S RELATIVE PUT THE FIRE ON THE BOARD OUT WITH HIS BARE HANDS. NO INJURIES OCCURRED.

Incident Date: 20020525 City: ANDERSON State: IN

THE CONSUMER ACQUIRED A FOUR-SLICE TOASTER AS A GIFT AT christmas, 2001.WHEN SHE USED IT ONE MORNING IN MAY, 2002, FIRST SPARKS, THEN FLAMES, SHOT OUT OF ONE OF THE SLOTS WHERE A SLICE OF BREAD WAS TOASTING. SHE QUICKLY DISCONNECTED THE TOASTER FROM THE ELECTRICAL WALL OUTLET. NO ONE WAS INJURED.

Incident Date: 20020512 City: DAVENPORT State: IA

ON 5/12/2002, AN ELECTRIC LIGHT TIMER WAS IN USE WITH A LAMP, WHEN IT MALFUNCTIONED CAUSING A MELT DOWN INSIDE THE TIMER WHICH SPREAD TO THE OUTLET WALL PLATE. IT SELF EXTINGUISHED WITHOUT CAUSING FURTHER DAMAGE.

Incident Date: 20020511 City: FRESNO State: CA

FIRE OFFICIALS CITE AN ELECTRICAL WIRING SHORT CIRCUIT IN OR ABOUT AN OUTLET IN A BACKYARD SHED AS BEING RESPONSIBLE FOR A FIRE THAT IGNITED A COUCH AND OTHER NEARBY COMBUSTIBLE MATERIALS. A TENANT HAD WIRED THE SHED FIVE MONTHS PRIOR. AN EXTENSION CORD FROM THE HOME SUPPLIED POWER TO THE SHED.

Incident Date: 20020622 City: MAPLE GROVE State: MN

A CONSUMER WAS USING AN APPROXIMATE TWO YEAR OLD HAIR DRYER IN THE BATHROOM OF HER SINGLE FAMILY HOME. THE HAIR DRYER BEGAN TO EMIT SMOKE AND SPARKS FROM ITS HANDLE. THE CONSUMER IMMEDIATELY TURNED OFF THE PRODUCT, WHICH CONTINUED TO RUN, AND UNPLUGGED IT FROM A GFCI OUTLET. THERE WERE NO INJURIES OR ADDITIONAL PROPERTY DAMAGE.

Incident Date: 20020623 City: OGDEN State: KS

THE FIRE DEPARTMENT'S INVESTIGATOR DETERMINED THE CAUSE OF A HOUSE FIRE TO BE A SHORT IN THE CORD OF A CROCK-POT WHICH HAD MELTED IN THE FIRE. THE CROCK-POT WAS PLUGGED INTO AN OUTLET BUT WAS TURNED OFF. THE HOMEOWNER'S INSURANCE COMPANY HIRED AN INDEPENDENT FIRE INVESTIGATOR WHO DETERMINED THAT THE FIRE WAS CAUSED BY AN OVERHEATING CONDITION OF WIRES LOCATED INSIDE A WALL ON THE OPPOSITE SIDE OF THE KITCHEN FROM THE CROCK-POT LOCATION. TOTAL VALUE OF LOSS HAS NOT YET BEEN DETERMINED. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 20020627 City: YORK State: PA

AN EXTENSION CORD USED TO PLUG A WINDOW AIR CONDITIONER UNIT INTO A WALL OUTLET OVERHEATED CAUSING A FIRE IN THE BEDROOM OF A TWO STORY ROW HOUSE. THE THREE OCCUPANTS OF THE RESIDENCE ESCAPED WITHOUT INJURY.

Incident Date: 20020224 City: WAIANAE State: HI

A FIRE OCCURRED IN THE GARAGE OF A HOME AFTER A LP GAS DRYER WAS DISCONNECTED FROM ITS SUPPLY RESULTING IN THE IGNITION OF VENTED GAS AFTER A NEARBY ELECTRICAL OUTLET PRODUCED A SPARK. NO INJURIES OCCURRED AND ONLY MINIMAL FIRE AND WATER DAMAGE RESULTED.

Incident Date: 20020701 City: PEORIA State: IL

THE 28 YEAR OLD MALE VICTIM SUSTAINED A 3RD DEGREE BURN TO HIS RIGHT HAND AND SMOKE INHALATION WHEN TENDING TO A FIRE IN HIS HOME CAUSED BY FAULTY WIRING IN AN OUTLET. HE WAS TAKEN TO THE HOSPITAL WHERE HE WAS TREATED AND RELEASED.

Incident Date: 20020702 City: BELLA VISTA State: AR

ALTHOUGH NO INJURIES OR FIRE DAMAGES RESULTED, CONSUMER BELIEVES THE FIRE HAZARD IS SUBSTANTIAL. A 15 MONTH OLD ELECTRIC VACUUM CLEANER STARTED SMOKING AND FLAMING AFTER OWNER PLUGGED THE APPLIANCE CORD INTO WALL OUTLET. THE OWNER QUICKLY DRAGGED THE PRODUCT DOWNSTAIRS AND TO OUTSIDE OF HOUSE. PRODUCT COLLECTED AS SAMPLE.

Incident Date: 20020623 City: WEST HAVEN State: CT

THERE WERE NO INJURIES WHEN A 5-IN-1 MULTI-FUNCTION ADD-ON UNIT FOR USE WITH A HAND-HELD ELECTRONIC GAME EXPLODED INTO FLAMES AND FLEW ACROSS THE ROOM WHILE BEING CHARGED IN A HOUSEHOLD OUTLET. PROPERTY DAMAGE WAS ESTIMATED TO BE LESS THAN \$100.00. THE COMPLAINANT'S HUSBAND EXTINGUISHED THE FLAMES; THE LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENT WAS NOT NOTIFIED.

Incident Date: 20020504 City: WHITE HAVEN State: PA

CONSUMER HAD A SURGE PROTECTOR PLUGGED INTO THE WALL OUTLET WITH MULTIPLE APPLIANCES. SHE BEGAN TO SMELL AN ELECTRICAL BURNING ODOR. SHE CHECKED THE SURGE PROTECTOR AND UNPLUGGED THE ANSWERING MACHINE AND BATTERY CHARGER. ONE HOUR LATER, CONSUMER TURNED THE ELECTRIC HEATER "ON" AND NOTICED A SPARK COMING FROM THE SURGE PROTECTOR. SHE IMMEDIATELY UNPLUGGED ALL THE PRODUCTS AND NOTICED A BLACK MARK ON THE WALL. THE CONSUMER THEN UNPLUGGED THE SURGE PROTECTOR FROM THE WALL AND NOTICED A SPARK FROM THE SURGE PROTECTOR.

Incident Date: 20020630 City: AURORA State: IL

A HOUSE FIRE KILLED A 61-YEAR-OLD DISABLED AURORA, IL MAN AFTER ELECTRICAL CIRCUITS OVERLOADED AND THREW SPARKS ONTO A COUCH IN THE MAN'S LIVING ROOM. EXTENSION CORDS WERE USED TO PLUG IN SEVERAL APPLIANCES, INCLUDING AN AIR CONDITIONER, INTO AN OUTLET WITH ONLY TWO SOCKETS. THE FIRE INVESTIGATOR FOUND 30-AMP FUSE CONTROLLING THE LIVING ROOM CIRCUIT, WHICH WAS DESIGNED TO HANDLE A MAXIMUM OF 15 AMPS.

Incident Date: 20020622 City: GARRISON State: NY

THERE WERE NO INJURIES WHEN THE 50 YEAR-OLD MALE CONSUMER NOTED THAT A CRACK HAD DEVELOPED AROUND THE OUTLET FOR THE FUEL TANK OF HIS RIDING LAWN TRACTOR, CAUSING APPROXIMATELY 1 QUART OF GAS TO LEAK ONTO THE CONCRETE FLOOR OF HIS GARAGE.

Incident Date: 20020711 City: OSCEOLA State: WI

THE COMPLAINANT WALKED INTO THE LAUNDRY ROOM OF THEIR HOUSE AND SMELLED SOMETHING BURNING. HE REMOVED THE COVER OF THE GFCI RECEPTACLE COVER ADJACENT TO THE WASHING MACHINE. HE FOUND THAT IT HAD SHORTED OUT WHERE THE NEUTRAL WIRE CONNECTED TO THE RECEPTACLE. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 20020701 City: MEDFIELD State: MA

A 42 YEAR-OLD MALE SUFFERED SMOKE INHALATION WHILE ATTEMPTING TO SUPPRESS A FIRE IN HIS HOME OFFICE THAT WAS CAUSED WHEN SPARKS PRODUCED BY ELECTRICAL ARCING FROM A MULTI-RECEPTACLE SURGE PROTECTOR IGNITED NEARBY PAPERS. THE FIRE WAS CONFINED TO THE ROOM OF ORIGIN AND THE TWO-STORY SINGLE-FAMILY WOODEN-FRAMED STRUCTURE SUSTAINED SMOKE AND HEAT DAMAGE VALUED AT APPROXIMATELY \$3,000.00.

Incident Date: 20020711 City: SAN FRANCISCO State: CA

OFFICE WORKERS IN A FEDERAL OFFICE BUILDING SMELLED SMOKE. ONE OF THE EMPLOYEES FOLLOWED THE SOURCE AND LOOKED UNDERNEATH AN OFFICE DESK. SHE SAW A 7-OUTLET SURGE PROTECTOR ON FIRE. THE FIRE WAS CONFINED TO THE SURGE PROTECTOR. THE FIRE DAMAGED THE CARPET UNDERNEATH THE SURGE PROTECTOR. A COMPUTER, MONITOR, AND PRINTER POWER CORD WERE PLUGGED INTO THE SURGE PROTECTOR. ALL THREE COMPUTER EQUIPMENTS WERE IN THE "OFF" POSITION. NO ONE WAS INJURED IN THIS INCIDENT. THE SURGE PROTECTOR WITH ONE MELTED OUTLET WAS SAMPLED UNDER 02-840-6477.

Incident Date: 20020715 City: CORDOVA State: TN

A 59 YEAR-OLD MALE NOTICED HIS LOW VOLTAGE OUTDOOR LANDSCAPE LIGHTING TRANSFORMER HAD ARCED BETWEEN THE LOAD SCREW RECEPTACLES AND THE COMMON SCREW RECEPTACLES, BURNING AWAY THE CABLE THAT CONNECTED THE TRANSFORMER TO A RUN OF LOW VOLTAGE LIGHTS. THERE WERE NO INJURIES AND NO PROPERTY DAMAGE BECAUSE OF THE INCIDENT, EXCEPT TO THE TRANSFORMER WHICH COST APPROXIMATELY \$90.00.

Incident Date: 20020723 City: BIRMINGHAM State: MI

AN APPROXIMATELY ONE YEAR OLD SIX OUTLET SURGE SUPPRESSOR SHORTED OUT AND APPEARED TO HAVE OVERHEATED. AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT, THE CONSUMER HAD A TELEVISION, A VCR, AND A LAMP WITH A DIMMER SWITCH PLUGGED INTO THE SURGE SUPPRESSOR, WHICH WAS PLUGGED DIRECTLY INTO A WALL OUTLET. DAMAGE WAS LIMITED TO THE INTERNAL COMPONENTS OF THE SURGE SUPPRESSOR. NO INJURIES WERE SUSTAINED.

Incident Date: 20020710 City: BURLINGAME State: CA

THE VICTIM, A 54-YEAR-OLD FEMALE, PURCHASED A SEWING MACHINE IN 1974. THE 28-YEAR-OLD SEWING MACHINE WAS SITTING ON A DINING TABLE IN THE LIVING ROOM OF HER APARTMENT. THE POWER CORD WAS PLUGGED INTO A WALL OUTLET. WHILE SHE WAS DOWNSTAIRS WASHING HER CAR, THERE WAS A POWER OUTAGE IN HER AREA. WHEN THE POWER WAS TURNED BACK ON, THE SURGE OF ELECTRICITY STARTED A FIRE IN THE SEWING MACHINE ELECTRICAL WIRING AND PLASTIC HOUSING. THE FIRE WAS CONFINED TO THE SEWING MACHINE AND TO THE CONTENTS ON TOP OF THE TABLE. NO ONE WAS INJURED IN THIS INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 20020729 City: CHARLOTTE State: NC

A 45-YEAR OLD FEMALE WAS USING AN ELECTRIC HAND-HELD HAIRDRYER IN HER BATHROOM WHEN THE POWER CORD SPARKED AND CAUGHT ON FIRE (BURNED COMPLETELY IN-HALF). SHE TRIPPED THE BREAKER TO THE RECEPTACLE, CUTTING OFF THE ELECTRICAL POWER AND THE FIRE SELF-EXTINGUISHED. NO INJURIES OR PROPERTY DAMAGES OCCURRED.

Incident Date: 20020709 City: HUBBARD State: OH

A FIRE OCCURRED IN AN ELECTRICAL RECEPTACLE OF A WOOD-FRAME HOME. THE FIRE RESULTED IN \$800 DAMAGE. NO ONE WAS INJURED. THE FIRE IS THOUGHT TO BE RELATED TO A PROBLEM WITH AN ELECTRICAL PANELBOARD THAT WAS SAMPLED.

Incident Date: 20020801 City: CLINTON State: IA

THE VICTIM DIED FROM SMOKE INHALATION IN A FIRE THAT WAS POSSIBLY CAUSED BY A FAN PLUGGED INTO AN EXTENSION CORD AND AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET.

Incident Date: 20020309 City: DEKALB State: IL

A FIRE OCCURRED WHEN A BLOW DRYER APPARENTLY IGNITED AFTER BEING SHUT OFF AND LEFT PLUGGED INTO AN OUTLET IN A BATHROOM. THE CONSUMER REPORTED THAT THE ON/OFF SWITCH HAD BECOME NOTICEABLY LOOSE 2 TO 3 WEEKS BEFORE THE INCIDENT, BUT SHE CONTINUED TO USE IT. THE FIRE RESULTED IN \$5,000 IN DAMAGE. THE PRODUCT WAS DISCARDED AND NOT AVAILABLE FOR EXAMINATION.

Incident Date: 20020704 City: CRESTWOOD State: KY

THE CONSUMER PROVIDED INFORMATION THAT HIS 38-YEAR-OLD WIFE SUSTAINED A MILD SHOCK TO HER RIGHT HAND WHEN THE TWO-YEAR-OLD ELECTRIC HAIR DRYER THAT SHE WAS USING, BEGAN TO EMIT SPARKS FROM AROUND THE CONTROL SWITCH. THE CONSUMER ADVISED THAT HIS WIFE IMMEDIATELY UNPLUGGED THE HAIR DRYER FROM THE ELECTRICAL RECEPTACLE, AND AVOIDED ANY FURTHER DAMAGE OR INJURIES.

Incident Date: 20020406 City: MILLINOCKET State: ME

THERE WERE NO INJURIES WHEN A THREE-PRONGED PLUG FOR A RECHARGEABLE BATTERY POWERED HAND-HELD DRILL SYSTEM OVERHEATED RESULTING IN A 1/4-INCH DIAMETER HOLE IN ITS PLASTIC HOUSING. THE MULTI-RECEPTACLE POWER STRIP THAT IT WAS PLUGGED INTO WAS ALSO SLIGHTLY CHARRED. THERE WAS NO ADDITIONAL PROPERTY DAMAGE CAUSED BY THE INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 20020728 City: ARCATA State: CA

ONE OF TWO ELECTRICAL CURRENT TAPS PURCHASED BY A CONSUMER HAD A SKEWED PRONG CAUSED BY A SOLDER CONNECTION FAILURE. CONSUMER CONCERNED ABOUT POSSIBLE FIRE AND ELECTROCUTION HAZARDS AND SUGGESTED THAT THE WELD WEAKENED EITHER BY MECHANICAL TORQUE ON THE CURRENT TAP CASE OR BY EXCESSIVE HEAT GENERATED BY THE CONTACTS OF AN OLD OUTLET.

Incident Date: 20020823 City: NEWELL State: PA

A FIRE OCCURRED IN AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET INTO WHICH A WINDOW TYPE AIR CONDITIONER WAS PLUGGED INTO. THE FIRE SPREAD TO A NEIGHBOR'S HOUSE. NO ONE WAS AT HOME AT EITHER HOME WHEN THE FIRE OCCURRED. NO INJURIES OCCURRED. DAMAGE ESTIMATES WEREN'T AVAILABLE.

Incident Date: 20020822 City: ST. LOUIS State: MO

A 78-YEAR-OLD MALE WAS FOUND BY FIRE FIGHTERS UNCONSCIOUS AND BURNED ON THE FLOOR OF THE KITCHEN IN HIS RESIDENCE. THE CONSUMER DIED SEVERAL DAYS LATER. IT IS BELIEVED THAT THE CONSUMER WAS ATTEMPTING TO OPEN A CAN OF BEANS WITH A STAND UP CAN OPENER BUT WAS HAVING TROUBLE WITH THE CAN OPENER. INSURANCE INVESTIGATORS COLLECTED THE REMAINS OF THE CAN OPENER, A MICROWAVE, AND THE OUTLET THAT THEY WERE PLUGGED INTO. A 20 AMP CIRCUIT BREAKER WAS BLOWN.

Incident Date: 20020802 City: BLAINE State: MN

THE COMPLAINANT HAD A HAND HELD BABY MONITOR AND TELEVISION SYSTEM FOR WATCHING HER 14 MONTH OLD CHILD. THE BABY MONITOR QUIT WORKING ONE EVENING, BUT WAS STILL TURNED ON. THEY CHECKED THE AC ADAPTER FROM THE MONITOR THAT WAS PLUGGED INTO THE WALL OUTLET. IT WAS EXTREMELY HOT. THERE WAS NO PROPERTY DAMAGE OR INJURIES FROM THIS INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 20020809 City: CONCORD State: NH

A FIRE AT A TWO-FAMILY RESIDENCE HAS BEEN ATTRIBUTED TO THE IGNITION OF BEDDING BY AN ELECTRIC BLANKET. THIS ELECTRIC BLANKET HAD BEEN LEFT FOR TWO DAYS ON TOP OF A BED AND ROLLED UP WITH OTHER BEDDING, WHILE IT WAS PLUGGED INTO AN ELECTRICAL RECEPTACLE AND OPERATING. NO INJURIES RESULTED FROM THIS OCCURRENCE.

Incident Date: 20020821 City: SWEETWATER State: TN

AN EXTENSION CORD THAT CONNECTED A POWER CORD OF AN AIR CONDITIONER TO A WALL OUTLET IN A BEDROOM SHORTED OUT AND IGNITED, CATCHING BED LINENS ON FIRE. THE EXTENSION CORD HAD BECOME CRIMPED AS IT RAN UNDER THE LEG OF A BED FRAME IN THAT ROOM. THE ENTIRE HOUSE, APPROXIMATELY 650-SQ. FT., WAS DESTROYED AND DAMAGE TO THE STRUCTURE WAS ESTIMATED AT \$30,000.00. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 20020830 City: DELRAY BEACH State: FL

A FIFTY-ONE YEAR OLD FEMALE AND HER SIXTEEN YEAR OLD DAUGHTER SUSTAINED MINOR LACERATIONS ON THEIR FEET AS A RESULT OF STEPPING ON BROKEN GLASS FROM AN EXPLODED BULB FROM A NEWLY PURCHASED NIGHT LIGHT. THE RESPONDENT HAD INSERTED THE UNIT INTO A WALL RECEPTACLE INSIDE THE KITCHEN OF HER RESIDENCE WHEN IT EXPLODED.

Incident Date: 20020908 City: NEW YORK State: NY

A BEDROOM TABLE LAMP WITH A 150 WATT BULB WAS CONNECTED TO A 72 INCH EXTENSION CORD, WHICH IN TURN WAS CONNECTED TO A 36 INCH EXTENSION CORD PLUGGED INTO A DUPLEX WALL OUTLET. THE LAMP WAS TURNED ON AND UNATTENDED WHEN THE OUTLET OF THE LONGER CORD BEGAN TO MELT WHERE THE LAMP PLUG PRONGS WERE INSERTED. A 65-YEAR OLD MALE IN THE APARTMENT AT THE TIME, DISCONNECTED THE PLUG WITH NO RESULTANT PROPERTY DAMAGE OR INJURIES.

Incident Date: 20020917 City: MITCHEVILLE State: MD

RESPONDENT HAD AN AUTOMATIC NIGHT-LIGHT CONTINUOUSLY PLUGGED INTO AN OUTLET LOCATED IN THE STAIRWAY OF HER HOME IN MITCHEVILLE, MARYLAND. RESPONDENT SMELLED SOMETHING BURNING AND FOUND THE LIGHT SENSOR EYE ON THE FRONT OF THE NIGHT-LIGHT BURNING. THERE WAS NO INJURY OR PROPERTY DAMAGED INVOLVED IN THIS INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 20020903 City: LINCOLN State: NE

A WAX POT USED TO HEAT WAX TO GIVE AN AROMA TO A ROOM HAD BEEN PLUGGED IN FOR MOST OF THE AFTERNOON IN THE DUPLEX OF A HOME BUILT IN 1904. THE FIRE WAS DUE TO RESISTANCE HEATING OF THE RECEPTACLE AND PLUG. LIGHT COMBUSTIBLES LOCATED IN THE AREA WERE THEN IGNITED. THE FIRE WAS CONTAINED TO THE AREA OF ORIGIN. THERE WERE NO INJURIES. SMOKE DETECTOR WAS IN THE DUPLEX HOWEVER, IT DID NOT ALERT THE TENANT.

Incident Date: 20020826 City: SAN FRANCISCO State: CA

THE COMPLAINANT, A 25-YEAR-OLD FEMALE, PLUGGED THE ELECTRIC IRON CORD INTO A WALL OUTLET. THE IRON WAS SITTING UPRIGHT ON AN IRONING BOARD. TEN MINUTES LATER, SHE SAW SMOKE COMING FROM THE TOP OF THE IRON. SHE ALSO SAW AN ORANGE GLOW COMING FROM INSIDE THE SEAM ON THE SIDE OF THE IRON. SHE THEN UNPLUGGED THE IRON. THE IRON WAS COLLECTED AS A CPSC SAMPLE.

Incident Date: 20020917 City: MIDWEST CITY State: OK

A RECHARGEABLE LANTERN, OR FLASHLIGHT, WAS PLUGGED INTO AN ELECTRIC WALL OUTLET AT A CONSUMER'S HOME. THE LANTERN'S PLUG AREA OVERHEATED, MELTED AND RELEASED SOME SMOKE. A HOUSE CIRCUIT BREAKER TURNED OFF ELECTRICITY TO THE LANTERN SO IT HAD LITTLE DAMAGE. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 20020920 City: VIRGINIA BEACH State: VA

A 42 YEAR-OLD MALE, ATTEMPTING TO UNPLUG AN ELECTRIC COFFEE MAKER THAT WAS LEAKING ONTO THE COUNTERTOP ON WHICH IT WAS SETTING, EXPERIENCED A "MILD SHOCK" WHEN HE REMOVED THE ELECTRICAL PLUG FROM THE OUTLET.



Incident Date: 20020831 City: WARNERVILLE State: NY

A BATTERY-OPERATED SMOKE DETECTOR ACTIVATED ALERTING A FAMILY OF FIVE TO A RESIDENTIAL FIRE CAUSED BY A LAMP WITH 3-WAY BULB PLUGGED INTO A RECENTLY INSTALLED ELECTRICAL OUTLET. PROPERTY/CONTENTS DAMAGE WAS ESTIMATED TO BE \$95,000.00. THE ELECTRICAL OUTLET WAS NOT INSTALLED BY A LICENSED ELECTRICIAN. A 23 YEAR-OLD FEMALE WAS TREATED ON-SCENE FOR SMOKE INHALATION.

Incident Date: 20020824 City: MILFORD State: MA

APPROXIMATELY 30-MINUTES AFTER TURNING ON A STATIONARY TWIN BLADE WINDOW FAN AN ADULT FEMALE CONSUMER SAW SPARKS AND SMOKE EMITTING FROM THE TWO MOTOR HOUSINGS. SHE CUT THE POWER TO THE UNIT BY REMOVING THE PLUG FROM THE WALL RECEPTACLE CAUSING THE SMOKE AND SPARKS TO CEASE, THEN REMOVED THE FAN FROM THE WINDOW AND CARRIED IT OUTSIDE. THERE WAS NO PROPERTY DAMAGE AND NO INJURIES DUE TO THE INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 20021007 City: SAN MARINO State: CA

COMPLAINANT ADVISED THAT WHILE SHE WAS IN HER RESIDENCE, SHE HEARD A SMOKE DETECTOR ALARM SOUNDING. SHE DISCOVERED A HAIR DRYER PLUGGED INTO AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET WAS ON AND SAW SMOKE COMING FROM THE PRODUCT. THE COMPLAINANT SAW THE PRODUCT WAS IN THE "OFF" POSITION AND UNPLUGGED THE UNIT. NO INJURY OR PROPERTY DAMAGE OCCURRED.

Incident Date: 20020519 City: POKOMOKE State: MD

A HOUSE FIRE COMPLETELY DESTROYED A LOW INCOME PROPERTY. THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE WAS BLAMED ON AN ELECTRIC POTPOURRI POT, WHICH OVER HEATED AFTER THE WATER IN THE POT WAS ALLOWED TO EVAPORATE. ADDITIONALLY A MULTI-PLUG OUTLET INSERTED INTO A WALL RECEPTACLE IS BELIEVED TO BE A CONTRIBUTING CAUSE. THERE WERE NO DEATHS OR INJURIES ASSOCIATED WITH THIS INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 20020101 City: WASHINGTON State: IN

DURING THE SUMMER OF 2002, THE ELECTRIC TREADMILL WAS BEING USED BY THE COMPLAINANT'S MOTHER, A 61 YEAR OLD FEMALE, AT HER RESIDENCE. AN ELECTRIC FAN WAS PLUGGED INTO THE SAME OUTLET AS WAS BEING USED BY THE TREADMILL. THE FAN WAS ATTACHED TO THE TREADMILL USING THE FAN'S CLIP-ON DEVICE. WITH THE ACTIVATION OF THE FAN, THE TREADMILL'S WALKING BELT BEGAN TO MOVE AND ACCELERATE. THE WALKING BELT THEN DECELERATED AND STOPPED. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 20020814 City: GRANTS PASS State: OR

AN ADULT MALE TURNED ON A LAMP THAT HAD A LIGHT BULB INSTALLED IN THE SOCKET. FLAMES TWO FEET TALL CAME FROM THE LIGHT BULB UP THROUGH THE LAMP SHADE LIKE A FUNNEL. THE MAN PULLED THE LAMP CORD FROM THE WALL OUTLET AND TOOK THE LAMP OUTSIDE. NO ONE WAS INJURED.

Incident Date: 20021013 City: LILBURN State: GA

A 23 YEAR OLD FEMALE WAS USING A HAND HELD HAIR DRYER TO DRY HER HAIR WHEN THE 110 VOLT OUTLET, WHICH CONTAINS A GROUND FAULT INTERRUPTER, BEGAN TO SMOKE. SHE UNPLUGGED THE HAIR DRYER AND THE SMOKE STOPPED. THERE WERE NO INJURIES INVOLVED IN THE INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 20021023 City: BELVIDERE State: IL

A 37-YEART-OLD-MALE DIED IN A HOUSE FIRE WHICH CAUSED MORE THAN \$70,000 IN DAMAGE. THE FIRE ORIGINATED IN THE AREA WHERE A PORTABLE ELECTRIC SPACE HEATER WAS POSSIBLY CONNECTED TO WALL OUTLET WITH A STANDARD EXTENSION CORD, AND VARIOUS OTHER ELECTRICAL DEVICES WERE ALSO LOCATED. THE CIRCUIT HAD A 30-AMP FUSE INSTALLED AT THE ELECTRICAL BOX.

Incident Date: 20021005 City: STOUGHTON State: MA

WHILE PROVIDING ELECTRICITY TO AQUARIUM ACCESSORIES A MULTI-RECEPTACLE SURGE PROTECTOR OVERHEATED CAUSING SLIGHT HEAT DAMAGE TO THE CARPET THAT IT WAS ON. THERE WERE NO INJURIES OR PROPERTY DAMAGE AS A RESULT OF THE INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 20020916 City: CARROLLTON State: TX

THE VICTIM, AN ELEVEN MONTH-OLD MALE, SUSTAINED SECOND AND THIRD DEGREE BURNS TO HIS LEFT HAND WHEN HE PLACED HIS HAND ON OR THE NEAR THE MIST OUTLET GRILLE OF A HUMIDIFIER. AFTER SEVERAL VISITS TO A PHYSICIAN, THE VICTIM APPEARS TO HAVE FULLY RECOVERED.

Incident Date: 20021103 City: PROVIDENCE State: RI

AN ELECTRIC RECEPTACLE LOCATED IN THE SERVICE AREA OF A RESTAURANT BAR SHORTED OUT IGNITING THE WALL IT WAS MOUNTED TO. THE RESULTING FIRE CAUSED APPROXIMATELY \$150,000 DAMAGE. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 20021029 City: EAST PALO ALTO State: CA

A RESIDENTIAL FIRE OCCURRED WHEN A FAULTY SURGE PROTECTOR CORD IGNITED NEARBY COMBUSTIBLES. THE SURGE PROTECTOR WAS PLUGGED INTO AN ELECTRICAL WALL OUTLET BUT NO ITEMS WERE PLUGGED INTO THE SURGE PROTECTOR. FIRE DAMAGE WAS ESTIMATED AT \$110,000. NO INJURY OCCURRED.

Incident Date: 20021111 City: EDEN PRAIRIE State: MN

A CONSUMER WAS HOME IN HER APARTMENT WHEN SHE SMELLED A BURNING ODOR. THE RESIDENT ENTERING A SMOKE FILLED BEDROOM AND SAW GREY SMOKE EMITTING OUT THE BACK OF HER STEREO SYSTEM. THE PRODUCT WAS IMMEDIATELY UNPLUGGED FROM THE ELECTRICAL OUTLET AND REMOVED FROM THE APARTMENT. THERE WERE NO INJURIES OR ADDITIONAL PROPERTY DAMAGE.

Incident Date: 20021113 City: OREGONIA State: OH

THE COMPLAINANT'S ELECTRIC POWER TAP/SURGE PROTECTOR SHORT-CIRCUITED AND FLAMES WERE COMING FROM ONE OF THE RECEPTACLES. HE IMMEDIATELY DISCONNECTED THE SURGE PROTECTOR FROM THE POWER SOURCE AND DISCONTINUED USE. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 20021124 City: CHATHAM State: NJ

A 39-YEAR OLD MALE VICTIM SUFFERED SEVERE BURNS ON HIS FACE AND HEAD WHEN A FAULTY WALL ELECTRICAL OUTLET IGNITED A MATTRESS AND BEDDING CAUSING A FIRE. THE INCIDENT OCCURRED IN THE BEDROOM OF THE VICTIMS SECOND FLOOR APARTMENT LOCATED IN A THREE-FLOOR, TWO-FAMILY HOME. THE VICTIMS 34-YEAR OLD SISTER AND HER THREE YEAR OLD SON ALSO SUFFERED BURNS ON THEIR ARMS AND HANDS. ALL OF THE VICTIMS WERE TAKEN AND TREATED AT A LOCAL HOSPITAL.

Incident Date: 20021117 City: CLEARWATER State: FL

TWO (2) IDENTICAL COFFEE URNS WERE PLUGGED INTO A WALL OUTLET BY A 38 YEAR OLD FEMALE. WITHIN MINUTES, SMOKE WAS OBSERVED COMING OUT OF THE BOTTOM OF EACH COFFEE URN. NO INJURIES ARE REPORTED.

Incident Date: 20021005 City: FLOWER MOUND State: TX

THIS MINOR INJURY INVESTIGATION INVOLVES A CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTOR THAT MALFUNCTIONED AS IT WAS BEING UNPLUGGED FROM THE WALL OUTLET. THE COMPLAINANT WAS IN THE PROCESS OF UNPLUGGING THE UNIT FROM THE ELECTRICAL WALL OUTLET. HE PULLED ON THE UNIT AND IT SEPARATED FROM THE PLUG WITH WIRES EXPOSED. HE TOUCHED THE EXPOSED WIRES ACCIDENTAL AND SUSTAINED A SHOCK. NO MEDICAL TREATMENT WAS REQUIRED.

Incident Date: 20020929 City: MELVINDALE State: MI

A CONSUMER PLUGGED AN AUTOMATIC PERCOLATOR IN AN APPLIANCE OUTLET IN A SPACEMAKER, AM/FM RADIO FOR APPROXIMATELY EIGHT HOURS. WHEN HE ATTEMPTED TO UNPLUG THE PERCOLATOR FROM THE RADIO'S APPLIANCE OUTLET, HE NOTICED THE PERCOLATOR'S PLUG HAD MELTED AND BROKE OFF INTO THE OUTLET. NO PROPERTY DAMAGE OR INJURIES WERE SUSTAINED.

Incident Date: 20021126 City: CRANBERRY State: PA

AN EXEMPLAR SAMPLE OF AN EIGHT OUTLET POWER SUPPLY WAS DISCOVERED TO HAVE A SAFETY HAZARD. THE HOT LEAD LAYS ATOP THE GROUND WIRE. USAGE COULD ALLOW HIGH RESISTANCE HEATING AND POSSIBLY CAUSE A FIRE.

Incident Date: 20021127 City: NICEVILLE State: FL

THE HOMEOWNER BELIEVED THAT A PORTABLE ELECTRIC HEATER CAUSED A FIRE IN HIS HOME. EVEN THOUGH THE HEATER WAS MALFUNCTIONING, THE ELECTRICAL RECEPTACLE AND THE HEATER WERE NOT DAMAGED IN THE FIRE. THE SOURCE OF THE FIRE WAS ANOTHER ELECTRICAL RECEPTACLE WHICH WAS ON THIS SAME CIRCUIT. THIS SECOND ELECTRICAL RECEPTACLE MELTED AND CAUGHT THE LOVE SEAT ON FIRE. THE HOMEOWNER PUT OUT THE FIRE WITHOUT ASSISTANCE FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND THEIR WERE NO INJURIES. DAMAGES WERE ABOUT \$2,000.

Incident Date: 20021127 City: HOLLAND State: PA

WHILE IN USE, A PORTABLE, ELECTRIC SPACE HEATER BEGAN EMITTING FLAMES. THE HEATER WAS CONNECTED DIRECTLY TO A WALL RECEPTACLE. THE COMPLAINANT EXTINGUISHED THE FLAMES BY PULLING THE PLUG AND THROWING FLOUR ON THE UNIT. DAMAGES WERE CONFINED TO THE HEATER.

Incident Date: 20021007 City: COLLEGE MOUND State: MO

THE VOLUNTEER FIRE CHIEF COULD NOT DETERMINE THE CAUSE OF A MOBILE HOME FIRE. THE RENTER TOLD THE CHIEF HE WAS HAVING ELECTRICAL PROBLEMS LIKE OUTLETS NOT WORKING. THE RENTER WAS AWAKENED BY A SMOKE DETECTOR GOING OFF AND HE PUT OUT A FIRE BEHIND THE ELECTRIC RANGE. NO INJURY. DATA ON THE MOBILE HOME, SMOKE DETECTOR AND ELECTRIC RANGE WAS NOT OBTAINED.

Incident Date: 20021110 City: BANKS State: OR

A TABLE LAMP EMITTED SPARKS THE FIRST TIME THE LAMP WAS TURNED ON AFTER A REPLACEMENT BULB WAS INSTALLED IN THE LAMP. THE OWNER PULLED THE POWER CORD PLUG OUT OF THE ELECTRICAL OUTLET AND DAMAGE WAS CONFINED TO THE LAMP. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 20020803 City: CONCORD State: NH

NO INJURY OCCURRED WHEN A COILED ROPE LIGHT THAT WAS PLUGGED INTO A WALL OUTLET OVERHEATED AND BEGAN TO MELT AND BURN A BEDROOM CARPET.

Incident Date: 20021031 City: BLAUVELT State: NY

THERE WERE NO INJURIES WHEN THE COMPLAINANT'S HUSBAND DISCOVERED THAT THEIR 8-FOOT, ELECTRIC, INFLATABLE HALLOWEEN DECORATION HAD DEFLATED AND WAS MELTED / BURNED IN SEVERAL DIFFERENT LOCATIONS. THE PRODUCT WAS PLUGGED INTO AN OUTSIDE OUTLET VIA AN EXTENSION CORD AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 20021210 City: ST. PAUL State: MN

A FAMILY AWOKE TO A SMOKE ALARM SOUNDING. ENTERING A BATHROOM, SMOKE WAS SEEN COMING FROM A HAIR DRYER LEFT IN THE "OFF" POSITION BUT STILL PLUGGED INTO AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET. THE HAIR DRYER HAD BEEN LEFT TWO DAYS EARLIER LYING ON SOME COTTON TOWELS THAT WERE HANGING ON A TOWEL BAR. THE HAIR DRYER, WHICH HAD MELTED SEVERELY, WAS UNPLUGGED, PLACED IN A BATHTUB, AND SMOTHERED WITH TOWELS. NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 20021211 City: MESA State: AZ

A SMOLDERING HOUSE FIRE BEGAN IN THE AREA OF A WALL OUTLET IN THE MASTER BEDROOM. AN AIR FRESHENER / FRAGRANCE PLUG-IN AND A STEREO WERE PLUGGED INTO THIS OUTLET. THE CITY FIRE INVESTIGATOR RULED OUT THE STEREO AS THE CAUSED OF THIS FIRE.

Incident Date: 20020901 City: LAS VEGAS State: NV

VICTIM HAD A/C ADAPTER PLUGGED INTO WALL ELECTRICAL OUTLET AND INTO A DIGITAL CAMERA, WHEN HE TOUCHED THE BACK OF THE COMPUTER CASING HE RECEIVED A SHOCK. NO INJURY OCCURRED DURING THE INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 20021014 City: BOURBONNAIS State: IL

A HOUSE FIRE CAUSE APPROXIMATELY \$30,000 IN DAMAGE TO THE GARAGE AND ATTIC WHEN WIRING IN AN OVER-FUSED CIRCUIT APPARENTLY EXPERIENCED INTERNAL SHORTING AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS. THE INVESTIGATOR WAS UNABLE TO DETERMINE WHAT LOADS WERE CONNECTED TO THE CIRCUIT, BUT NOTED THAT THE CIRCUIT WAS ATTACHED TO MULTIPLE IN-USE RECEPTACLES AND AN AIR-COMPRESSOR WAS LOCATED IN THE DEBRIS.

Incident Date: 20021209 City: CLIFTON PARK State: NY

THE MALE COMPLAINANT SUFFERED MINOR BURNS TO HIS FINGERTIPS WHEN HE PICKED UP A TOASTER OVEN THAT HAD CAUGHT FIRE. THE TOASTER OVEN WAS TURNED OFF AND PLUGGED INTO A MULTI-STRIP OUTLET AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 20021225 City: FORT WORTH State: TX

THE 7 YEAR OLD MALE VICTIM SUATAINED BURNS TO HIS RIGHT FOOT WHEN AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET IN HIS LIVING ROOM CAUGHT FIRE AND HE TRIED TO STOMP IT OUT. HE WAS TAKEN BY AMBULANCE TO THE HOSPITAL WHERE HE WAS TREATED AND RELEASED. THERE WAS NO CLOTHING IGNITED.

Incident Date: 20021224 City: DESTREHAN State: LA

A CONSUMER REPORTED THAT THE INTERIOR OF HIS GARAGE AND ITS CONTENTS WERE DESTROYED BY FIRE. THE FIRE OCCURRED AFTER AN ELECTRIC SCOOTER WAS PLUGGED INTO A DUPLEX OUTLET IN THE GARAGE. NO INJURIES WERE SUSTAINED. THERE WAS AN ESTIMATED \$25,000 DAMAGE TO THE GARAGE AND ITS' CONTENTS.

Incident Date: 20021226 City: LADSON State: SC

AN ON/OFF SWITCH ON A 24" FLUORESCENT AQUARIUM REFLECTOR STARTED SMOKING AND BURNING WHILE THE REFLECTOR WAS ON. THE COMPLAINANT UNPLUGGED THE REFLECTOR FROM THE ELECTRICAL OUTLET PRIOR TO ANY ADDITIONAL FIRE OCCURRING. THE FIRE WAS LIMITED TO THE SWITCH ON THE REFLECTOR.

Incident Date: 20021229 City: POMPANO BEAC State: FL

A THIRTY-SIX YEAR OLD FEMALE REQUIRED HOSPITALIZATION DUE TO SMOKE INHALATION AND MINOR BURNS SUSTAINED IN A FIRE INSIDE HER ATTACHED TOWNHOUSE TYPE RESIDENCE. THE FIRE WAS CAUSED BY A MALFUNCTION IN AN ELECTRICAL RECEPTACLE INSIDE A BATHROOM. A FACTOR IN THE INCIDENT WAS THE USE OF AN EXTENSION CORD RUN FROM THE OUTLET TO A REFRIGERATOR APPLIANCE IN THE LAUNDRY ROOM. IT WAS DETERMINED THAT THE OUTLET SHORTED OUT DUE TO THE IMPROPER SIZED BREAKER AND EXTENSION CORD SUPPLIED TO THE REFRIGERATOR. NO DAMAGE ESTIMATES ARE AVAILABLE.

Incident Date: 20021121 City: SAN MARTIN State: CA

THE VICTIM, A 75-YEAR-OLD FEMALE, WAS ASLEEP IN HER BED. SHE WAS AWAKENED IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT BY HER BARKING DOG. SHE IMMEDIATELY SAW FLAMES IN THE LIVING ROOM. SHE THEN LEFT THE HOUSE. SHE WAS NOT INJURED IN THIS INCIDENT. VICTIM'S DAUGHTER INFORMED ME THAT A MULTI-OUTLET POWER STRIP PLUG STARTED THE FIRE. THE MULTI-OUTLET POWER CORD WAS PLUGGED INTO A WALL OUTLET. SHE SAID TWO TELEVISION SETS AND A RADIO WERE PLUGGED INTO THIS MULTI-OUTLET POWER STRIP. THE MULTI-OUTLET POWER STRIP WAS DESTROYED BY THE FIRE AND DISCARDED AFTER THE FIRE.

Incident Date: 20021201 City: MELVINDALE State: MI

A CONSUMER PLUGGED A MINI FLUORESCENT NIGHT LIGHT INTO A WALL OUTLET IN A BATHROOM. SEVERAL MONTHS LATER, HER ADULT SON HEARD A BUZZING/HUMMING NOISE COMING FROM THE NIGHT LIGHT AND UNPLUGGED THE UNIT. THE CONSUMER EXAMINED THE NIGHT LIGHT AND OBSERVED THE CASING OF THE LIGHT SHOWED EVIDENCE OF MELTING AND THE ACTUAL FLUORESCENT LIGHT APPEARED TO BE DEFORMED. SHE DISCONTINUED THE USE OF THE NIGHT LIGHT AND NO INJURIES WERE SUSTAINED.

Incident Date: 20021001 City: GRANTS PASS State: OR

A 30-CUP COFFEE MAKER EMITTED SMOKE THE FIRST TIME IT WAS PLUGGED INTO AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET. THE COFFEE MAKER WAS PURCHASED FOR USE IN A FOREST FIRE FIGHTER'S CAMP. THE CAMP EMPLOYEES UNPLUGGED THE COFFEE MAKER AND DISCONTINUED USE IMMEDIATELY. NO INJURIES WERE REPORTED.

Incident Date: 20021227 City: FAYETTEVILLE State: NC

A 46 YEAR OLD MALE DIED FROM MONOXIDE TOXICITY AS A RESULT OF A FIRE IN HIS TWO ROOM APARTMENT. THE VICTIM HAD A 6' TWO WIRE EXTENSION CORD PLUGGED INTO AN OUTLET AND HAD HIS BED PUSHED AGAINST THE WALL CRIMPING THE EXTENSION CORD. THE CORD OVERHEATED AND IGNITED THE MATTRESS AND BEDDING. THE APARTMENT SUSTAINED \$20,000 DAMAGE FROM THE FIRE.

Incident Date: 20020209 City: JEANERETTE State: LA

A HOUSE FIRE CAUSED AN ESTIMATED \$115,600 DAMAGE. THE FIRE ORIGINATED IN AN AREA WHERE THERE WAS AN ELECTRICAL TOY AND FLOOR LAMP PLUGGED INTO A DUPLEX OUTLET. NO SERIOUS INJURIES WERE REPORTED.

Incident Date: 20021110 City: LOVELOCK State: NV

A BRAND-NEW SIX-OUTLET SURGE PROTECTOR MALFUNCTIONED AFTER ONLY ONE-HALF HOUR OF BEING PLUGGED IN AND CONNECTED TO A TOUCH-TYPE TABLE LAMP WITH A 40-WATT INCANDESCENT LIGHT BULB. THERE WAS A BURNED SPOT ABOUT THE SIZE OF A THUMB PRINT NEAR WHERE THE CORD ENTERS THE CASE AND MELTED PLASTIC IN THE IMMEDIATE AREA OF THE SPOT. THE RESPONDENT UNPLUGGED THE PROTECTOR, AND NO FURTHER DAMAGE OCCURRED.

Incident Date: 20021206 City: NORTH BERGEN State: NJ

A 71 YEAR OLD FEMALE DIED FROM SMOKE INHALATION AND BURNS IN A SENIOR CITIZEN COMPLEX FIRE CAUSED BY A FAULTY WALL OUTLET AND PANELBOARD/CIRCUIT BREAKER BOX. DAMAGE WAS CONTAINED TO THE ORIGIN APARTMENT. THERE WERE OTHER MINOR INJURIES TO OTHER TENANTS AND FIRE PERSONNEL.

Incident Date: 20021023 City: LYNNWOOD State: WA

COMPLAINANT REPORTED THAT TOASTER OVEN/BROILER WAS PLUGGED INTO WALL OUTLET BUT HAD NOT BEEN USED FOR 2 OR 3 DAYS. WHILE COMPLAINANT AND HIS WIFE WERE EATING DINNER THEY HEARD A "CRACKLING" SOUND. COMPLAINANT INVESTIGATED AND FOUND TOASTER OVEN HEATING ELEMENTS HEATING UP, BUT NEITHER PERSON HAD ACTIVATED THE UNIT.

Incident Date: 20001226 City: PLAINFIELD State: IL

A MOVEABLE ELECTRIC BASEBOARD HEATER OVERHEATED WHILE PLUGGED INTO A RECEPTACLE IN THE CONSUMERS BEDROOM, CAUSING A STRONG BURNING ODOR. WHEN THE CONSUMER UNPLUGGED THE PRODUCT, SHE FOUND THAT THE PLASTIC AROUND THE PLUG BLADES HAD MELTED AND THE WALL RECEPTACLE ALSO EXHIBITED EVIDENCE OF OVERHEATING AT THE OPENINGS. THE MANUFACTURER RECALLED THE SAME HEATER MODEL ON 02/07/02, BUT THE SUBJECT PRODUCT DATE CODE WAS NOT INCLUDED IN THE RECALL.

Incident Date: 20021126 City: BRONX State: NY

AN ELECTRIC NIGHTLIGHT WAS PLUGGED INTO A RESIDENTIAL WALL OUTLET FOR ONE-MINUTE, WHEN ITS 4-WATT BULB EXPLODED AND PLASTIC BASE BEGAN TO MELT, WITH NO RESULTANT FIRE OR INJURY. TWO IDENTICAL NIGHTLIGHT WERE SUBSEQUENTLY USED IN THE SAME OUTLET AND THE BULBS EXPLODED WITHIN SECONDS BLOWING FUSES AND TRIPPING CIRCUITS, WITH NO RESULTANT FIRE OR INJURY.

Incident Date: 20021030 City: CHASE MILLS State: NY

A SPACEMAKER STEREO RADIO/CASSETTE PLAYER WITH COUNTER LIGHT AND APPLIANCE OUTLET CAUSED A KITCHEN FIRE.

Incident Date: 20000112 City: WARWICK State: RI

THE 52-YEAR-OLD FEMALE VICTIM RECEIVED A DISLOCATION INJURY TO HER RIGHT PINKY FINGER, AND CARTILAGE INJURY TO HER LEFT WRIST, WHEN SHE FELL ON THE BELT OF THE ELECTRIC TREADMILL SHE WAS USING. SHE WAS EXERCISING ON THE TREADMILL AT A WALKING SPEED, WHEN IT UNEXPECTEDLY SPED UP CAUSING THE CONSUMER TO FALL. SHE REMOVED THE KEY FROM THE TREADMILL TO SHUT IT DOWN, BUT THE UNIT DID NOT STOP. SHE WAS ABLE TO STOP THE MACHINE BY UNPLUGGING THE TREADMILL AT THE OUTLET.

Incident Date: 19800108 City: State:

OWNER/RESPONDENT STATES THAT THE ONLY REPAIRS MADE TO THE SET WERE DURING THE FIRST YEAR WARRANTY AND THIS WAS A PICTURE TUBE REPLACEMENT. AT THE TIME OF THE ACCIDENT THE TV WAS PLUGGED INTO A WALL RECEPTACLE BUT WAS NOT ON. NO ONE WAS IN THE ROOM WHEN THE FIRE STARTED WITH WHAT IS THOUGHT TO BE AN EXPOSITION OF THE T.V. SEVERAL PEOPLE WERE IN THE HOME AT THE TIME OF THE EXPLOSION AT 3:00 P.M. AND THE SOUND WAS HEARD BY CHILDREN PLAYING IN THE HALL OUTSIDE THE CLOSED ROOM. ADULTS IN ANOTHER PART OF THE HOUSE WERE WATCHING A BALL GAME ON ANOTHER T.V. SET AND DANGER WAS NOT DISCOVERED UNTIL SMOKE WAS SMELLED. THE FIRE HAD A BIG HEAD START AND THE HOME AND CONTENTS WAS VIRTUALLY CONSUMED BY THE FIRE, INCLUDING THE T.V. SET BLEAMED FOR THE INITIATION OF THE FIRE.

Incident Date: 19800109 City: State:

THE FIRE DEPARTMENT STATED THAT THE XMAS TREE LIGHT WERE NOT A FACTOR IN THE FIRE IN THAT THEY WERE NOT ON AND THE PLUG WAS NOT THE OUTLET. THE FIRE WAS ATTRIBUTED TO ACCIDENTAL IGNITION BY HUMAN ERROR. THE PARENTS COULD NOT BE REACHED. ONE HAS BEEN CHARGED WITH GROSS NEGLIGENCE.

Incident Date: 19800111 City: State:

THE VICTIM STATED THAT THE ACCIDENT WAS CAUSED BY A SPARK PRODUCED BY THE WALL PLUG AS SHE WAS UNPLUGGING THE christmas TREE FROM THE WALL OUTLET. SHE STATED THAT BY THE christmas TREE BEING VERY CLOSE TO THE WALL PLUG THE SPARK IGNITED THE TREE. SHE STATED THERE WAS NOTHING WRONG WITH THE christmas TREE LIGHTS. SHE STATED THAT THE CULPRIT WAS THE PLUG. SHE STATED THAT SHE WISHED SHE COULD BE OF MORE ASSISTANCE BUT DUE TO EVERYTHING DISAPPEARING INTO ASHES SHE HAD NO WAY OF DETERMINING WHAT TYPE OF PLUG WAS INVOLVED. ATTACHMENTS: FIRE DEPT. REPORT, POLICE DEPT. REPORT.

Incident Date: 19800113 City: State:

A FIRE AT 4:45 A.M. AT THE RESIDENCE BELLEVUE, WA. TOTAL DAMAGE ESTIMATED BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT WAS BETWEEN \$4,000 AND \$5,000. THE EARLY MORNING FIRE WAS DETECTED WHEN THE RESIDENTS WERE AWAKENED BY A SEARS BATTERY OPERATED SMOKE DETECTOR AT APPROXIMATELY 4:45 A.M. ON SUNDAY MORNING JANUARY 13, 1980. RESIDENTS STATED THAT AT FIRST OBSERVATION DRAPERIES WERE ON FIRE AT RIGHT SIDE THE PICTURE WINDOW IN FRONT OF LIVING ROOM. AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET WAS LOCATED BEHIND THE AREA OF INITIAL BURN AND A HOT WATER TYPE BASEBOARD HEATER WAS LOCATED BELOW THE DRAPERIES ALONG THE FLOOR.

Incident Date: 19800110 City: State: TX

ON JANUARY 10, 1980, THE WALL PLUG ATTACHMENT OF A WHISTLE SWITCH REMOTE CONTROL DEVICE IGNITED FOR NO APPARENT REASON. THE ATTACHMENT WAS PLUGGED INTO A BEDROOM OUTLET AT THE TIME. THE FIRE WAS EXTINGUISHED; NO INJURIES OCCURRED.

Incident Date: 19800102 City: State: CA

A PLUG-IN TOY RACE CAR TRANSFORMER OVERHEATED AND CONSEQUENTLY SHORT-CIRCUITED, RESULTING IN A FIRE IN A MOBILE HOME. THE FIRE TOTALLY DESTROYED THE MOBILE HOME, AND THE DAMAGE WAS ESTIMATED TO BE MORE THAN \$15,000. THE TRANSFORMER WAS PLUGGED IN A WALL OUTLET IN A BEDROOM. THERE WAS NO INJURY; NO ONE WAS HOME AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19800121 City: State:

PER TELEPHONE CONTACT WITH MR. D. ON JANUARY 29, 1980, THE CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTS WERE NOT THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE. THE FIRE WAS CAUSED BY A SHORT IN THE OUTLET. THIS INVESTIGATION WAS MISCODED.

Incident Date: 19800130 City: State: IL

A FOUR YEAR OLD BOY WAS ELECTRICALLY BURNED ON THREE FINGERS BY STICKING A HAIR PIN IN A CONVENIENCE 2 PLUG WALL OUTLET IN HIS BEDROOM.

Incident Date: 19800206 City: State:

REPORTING CAPTAIN (FIRE DEPARTMENT) AT THE SCENE OF THE FIRE STATED THE STATED THE UNIT WAS APPROX. 2 FT. FROM DRAPERIES. APPEARED THE FIRE STARTED IN POWER TRANSFORMER AREA OF THE SET. BASE OF TV CASE WAS BURNED/MELTED TO A GREATER EXTENT THAN REMAINDER. CARPET AND CURTAIN S IGNITED SECONDARILY. WALL OUTLET INVOLVED CHECKED AND IN PERFECT (N EW) CONDITION WITH NO SCORCHED OR MELTED OR DISCOLORED EQUIPMENT. POWER CORD FROM TV CONDITION WITH NO SCORCHED OR MELTED OR DISCOLORED EQUIPMENT. POWER CORD FROM TV MELTED AND BURNED THROUGH. CAPTAIN THOUGH T APARTMENT LOOKED AT LEAST 10 YEARS OLD. THE APARTMENT WAS 2 STORY. THE FIRE TOOK PLACE IN THE GROUND FLOOR APARTMENT. OWNER REPORTED AN EXPLODING TV OF 5 YRS. OF AGE STATED A FIREMAN NOTED GLASS BREAKAGE IN HANGING PICTURES ON THE OPPOSITE WALL 8 FEE

Incident Date: 19800211 City: State:

THIS HOUSE FIRE OCCURRED AT 1324 HOURS, ON FEBRUARY 3, 1980, BELLEVUE, WA. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORTED A \$4,000DAMAGE MOSTLY TO A BASEMENT STORAGE ROOM, THE HOME IN A SINGLEFAMILY RESIDENCE OF 1 STORY AND A BASEMENT. A CHARGER UNIT FORA BLACK AND DECKER BRAND ELECTRIC HEDGE TRIMMER WAS SUSPECTED OF CAUSEING THIS FIRE. THE CHARGER UNIT WAS PLUGGED INTO A STANDARD110 VOLT BRANCH CIRCUIT OUTLET BUT WAS NOT CONNECTED TO THE BATTERY OPERATED HEDGE TRIMMER. THE CHARGER UNIT WAS THE ONLY ELECTRICALITEM PLUGGED IN THIS ROOM AT THE TIME OF THE FIRE. I WAS ASKED TOEXAMINE AND TEST THE CHARGER UNIT BY THE BELLEVUE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Incident Date: 19800215 City: State:

THE VICTIM COULD NOT BE CONTACTED BY TELEPHONE. ON 3/26/80, A LETTER WAS MAILED TO THE VICTIM. THERE HAS BEEN NO REPLY. INFORMATION RECEIVED WAS FORWARDED BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. I SPOKE WITH THE FIRE CHIEF. HE STATED THAT IT DOES NOT APPEAR THAT THE ELECTIC BLANKET WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FIRE. HE FURNISHED A FIRE REPORT. ACCORDING TO THE FIRE REPORT, THE WIRING AND ELECTRICAL PARTS OF AN ELECTRIC BLANKET WERE FOUND ON THE FLOOR NEAR THE FOOT OF THE BED. IT STATED THAT THE ORIGIN OF THE FIRE APPEARTED TO BE AT THE HEAD OF THE BED, IN THE AREA OF THE BASEBOARD HEATER, AND WALL OUTLET INTO WHICH THE ELECTRIC BLANKET WAS PLUGGED. THE FIRE REPORT IS ATTACHED.



Incident Date: 19800221 City: State:

COULD NOT CONTACT VICTIM: TELE-PHONE NUMBER IS UNLISTED (ACCORDING TO DIRECTORY INFORMATION). VICTIM DID NOT ANSWER A LETTER I SENT ON 02/26/80. FIRE REPORT DOES NOT LIST A TELEPHONE. ACCORDING TO FIR INVESTIGATOR: THE FIRE WAS NOT DUE TO christmas TREE LIGHTS. RATHER, IGNITION OCCURRED AS A RESULT OF A SPLICE IN THE CORD PLACED THERE BY THE VICTIM. I.E., THE VICTIM SET UP THE christmas TREE LIGHTS BUT FOUND THAT THE CORD WOULD NOT REACH THE OUTLET. INSTEAD OF PURCHASING AN EXTENSION CORD(HE DIDN'T HAVE ONE), HE CUT THE WIRE AND SPLICED ON A LENTH. THE SPLICE BECAME HOT AND IGNITED CARPET AND SURROUNDINGS; FIRE OCCURRED AT ABOUT 5:00A.M.

Incident Date: 19800226 City: State: GA

A FIRE CAUSED BY FAULTY WIRING CAUSED \$292,000.00 IN DAMAGES TO A CONDOMINIUM COMPLEX. NO INJURIES ARE INVOLVED IN THIS NARRATIVE. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT STATES THAT THE FIRE'S POINT OF ORIGIN WAS A WALL RECEPTACLE NOT IN USE THAT WAS WIRED WITH COPPER CLAD ALUMINUM. THE RESIDENTS OF THE UNIT WHERE THE FIRE ORIGINATED STATED THAT THEY HAD NO PROBLEMS WITH THE WIRING IN THEIR HOME. HOWEVER, A NEIGHBOR STATED THAT THE FAMILY WAS CONSTANTLY BORROWING FUSES APPARENTLY TO REPLACE ONES THAT HAD "BLOWN-OUT".

Incident Date: 19800312 City: State: NY

ON A WEDNESDAY MORNING, MARCH 12, 1980 AT APPROXIMATELY 1145 HOURS, A THREE YEAR OLD MALE SUFFERED ELECTRICAL BURNS TO HIS LEFT HAND, AFTER INSERTING A KEY INTO AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET. THE VICTIM WAS IN THE DINING ROOM OF HIS HOME WHEN THE INJURY OCCURED. (SEE PICUTRE #1)

Incident Date: 19800204 City: State: IN

A FIRE WHICH STARTED IN THE BEDROOM OF A HOME AND CAUSED EXTENSIVE DAMAGE TO TH HOUSE IS THOUGHT BY FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICALS AND TH HOME OWNER TO HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY AN ELECTRIC BALNKET THAT WAS LEFT PLUGGED INTO A WALL OUTLET, BUT WHOSE CONTROL SWITCH WAS IN THE OFF P OSITION, THERE WAS NO INJURY. INVESTIGATION WAS LIMITED TO TELEPHONE INTWRVIEW AT THE BLANKET OWNER'S REQUEST.

Incident Date: 19800313 City: State: CA

A 4 YEAR OLD MALE SUFFERED 2 DEGREE BURNS OF HIS RIGHT THUMB, WHEN HE PLACED SOME PIECES OF FOIL IN AN ELECTRIC NIGHT LIGHT RECEPTACLE WITH A CONSTRUCTION TOY AND TURNED THE SWITCH ON. THE INCIDENT HAPPENED IN THE BEDROOM OF THE VICTIM'S RESIDENCE.

Incident Date: 19800314 City: State: OH

ONE 3/18/80 AT 10:00 AM A 16 Y/O MALE SUFFERED A 2 DEGREE ELECTRICAL BURN TO HIS RIGHT THUMB WHILE ATTEMPTING TO PLUG AN ELECTRICAL PLUG INTO AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET. THE ACCIDENT OCCURED DURING AN ELECTRICAL SHOP AT SCHOOL.

Incident Date: 19800226 City: State: MN

THIS INVESTIGATION INVOLVED A MATTRESS FIRE WHICH WAS CAUSED BY AN ELECTRICAL SHORT WITH AN ELECTRIC BLANKET. THE ELECTRIC SHORT OCCURRED IN THE ELECTRIC CORD THAT GOES FROM THE ELECTRIC BLANKET THROUGH THE TEMPERATURE CONTROL TO THE WALL OUTLET. THIS SECTION OF CORD RAN BETWEEN THE BOX SPRING AND MATTRESS. THE CONSUMER DISCOVERED THE FIRE AS IT WAS STILL IN THE SMOLDERING STAGE AND WAS ABLE TO TAKE THE MATTRESS OUT OF HIS BASEMENT BEDROOM BEFORE IT CAUSED ANY FIRE DAMAGE TO HIS HOME. THERE WERE NO INJURIES IN THIS FIRE INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19800317 City: State: IL

AN ELECTRIC BLANKET OR AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET STARTED A FIRE IN A 16 YEAR OLD BOY'S BEDROOM. NO INJURIES OCCURRED AS A RESULT OF THE ACCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19800421 City: UNK State: MD

A TWO YEAR OLD WHITE FEMALE SUSTAINED AN ELECTRIC BURN OF THE LEFT CORNER OF THE MOUTH WHEN SHE BIT A ELECTRIC EXTENSION CORD CONNECTED TO A ELECTRIC ENGRAVER. THE EXTENSION CORD WAS PLUGGED INTO A RECEPTACLE IN THE LIVING ROOM OF THE VICTIM'S HOME AND THE VICTIM APPEARED TO BE ATTEMPTING TO DISCONNECT THE ENGRAVER FROM THE EXTENSION CORD.

Incident Date: 19800518 City: State: NY

THE VICTIM, A 39 YEAR OLD FEMALE, RECEIVED A NEAR FATAL ELECTRICAL SHOCK WHILE USING A PROTABLE WHIRLPOOL UNIT IN THE BATHROOM OF HER APARTMENT. THE VICTIM WAS STANDING IN HER BATHTUB IN NINE INCHES OF WATER WHEN THE ACCIDENT OCCURED. THE VICTIM RECEIVED THE SHOCK JUST AFTER HER HUSBAND HAD PLACED THE UNIT IN THE BATHTUB AND PLUGGED ITS POWER CORD INTO A DUPLEX RECEPTACLE UTILIZING A TWO PRONG TO THREE SLOT ELECTRICAL ADAPTOR. ELECTRICAL FIELD TESTING CONDUCTED DURING THIS INVESTIGATION, REVEALED THAT THE ACCIDENT MAY HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY IMPROPER INSTALLATION OF THE ABOVE REFERENCED ADAPTOR, COUPLED WITH FAULTY WIRING IN THE DUPLEX RECEPTACLE SUPPLYING THE POWER. THE VICTIM'S HUSBAND PROVIDED ALL THE INFORMATION REPORTED HEREIN. THE VICTIM WAS SO TRAUMATIZED BY HER EXPERIENCE, THAT SHE

Incident Date: 19800501 City: State: NJ

THIS INVESTIGATION INVOLVED AN ELECTRIC COFFEE MAKER WHICH WAS IN FLAMES WHEN AUTOMATICALLY BREWING COFFEE IN THE MORNING. THE ELECTRICAL PLUG WAS REMOVED FROM THE WALL OUTLET AND WATER USED TO EXTINGUISH THE UNIT. DAMAGE OCCURRED TO THE PLASTIC HOUSING OF THE COFFEE MAKER AND TO THE KITCHEN COUNTERTOP. THE FIRE APPEARED TO START IN THE HEATING ELEMENT OF THE COFFEE MAKER AND THERE WAS NO VISIBLE DAMAGE TO THE PRODUCT WIRING.

Incident Date: 19800627 City: State:

ON INVESTIGATION WAS MADE OF A AUTOMATIC CLOTHES WASHER, 3 YEARS OLD TO DETERMINE IF LIQUID BLEACH COULD LEAK ONTO ELECTRICAL WIRING AS THE COMPLAINANT ALLEDGES, FROM A BROKEN OR CRACKED BLEACH RECEPTACLE.

Incident Date: 19800703 City: State: NY

THIS INVESTIGATION WAS CONDUCTED AS A F/U TO A CONSUMER COMPLAINT INVOLVING A TWO YEAR OLD FOOD PROCESSOR WHICH, ACCORDING TO THE COMPLAINANT, IS A HAZARD BECAUSE AS SOON AS THE POWER CORD IS CONNECTED TO THE OUTLET THE FOOD PROCESSOR GOES ON, AND THE BLADES ACTIVATE IMMEDIATELY. THE INSIDE SWITCH OF THE FOOD PROCESSOR IS FAULTY. THERE WAS NO INJURY INVOLVED.

Incident Date: 19810708 City: State: MI

THIS NON-INJURY CASE INVOLVES A HOUSE FIRE THAT WAS STARTED BY A MALF UNCTIONING DUPLEX OUTLET IN A COPPER WIRING SYSTEM THAT BEGAN TO ELEC TRICALLY ARC. NOTHING WAS PLUGGED INTO THE OUTLET AT THE TIME OF THE FIRE. THE CONSUMER REPORTED THAT AN ELECTRIC FAN WAS NOT THE CAUSE O F THE FIRE AS WAS ORIGINALLY REPORTED IN THE NEWSPAPER.

Incident Date: 19810729 City: State: IA

IN 02/80, A 30-YR. OLD MALE ATTEMPTED TO REMOVE A NIGHT LIGHT FROM A WALL RECEPTACLE IN HIS SON'S BEDROOM. THE COVER OF THE UNIT CAME OFF IN HIS HAND, LEAVING THE REMAINING PORTION PLUGGED IN WITH ITS BULB AND WIRES EXPOSTED. ON 07/29/81, THE COMPLAINANT'S DAUGHTER REMOVED THE COVER FROM ANOTHER SIMILAR NIGHT LIGHT WHICH WAS PLUGGED IN HER B EDROOM. THE WIRES AND BULB OF THE REMAINING PORTION WERE EXPOSED. NO INJURIES RESULTED FROM EITHER INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19810720 City: State: WA

TELEPHONE IDI REVEALED THAT A PORTABLE ELECTRIC FAN APPARENTLY SHORT- CIRCUITED IN THE AREA OF THE "ON-OFF" SWITCH THE FIRST TIME IT WAS PLUGGED INTO A WALL OUTLET. THE ONLY DAMAGE DONE WAS BURN SPOTS IN A LI NOLEUM FLOOR. THE FAN WAS TAKEN BACK TO THE RETAILER AND REPLACED.

Incident Date: 19811006 City: State:

VICTIM WAS HANGING WALL PAPER, SHE USED A ALL METAL RAZOR KNIFE TO CU T OUT AROUND AN OUTLET BOX WITH COVER OFF, THE BLADE CONTACTED THE OU TLET AND THE VICTIM RECEIVED AN ELECTRICAL SHOCK.

Incident Date: 19820414 City: State: FL

VICTIM/COMPLAINANT PUT OIL IN FRYER LOCATED ON STAINLESS STEEL COUNT E R TOP IN KITCHEN. PLUGGED FRYER INTO RANGE-TOP RECEPTACLE AND 5 TO 10 MINUTES LATER HE PUT A METAL-BACKED MERCURY THERMOMETER IN OIL TO T EST TEMPERATURE. THE METAL OF THE THERMOMETER CAME IN CONTACT WITH T HE METAL OF THE FRYER (VICTIM BELIEVES HE WAS TOUCHING STAINLESS STEE L COUNTER WITH ONE HAND) AND VICTIM RECEIVED A "TERRIBLE" SHOCK.

Incident Date: 19800509 City: State: MD

THIS ACCIDENT INVOLVED AN ELECTRIC HEATER BEING USED IN KITCHEN. THE HEATER HAD NO PLUG AND THE BARE WIRES WERE PUSHED INTO RECEPTACLE IN EXTENSION CORD. THIS OVERHEATED THE WIRES AND CAUSED A FIRE WHICH RESULATED IN THE DEATHS OF AN 18 YEAR OLD FEMALE AND HER TWO 7 MONTH OLD SONS.

Incident Date: 19800628 City: State: CA

AT 2:25 A.M. ON JUNE 28, 1980, AN ELECTRIC SMOKE DETECTOR BEGAN TO SMOKE AND FLAME. THE FIVE YEAR OLD UNIT HAD EXPERIENCED SPONTANEOUS FALSE ALARMS APPROXIMATELY TWO WEEKS PRIOR TO THE ACCIDENT. THE UNIT WAS PLUGGED INTO A HALLWAY OUTLET NEAR THE FAMILY'S MASTER BEDROOM. THERE WERE NO INJURIES

Incident Date: 19800618 City: State: TX

THIS ACCIDENT RESULTED IN THE DEATH OF A 16 MONTH-OLD MALE CAUCASIAN BY THERMAL BURNS AND ASPHYXIATION. THE FIRE IS BELEIVED TO HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY AN ELECTRICAL SHORT IN AN OLD RECHARGEABLE FLASHLIGHT WHICH HAD BEEN PLUGGED INTO AN ELECTRICAL DUPLEX OUTLET. THE MOTHER ALSO RECEIVED LST BURNS SEARCHING HOUSE FOR VICTIM.

Incident Date: 19800721 City: State:

THIS LIMITED INVESTIGATION WAS MADE AS A FOLLOW-UP TO THE RECEIPT OF A CONSUMER COMPLAINT THAT A TELEVISION RECEIVER WHICH WAS PLUGGED INTO AN ELECTRIC OUTLET BUT HAD NOT BEEN IN USE FOR SEVERAL HOURS HAD EXPLODED FOR NO APPARENT REASON.

Incident Date: 19800716 City: State:

THE VICTIM WAS ACCIDENTALLY BURNED ON HER FACE, AT HER PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT, AS SHE WAS ATTEMPTING TO LIGHT THE PILOT LIGHT FOR A COMMERCIAL HEATING/COOKING DEVICE. THE MAIN GAS SUPPLY WAS LEFT ON ACCUMULATION OF GAS IN THE AREA OF THE PILOT LIGHT EXPLODED. THE VICTIM RECEIVED FIRST AND SECOND THERMAL BURNS ON HER FACE. THERE WAS NO FIRE TO THE STRUCTURE OR ANYTHING ELSE. THIS ACCIDENT OCCURRED AT THE VICTIM'S PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT, A FAST FOOD CHAIN OUTLET. THE COMMERCIAL, GAS, WATER HEATER/COOKER IS USED TO PRIMARILY HEAT OR COOK HOT DOGS.

Incident Date: 19800718 City: State: CA

THE VICTIM A 53 YEAR OLD MALE, WAS BURNED DURING A FIRE IN HIS TWO BE DROOM APARTMENT THE VICTIM SAID THAT HE WAS SLEEPING ON A SOFA IN THE VIVINGROOM, WHEN THIS FIRE STARTED, THE VICTM WAS AWAKEND WHEN THE H EAD FORM THE FIRE ON THE SOFA BURNED SECTIONS OF HIS UPPER BACK AND U PPER ARMS (THIRD DEGREE BUNS). THE VICITM WAS ABLE T 3SCAPE, WIT NO A BAILABLE TO EXAMINE, THE FIRE DEPARTMENT LIST THE PROBLABLE CAUSE O T HIS PROBABLE CAUSED OF THIS FIRE AS A SHORT CIRCUIT AT AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET IN THE LIVING ROOM. NO FLAMMABLE FABRIC SAMPLE SENT.

Incident Date: 19800815 City: State: PA

THIS INCIDENT REPORTEDLY INVOLVES THE OWNER OF A PAIR OF HEDGE TRIMMER'S WHO WAS REPORTEDLY SHOCKED WHILE USING THE SUBJECT PRODUCT. THE SHOCK REPORTEDLY OCCURRED WHEN THE VICTIM WAS STANDING ON MOIST GROUND IN THE YARD OF HER HOME WHILE SHE WAS TRIMMING ORNAMENTAL SHRUBS IN THAT AREA. THE INVOLVED ELECTRIC TRIMMER'S WERE OBSERVED TO BE EQUIPED WITH A GROUNDED PLUG AND THE OUTLET INTO WHICH THEY WERE PLUGGED WAS ALSO REPORTEDLY GROUNDED. MEASUREMENTS TAKEN WITH A VOLT METER AT THE TIME OF THE INTERVIEW REVEALED A 120 VOLT LEAKAGE THROUGH THE METAL CASE OF THE TRIMMER'S. THE RESPONDENT WAS NOT INJURED BY THE SHOCK AND HAS REFRAINED FROM USING THE TRIMMER'S SINCE THAT DATE.

Incident Date: 19800820 City: State:

INDEOTH INVESTIGATION REVEALED THAT A 23 YR OLD FEMALE SUFFERED A 2 DEGREE ELECTRICAL BURN TO THE PALM OF HER RIGFHT HAND WHEN A HAND-HELD HAIRDRYER SHE WAS USING SHORTED OUT AT THE STRAIN-RELIEF PORTION OF THE POWER CORD. EXAMINATION OF THE DRYER REVEALED IT TO BE IN GOOD CONDITION EXCEPT FOR A CHARRED AREA ON THE STRAIN-RELIEF AND THE PLASTIC HANDLE GRIP ADJACENT (SEE PHOTOS). THE DRYER WAS BEING USED IN BATHROOM WALL OUTLET CONTROLLED BY A GROUND\_FAULT CIRCUIT INTERRUPTER< HOWEVER THE GFI DID NOT KICK. TESTING OF THE GFI MANUALLY BY THIS INVESTIGATOR REVEALED THAT IT WAS IN WORKING ORDER AT THE TIME OF THE INVESTIGATION. THE VICTIM WAS DRYING HER HAIR IN THE BATHROOM, HER SKIN WAS DRY AT THE TIME, SHE WAS WEARING SLIPPERS WHILE STANDING ON A RUG. THE DRYER HAD BEEN ON FOR ABOUT 10 MINUTES

Incident Date: 19800820 City: State:

THE NEWSPAPER CLIPPING STATED THAT A RURAL RESIDENTIAL HOME WAS COMPLETELY DESTROYED BY A FIRE. A MICROWAVE OVEN WAS BELIEVED TO BE THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE. HOWEVER, AN ON-SITE VISIT REVEALED THAT THE FIRE STARTED IN THE UTILITY ROOM AND NOT THE IN KITCHEN AREA WHERE THE MICROWAVE WAS LOCATED. IN THE UTILITY ROOM THERE WAS AN EXTRA FREEZER, A WASHER, A DRYER, AN ELECTRIC RANGE, AND A DISH- WASHER ALL PLUGGED INTO THE SAME CIRCUIT. THE HOUSE IS ABOUT 70 TO 80 YEARS OLD. THE WIRING IN THE HOUSE IS AS OLD AS THE HOUSE. SEVERAL EXTENSION CORD WERE USED IN THE UTILITY ROOM TO CONNECT ALL THE APPLIANCE TO WALL RECEPACLE. THE HOUSE WAS BURNED TO THE GROUND.

Incident Date: 19800710 City: State: MI

AN 8 YEAR OLD, THREE BEDROOM MODULAR HOME MADE BY MARLETTE HOMES, INC., MARLETTE, MICHIGAN, WAS INVOLVED IN A FIRE WHICH CASUED \$27, 000-\$30,000 DAMAGE. NO INJURIES OCCURRED. THE HOME WAS WIRED WITH COPPER WIRING. THE FIRE IS BELIEVED TO HAVE STARTED NEAR THE MAIN CIRCUIT BREAKER BOX. MARLETTE HOMES, INC. PURCHASES THE GENERAL ELECTRIC CIRCUIT BREAKERS IT USES FROM A GENERAL ELECTRIC OUTLET IN SAGINAW, MICHIGAN.

Incident Date: 19800916 City: State:

AN FIFTY ONE YEAR OLD WAS ELECTROCUTED IN SWIMMING POOL PUMP HOUSE AP PARENTLY WHEN SHE HAD HER R HAND ON A VALUE HANDLE AND THEN TOUCHED T HE ELECTRICAL OUTLET BOX. MALFUNCTION WAS POINTED TO A CONDUILT BETWE EN TWO OUTLETS THAT RAN BETWEEN THE PUMP HOUSE AND MAIN THE RESIDENCE WHEN WIRES WERE REMOVED FROM CONDUCT TTAPED FOUND TO HAVE AN APPROX. 3" SPLICE IN THEM.

Incident Date: 19800923 City: State: TN

A 54 YEAR OLD MALE, HIS 49 YEAR OLD WIFE AND 13 YEAR OLD SON RECEIVED ELECTRICAL SHOCKS WHEN THEY SIMULTANEOUSLY TOUCHESD THE ON-OFF BUTTON OF THEIR TV AND AN ELECTRICAL SWITCH OR OUTLET IN THEIR HOME.

Incident Date: 19800917 City: State:

VICTIM STATED SHE WAS PLUGGING THE CORD OF HER RADIO INTO AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET WHEN SHE RECEIVED A SHOCK SHE DOSE NOT REMEMBER ANY MORE ABOUT THE ACCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19800930 City: State: MN

THE CONSUMER COMPLAINANT HAD JUST PURCHASED A PLASTIC JACK O'LANTERN. THE PRODUCT IS DESIGNED SUCH THAT THERE IS AN 8 WATT LIGHTBULB THAT INSERTS IN THE BACK OF THE JACK O'LANTERN TO LIGHT IT UP. AFTER BRINGING THE PRODUCT HOME, SHE PLUGGED IT INTO THEIR WALL RECEPTACLE TO SEE IF IT WORKED. WHEN SHE PLUGGED IN THE LIGHT DID NOT GO ON. WHEN SHE REACHED TO SEE IF THE LIGHTBULB WAS TIGHT IN THE SOCKET THERE WAS AN EXPLOSION. THE ELECTRIC CORD APPARENTLY SHORTED OUT WHERE IT CONNECTED TO THE BULB BASE. THE COMPLAINANT'S HAND WAS BLACKENED FROM THE INCIDENT, HOWEVER, SHE SUSTAINED NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19800801 City: State: FL

THE VICTIM HAD PURCHASED 2 "GALAXY" 9-INCH FANS. AFTER USE FOR 30 DAYS ONE FAN STOPPED OPERATING. THE MOTOR BECAME VERY HOT & THE VICTIM UNPLUGGED THE FAN. AFTER 60 DAYS FAN NUMBER 2 STOPPED OPERATING. THE MOTOR BECAME VERY HOT AND THE VICTIM UNPLUGGED THE SECOND FAN. THE VICTIM STATES THERE WAS NO FIRE, SPARKS, OR SMOKE FROM THE FANS BEFORE NOR AFTER UNPLUGGING THEM WHEN THE MOTORS BECAME HOT. THESE FANS WERE USED AT NIGHT IN THE BEDROOM. PHOTOS OF ELECTRIC OUTLETS ARE THE SAME AS IN THE BEDROOM. THE VICTIM ALSO STATED HE HAS HAD NO ELECTRICAL PROBLEM WITH HIS MOBILE HOME. BOTH FANS WERE NEWLY PURCHASED.

Incident Date: 19800903 City: State: TX

TWO COLLEGE STUDENTS, AGED 19 AND 23, SHARED A SECOND STORY GARAGE APARTMENT WHICH HAD A 115 VOLT AIR CONDITIONER IN TH WINDOW OF THE BEDROOM. THE AIR CONDITIONER CORD WAS INCORRECTLY ATTACHED TO AN EIGHT FOOT LONG ROUND EXTENSION CORD THAT WAS PLUGGED INTO A WALL OUTLET. THE ENDS BOTH CORDS WERE CUT OFF, AND THE ELECTRIC WIRES WERE TWISTED TOGETHER AND TAPED. THE EXTENSION CORD RAN UNDER A MATTRESS LYING ON THE FLOOR. AFTER ABOUT ONE MONTH, THE EXTENSION CORD OVERHEATED AND SET THE MATTRESS AND ROOM ON FIRE. PROPERTY DAMAGE WAS OVER \$5,000.00. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19800814 City: State:

A 16 MONTH OLD MALE DIED OF SMOKE INHALATION WHILE ASLEEP IN HIS BEDROOM AS A RESULT OF A PORTABLE ELECTRICAL FAN SHORT CIRCUITING AND IGNITING. THE ELECTRICAL FAN WAS IN THE LIVING ROOM, PLUGGED DIRECTLY INTO A WALL OUTLET AND IN USE AT TIME OF INCIDENT. SPECIFIC PRODUCT INFORMATION IS UNABAILABLE. NO EXTENSION CORD WAS INVOLVED IN THIS INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19801015 City: State: CA

A SERVICEMAN FROM THE COMPANY FIRST PLUGGED THE MODULE INTO A WALL RECEPTACLE. AS HE WAS CONNECTING IT TO THE UHF TERMINALS ON THE COMPLAINANT'S TV, THE BLEW OUT.

Incident Date: 19801114 City: State:

VICTIM HAD UNLISTED TELEPHONE NUMBER, MOTHER/OWNER STATED TV IN- VOLVED IN FIRE WAS PORTABLE-BLACK & WHITE" MODEL. CABINET WAS METAL/PLASTIC-WITH SIMULATED WOOD FINISH. SET WAS 5 YEARS OLD AT TIME OF ACCIDENT AND HAD "INSTANT-ON" TYPE OF CON- TROLS. THESE CONTROLS WERE REPLACED APPROXIMATELY TWO YEARS AGO AND SET WAS IN OPERATION FOR APPROXIMATELY HALF HOUR. CALLED TO MOTER, WHO CAME IN TO SECOND FLOOR BEDROOM & HEARD SAME TYPE NOISE COMING FROM INTEIOR OF TV SET. MOTHER UPPLUGGED TV SET FROM WALL RECEPTACLE AND TOLD DAUGHTER TO GO DOWN TO FIRST FLOOR AREA, AS SHE(MOTHER) WAS GOING TO CALL FIRE DEPT.. MOTHER STATED SHE PLACED CALL TO LOCAL FIRE DEPT. AND THEN RETURNED TO BEDROOM (APPROX. 5 MINUTES), TO FIND TV SET ABLAZE, MOTHER STATED SHE SHUT

Incident Date: 19800923 City: State: TX

THE VICTIM IS AN ADULT FEMALE WHO LIVED IN A TWO BEDROOM PUBLIC HOUSING APARTMENT BUILDIN. A FAN AND AN EXTENSION CORD HOOKED TO A WINDOW AIR CONDITIONER. WERE PLUGGEDINTO A WALL OUTLET IN THE BEDROOM WHILE THE VICTIM WAS AT WORK A FIRE BEGAN IN THE CLOTHING AND PAPER ITEMS WHICH WERE LYING ON TOP OF THE EXTENSION CORD. THERE WAS FIRE AND SMOKE, BUT NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19801007 City: State: ME

FIRE INVOLVED BEDROOM OF THIRD FLOOR APARTMENT OCCUPIED BY WHITE, 67 YEAR OLD FEMALE. INTERVIEW WITH FIRE OFFICIALS ESTIMATED CAUSE OF FIRE TO BE A DEFECTIVE EXTENSION CORD CONNECTED TO PORTABLE ELECTRIC HEATER. VICTIM OF FIRE INDICATED SHE FELT IT WAS A FAULT WALL RECEPTACLE, THAT WAS CAUSE OF FIRE. NO INJURIES INVOLVED IN FIRE.

Incident Date: 19801110 City: State: IL

AN AUTOMATIC ELECTRIC COFFEEMAKER BEING USED FOR T HE THIRD TIME, BEGAN GIVING OFF A BURNING ODOR 15 MINUTES AFTER BEING PULGGED IN. THE OWNER PULLED THE PLUG FROM THE WALL OUTLET TO PREVEN T FURTHER PROBLEMS. SOME INSIDE WIRING BURNED UP. THERE WERE NO INJUR IES OR OTHER DAMAGE.

Incident Date: 19801119 City: State: CO

A 1 MONTH OLD WOODBURNING STOVE WHICH HAD BEEN INSTALLED 7" FROM AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET MELTED THE OUTLES, SHORT-CIRCUITING THE WIRES, AND SETTING FIRE TO THE 2" X 4" IN THE WALL DIRECTLY BEHIND THE STOVE. DAMAGE WAS CONFINED TO THAT WALL ONLY, AND THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19801008 City: State: OH

THIS NON-INJURY CASE INVOLVES AN OWNER OF A RECREATIONAL VEHICLE SALES OUTLET WHO REPORTS THAT FIRES HAVE STARTED IN LIQUID PROPANE WATER HEATERS DUE TO A DEFECTIVE FLAME SPREADER IN THE PILOT ASSEMBLY OF THE GAS CONTROL UNIT. THE OWNER REPORTS, AND HIS MECHANICS CONFIRM, THAT THE FLAME SPREADER IS AT AN IMPROPER ANGLE THAT CAUSES AN IMPROPER FUEL-AIR MIXTURE WHICH IN TURN CAUSES INCOMPLETE COMBUSTION. THE FLAME THEN BACKS UP APPROXIMATELY 2 INCHES THROUGH THE AIR MIXER TUBE TO THE FLAME ADJUSTER, CONSEQUENTLY IGNITING ANYTHING FLAMMABLE. THE OWNER REPORTS THAT THESE WATER HEATERS CAN BE SOLD SEPARATELY FROM RECREATIONAL VEHICLES.

Incident Date: 19800925 City: State: MA

AN 89 YEAR OLD FEMALE SUFFERED SUPERFICIAL BURNS TO HER HAND WHEN SHE REMOVED A SOUND ACTIVATED ELECTRIC SWITCH FROM A WALL OUTLET AT HER HOME BECAUSE THE UNIT WAS SPARKING AND FLAMING. THE UNIT WAS SOLD BY MARK ENGINEERING, INC. OF HUDSON, MA.

Incident Date: 19801023 City: State: WA

NO INJURIES ARE RELATED TO A FIRE IN A WALL RECEPTACLE IN THE BASEMENT PLAYROOM OF THE HOME OF THE PERSON WHO FILED A CONSUMER PRODUCT COMPLAINT REPORT REGARDING A CIRCUIT BREAKER WHICH DID NOT TRIP IN AN OVERLOADED CONDITION. THE FIRE OCCURRED ABOUT OCTOBER 23, 1980 ABOUT 10 A.M.

Incident Date: 19801101 City: State: MD

TWO ELECTRIC COFFEE POTS PURCHASED BY THE COMPLAINANT FROM A CATALOGUE SENT ELECTRICAL SHOCKS THROUGH THE BODY OF THE COMPLAINANT DURING NORMAL USE. THE POTS WERE LOCATED IN THE KITCHEN OF THE HOME AND PLUGGED INTO STANDARD WALL OUTLET. THE VICTIM DID NOT SUFFER ANY ADDITIONAL INJURIES OTHER THAN THE ELECTRICAL SHOCK.

Incident Date: 19801005 City: State: WA

THIS INVESTIGATION WAS A FOLLOW-UP TO A REQUEST FROM THE NYC-RO FOR FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING A FIRE WHICH REPORTEDLY WAS CAUSED BY A PRODUCT CALLED A NATALIE LAMP. THE CORD ON THE LAMP BURNED THROUGH WHILE PLUGGED INTO AN OUTLET NEXT TO THE BED, AND CAUGHT THE BEDDING ON FIRE. THE PRODUCT IS MANUFACTURED IN PATTERSON, N.J. THERE WERE NO INJURIES. NO SAMPLE SENT.

Incident Date: 19801205 City: State: ID

THE STAR CONTAINS 11 MINIATURE LIGHTS, ONE OF WHICH MADE THE ENTIRE SET FLASH ON AND OFF. SHE WANTED TO HAVE ALL "YELLOW" LIGHTS IN THE STAR. THEREFORE SHE REPLACED THE "FLASHER" LITE AND ALL OTHER THAT WERE NOT YELLOW. BULBS SUPPLIED WITH THE SET. AS WELL SOME EXTRA "YELLOW" BULBS PURCHASED SEPARATELY. WHEN SHE TESTED THE ALL "YELLOW" SET SHE PLUGGED THE STRINGCORD INTO A WALL OUTLET DIRECTLY (NO EXTENSION CORD). SHE NOTICED LIGHT GRAY SMOKE COMING FROM SEVERAL BULB SOCKETS SHE IMMEDIATELY UNPLUGGED THE SET AND HER HUSBAND TOOK IT INTO THE FIRE DEPT. THAT SAME DAY. SHE STATED THAT NO DAMAGE WAS DONE OTHER THAN TO THE LIGHTS THEMSELVES.

Incident Date: 19800728 City: State: OK

ON JULY 28 1980 A FIRE OCCURRED IN A MOBILE HOME WHEN AS PER RESPONDE NT AN ELECTRICAL SHORT COOCCURRED IN THE CONTROL PANEL OF A REFRIGERAT OR TYPE WINDOW INIT AIR CONDITIONER. OPEN FLAME WASFIRST SEEN COMING THE ELECTRIC OUTLET INTO WHICH THE UNIT WAS PLUGGED.

Incident Date: 19801119 City: State: OK

THIS CASE INVOLVED AN ELECTRIC SPACE HEATER WITH BLOWER FAN ACCORDING TO NEWSPAPER AND FIRE REPORTS. THE OWNER STATED THAT A HOME-MADE OR RATHER SELF-INSTALLED RECEPTACLE WASAT FAULT. OWNER BELIEVES THE WORK BENCH DRAWER CUT INTO THE POWER CORD TO THE RECEPTACLE WHICH WAS MOU NTE ON THE WORK BENCH. THE ACCIDENT INVOLVED ONLY A SMALL FIRE IN THE GARAGE WITH NO INJURED PERSONS. THE FIRE OCCURRED AFTER THE HEATER H AD BEEN LEFT ON APPROXIMATELY 6 HOURS.

Incident Date: 19801124 City: State: TX

THE VICTIM WAS A 6 YEAR OLD FEMALE. SHE LIVED IN A USED 10 YEAR OLD MOBILE HOME TRAILER WITH HER FATHER, MOTHER, TWO BROTHERS, AND SISTER. ALUMINUM WIRING WAS CONNECTED TO THE 110 VOLT WALL OUTLETS IN THIS HOUSE. TWO ELECTRIC PORTABLE SPACE HEATERS WERE USED IN THE MASTER BEDROOM AND IN THE LIVING ROOM FOR HEATING. EARLY ONE MORNING, THE FATHER, MOTHER, TWO BROTHERS AND SISTER WERE AWAKENED BY SMOKE IN THE MASTER BEDROOM. THEY WERE ABLE TO ESCAPE SUFFERING FROM SMOKE INHALATION, AND SOME LACERATIONS. HOWEVER, THE FATHER AND THE FIRE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL COULD NOT RESCUE THE VICTIM WHO WAS ON THE FLOOR IN HER BEDROOM. SHE DIED FROM SMOKE INHALATION AND ANOXIA. THE FIRE STARTED IN THE LIVING ROOM, NEXT TO THE VICTIM'S BEDROOM, AND WAS REPORTEDLY CAUSED BY

Incident Date: 19801215 City: State: MI

ON DECEMBER 15, 1980, A TREE TOP WITH LIGHT (christmas DECORATION) HA D 2 OF ITS MINIATURE LIGHTS PARTIALLY MELT AFTER THE PRODUCT HAD BEEN PLUGGED INTO AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET FOR 2 MINUTES. INCIDENT OCCURRED D URING THE 2ND YEAR OF PRODUCT USE, OCCURRED IN THE VICTIM'S LIVING ROOM, AND DID NOT INVILVE ANY INJURIES OR OPEN FLAMES.

Incident Date: 19810109 City: State: GA

AT APPROXIMATELY 1430 HOURS ON JANUARY 9, 1981 AN ELECTRIC PORTABLE M CGRAW EDISON HEATER SMOLDERED, SMOKED AND THEN FLAMED UP APPROXIMATEL Y 5 MINUTES AFTER IT WAS PLUGGED INTO THE OUTLET AT RESPONDENT'S PLAC E OF EMPLOYMENT IN TUCKER GEORGIA. NO INJURIES WERE INVOLVED.

Incident Date: 19801218 City: State: NC

AN EXTENSION CORD WAS CONSIDERED THE PROBABLE CAUSE OF A FIRE CAUSING MINOR DAMAGE TO THE BEDROOM OF A PRIVATE DWELLING. THE MALE PLUG CAP OF THE CORD WAS PLUGGED INTO AN UNGROUNDED WALL RECEPTACLE AND THE F EMALE RECEPTACLE WAS OPEN. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19810119 City: State: PA

A CONSUMER REPORTS AN ELECTRICAL SHOCK HAZARD ASSOCIATED WITH THE USE OF A VACUUM CLEANNER. THE ELECTRIC PLUG PRONGS FOR AN ATTACHMENT BRUSH BROKE OFF AND LODGED IN THE RECEPTACLE ON THE HOSE HANDLE. THESE PRONGS ARE ELECTRICALLY "LIVE", & ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS HAVE CAUSED MILD ELECTRIC SHOCKS TO THE USER OF THE VACUUM CLEANER.



Incident Date: 19810108 City: State: FL

THIS CASE INVOLVES AN ELECTRIC FIRE IN THE KITCHEN RECEPTACLE REPORTEDLY CAUSED WHEN THE ELECTRICAL OVERLOAD PROTECTION DEVICE FAILED TO FUNCTION. THERE WERE NO PERSONAL INJURIES IN THIS CASE. HOWEVER, THE HOME SUSTAINED SMOKE DAMAGE.

Incident Date: 19810126 City: State: CA

A OVERLOADED EXTENSION CORD CAUSED A FIRE RESULTING IN APPROXIMATELY \$7000 DAMAGE TO A GARAGE AND CONTENTS. GARAGE WAS BEING USED AS LIVING QUARTERS FOR FAMILY RELATIVE WHERE EXTENSION CORD WAS STRUNG FROM HOUSE OUTLET. THE ONE EXTENSION CORD WAS SUPPLYING SEVERAL APPLIANCES WITHIN GARAGE. NO ONE WAS INJURED.

Incident Date: 19810128 City: State: OR

THIS INVESTIGATION WAS A FOLLOW-UP TO A NEWSPAPER REPORT OF A HOUSE FIRE CAUSED BY A FLOODLIGHT. AN ON-SITE VISIT WAS MADE TO THE HOME AND PHOTOS WERE TAKEN AND ARE ATTACHED. A VISIT WAS ALSO MADE TO THE HOME OF THE ELECTRICIAN WHO REPAIRED THE ELECTRICAL DAMAGES. FURTHER INVESTIGATION REVEALED THAT THE FIRE CAUSE WAS NOT THE FLOOD LIGHT AS SUSPECTED. THERE WAS EVIDENCE OF AN IMPROPERLY WIRED CIRCUIT BREAKER AS WELL AS WATER SEEPAGE IN THE AREA OF THE FLOODLIGHT AND OUTSIDE OUTLET WHICH MAY HAVE CAUSED THE SHORT. THERE WERE NO INJURIES AND PROPERTY DAMAGE WAS ESTIMATED AS LESS THAN \$3000. INFORMATION FOR THIS REPORT GAINED FROM THE ELECTRICIAN WHO DID THE ELECTRICAL REPAIRS, THE HOME OWNERS AND THE INVESTIGATING FIRE MARSHALL.

Incident Date: 19810208 City: State: WA

THE CAUSE OF A FIRE WHICH DESTROYED A \$100,000 HOME AND ITS CONTENTS WAS DETERMINED TO BE A DIMMER SWITCH FOR THE LIGHTS IN THE DININGROOM OF THE HOME. THE OWNER SAID THE NAME OF THE DIMMER SWITCH WAS A TRIMATRON MANUFACTURED BY LEVITON WITH A BEST ESTIMATE FOR THE MANUFACTURER'S ADDRESS OF 575 WHARTON DRIVE SW, ATLANTA GA. THE DIMMER SWITCH APPARENTLY OVERHEATED IGNITING A PLASTIC RECEPTACLE BOX. THE FIRE WAS FIRST NOTICED ABOUT 4 A.M. ON FEBRUARY 8, 1981.

Incident Date: 19801009 City: State: NE

ON 10/09/80 A SUNBEAM LIGHT WEIGHT PORTABLE ELECTRIC MIXER'S MOTOR OVERHEATED CAUSING THE PLASTIC CASING TO WARP FROM THE EXCESSIVE HEAT. THIS MIXER WAS NOT IN USE BUT HAD BEEN LEFT PLUGGED INTO THE ELECTRICAL OUTLET. THE MIXER WAS A 1979 CHRISTMAS GIFT.

Incident Date: 19810228 City: State: TX

ON 2-28-81 A 34 YEAR OLD WHITE MALE SUFFERED A MINOR ELECTRICAL SHOCK TO THE LEFT HAND AS HE PLUGGED A CLAMP LIGHT INTO A KITCHEN OUTLET. LOOSE WIRES WERE LATER IDENTIFIED IN THE LAMP SOCKET.

Incident Date: 19810324 City: State: MO

ON MARCH 24, 1981 AT APPROXIMATELY 0900 HOURS A WOMAN NOTICED THAT THE MALE PLUG FROM HER ELECTRIC FREEZER, LOCATED IN THE GARAGE OF HER HOME, HAD BURNED AND MELTED AS HAD THE ELECTRICAL RECEPTACLE INTO WHICH IT WAS PLUGGED. THE CIRCUIT BREAKER FOR THE CIRCUIT OF THE FREEZER HAD FUNCTIONED PROPERLY AND TRIPPED. DAMAGE WAS LIMITED PRIMARILY TO THE FREEZER CORD AND PLUG AND THE ELECTRICAL RECEPTACLE. NO INJURIES WERE SUSTAINED.

Incident Date: 19810301 City: State: NY

THIS IN-DEPTH INVESTIGATION INVOLVES AN ELECTRIC DRYER. THE DRYER'S ELECTRICAL POWER CORD OVERHEATED WHILE IN USE, AND BURNED A SMALL HOLE IN THE WALL AROUND THE OUTLET. THE DRYER WAS LOCATED IN A SMALL FOYER OF THE HOME. THERE WAS NO INJURY INVOLVED.

Incident Date: 19810307 City: State: PA

THIS FIRE REPORTEDLY RESULTED DUE TO THE MALFUNCTION OF ELECTRIC PORTABLE SPACE HEATER(S) AND/OR WIRING IN THE AREA OF THE HEATERS. TWO ELECTRIC HEATERS WERE REPORTEDLY PLUGGED IN THE SAME OUTLET ACCORDING TO FIRE OFFICIALS. THE SAME OFFICIALS STATED THAT THE TWO HEATERS PROBABLY OVERLOADED THE INVOLVED CIRCUIT CAUSING THE FIRE. THE THREE STORY HOME, IN WHICH THE FIRE OCCURRED, WAS REPORTEDLY SEVERELY DAMAGED BY THE BLAZE. NO DAMAGE ESTIMATE WAS AVAILABLE AT THE TIME OF THE INTERVIEW. NO ONE WAS INJURED AS A RESULT OF THIS FIRE.

Incident Date: 19810307 City: State: MI

A FAMILY OF SIX ESCAPED INJURY WHEN THEIR SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE WAS DAMAGED BY FIRE DUE TO A FAULTY WALL OUTLET.

Incident Date: 19810226 City: State: TX

A RECHARGEABLE FLASHLIGHT WAS LEFT PLUGGED IN A HOUSEHOLD OUTLET FOR ABOUT 28 HOURS AND BURST INTO FLAMES. DAMAGE WAS LIMITED TO THE PLASTIC FLASHLIGHT, AN OUTLET AND THE WALL.

Incident Date: 19810320 City: State: TX

A RECEPTACLE DIRECTLY BEHIND A SOFA IN A MANAGER'S CONFERENCE ROOM EXTENDED OUT AT LEAST 2 INCHES FROM THE WALL DUE TO SOME MODIFICATIONS. THE FIRE INVESTIGATOR BELIEVES THE RECEPTACLE AND WALL WERE INVOLVED IN FLAMES BEFORE THE SOFA BECAME INVOLVED. ALL ITEMS WERE DESTROYED IN THE FIRE AND REMAINS WERE DISPOSED OF PRIOR TO THE ASSIGNING OF THIS INVESTIGATION. NO PERSONAL INJURIES WERE INVOLVED. \$145,000 DAMAGE TO THE MOTEL WERE SUSTAINED ACCORDING TO THE OWNER.

Incident Date: 19810415 City: State: MN

THIS INCIDENT INVOLVED AN ELECTRIC COFFEEMAKER, WHICH WAS PURCHASED AT A LOCAL CHAIN STORE OUTLET, TAKEN HOME, USED ONCE WITH NO PROBLEM. THE SECOND TIME IT WAS USED ON THAT EVENING, IT EXPLODED, AND SHOWERED THE KITCHEN WITH GLASS. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19810414 City: State: MN

THE COMPLAINANT RECEIVED AN ELECTRIC SHOCK FROM HER ELECTRIC STEAM IRON. IT WOULD NOT HEAT UP AFTER BEING PLUGGED INTO 3 KITCHEN OUTLETS. WHILE UNPLUGGING IT FROM THE 3RD OUTLET, THE PLUG, WHICH SHE WAS GRASPING, CAME LOOSE FROM THE WIRE PORTION, AND CONTACTED HER FINGER.

Incident Date: 19801031 City: State: VA

A RECHARGEABLE FLASHLIGHT BURNED IN THE SECOND FLOOR HALLWAY OF THE COMPLAINANT'S HOME AFTER IT WAS PLUGGED INTO AN OUTLET TO BE RECHARGED. NO ONE WAS INJURED.

Incident Date: 19810426 City: State: PA

THIS INCIDENT REPORTEDLY INVOLVES A MICROWAVE OVEN WHICH SELF ACTIVATED (I.E. TURNED ITSELF ON). THIS INCIDENT OCCURRED ON 4/26/81 IN THE KITCHEN OF THE RESIDENCE WHERE IT WAS LOCATED. THE MICROWAVE OVEN'S POWER PLUG WAS PULLED FROM THE OUTLET INTO WHICH IT WAS PLUGGED AND NO INJURY/FIRE OCCURRED AS A RESULT OF THE INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19810418 City: State: PA

A HOUSE WIFE ACCIDENTLY PULLED TO HARD ON A VACUUM CLEANER PLUG AND ONE PRONG STAYED IN THE RECEPTACLE. STARTING A SMALL FIRE. THE CIRCUIT BREAKER IN THE HOME FAILED TO GO OFF AND THE FIRE WAS STOPPED, ONLY WHEN A NEIGHBOR MANUALLY PUSHED THE CIRCUIT BREAKER TO "OFF". THE ACCIDENT OCCURRED IN THE KITCHEN OF A SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING. DURING THIS ACCIDENT, NO INJURIES WERE SUSTAINED.

Incident Date: 19810412 City: State: PA

THIS 4/12/81 FIRE REPORTEDLY CAUSED THE DEATHS OF TWO CHILDREN (GIRLS, AGES 2 AND 4). THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE WAS INDICATED BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT TO BE "FAULTY WIRING" IN THE AREA OF THE SECOND FLOOR OUTLET. THE SPECIFIC PROBLEM WITH THE WIRING WHICH RESULTED IN THE SUBJECT FIRE WAS UNDETERMINED. DAMAGE TO THE RESIDENCE WAS ESTIMATED AT APPROXIMATELY \$10,000.

Incident Date: 19810503 City: State: PA

VICTIM 2 YEAR OLD FEMALE PLACED AND INSERTED BOBBY PIN INTO ELECTRIC OUTLET. NO INJURY - NO TREATMENT NECESSARY.

Incident Date: 19810330 City: State: CA

A 15 MONTH OLD MALE SUSTAINED SEVERE ELECTRICAL BURNS IN HIS MOUTH WHEN HE MOUTHED A MALE PRONG ASSEMBLY. THE PRONG ASSEMBLY WAS PLUGGED INTO THE FEMALE PLUG OF AN EXTENSION CORD WHICH, IN TURN, WAS PLUGGED INTO A WALL OUTLET. THE PRONG ASSEMBLY WAS ACCIDENTALLY SEPARATED FROM THE POWER CORD OF A VIBRATOR. THE ACCIDENT HAPPENED WHEN THE VICTIM WAS PLAYING ALONE ON THE FLOOR IN HIS PARENT'S BEDROOM. THIS INVESTIGATION WAS PERFORMED AS A FOLLOW-UP TO A CONSUMER COMPLAINT. THE RESPONDENT WAS THE VICTIM'S MOTHER.

Incident Date: 19810407 City: State: NJ

SMOKE AND FIRE WERE COMING FROM A COLOR TELEVISION SET. THE OWNER ATTEMPTED TO REMOVE THE PLUG FROM THE OUTLET BUT IT WAS TOO HOT TO TOUCH. SHE THREW A BLANKET OVER THE TELEVISION AND CALLED THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. THE FIRE SPREAD TO THE BLANKET AND TO THE REST OF THE HOUSE.

Incident Date: 19810421 City: State: CA

A 28 YEAR OLD FEMALE RECEIVED AN ELECTRIC SHOCK WHEN SHE TOUCHED A COFFEE MAKER WITH A DISH TOWEL WHILE CLEANING THE KITCHEN COUNTER. THE COFFEE MAKER WAS PLUGGED IN AN WALL OUTLET BUT WAS NOT BEING USED AT THE TIME. THE VICTIM DID NOT REQUIRE ANY MEDICAL ATTENTION. THIS INVESTIGATION, A FOLLOW-UP TO A CONSUMER COMPLAINT, WAS DONE VIA TELEPHONE ACCORDING TO THE ASSIGNMENT INSTRUCTION.

Incident Date: 19810108 City: State: NJ

ACCORDING TO THE LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENT THAT RESPONDED TO THE FIRE, CONTROL SWITCHES OR AN ELECTRICAL RECEPTACLE ON AN ELECTRIC HOT WATER HEATER POSSIBLY MALFUNCTIONED CAUSING A FIRE IN A MOBILE HOME. THE INTERIOR OF THE HOME WAS COMPLETELY DESTROYED BY THE FIRE. THERE WERE NO INJURIES INVOLVED WITH THIS FIRE. ATTEMPTS TO LOCATE THE OWNER OF THE MOBILE HOME AND THE HOT WATER HEATER WERE UNSUCCESSFUL.

Incident Date: 19810417 City: State: TX

AN 11 YEAR OLD FEMALE WAS HOLDING HER BREATH UNDER WATER IN A 41 INCH DEEP OUTDOOR HOT TUB LOCATED BEHIND A NEIGHBOR'S SUBURBAN HOME. THE ENDS OF THE VICTIM'S 16 INCH LONG HAIR BECAME CAUGHT IN THE MAIN OUTLET GRATE OR COVER NEAR THE BOTTOM OF THIS HOT TUB AND SHE DROWNED WHILE SEVERAL UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPTS WERE MADE TO PULL HER HAIR OUT OF THE WATER OUTLET GRATE.

Incident Date: 19810527 City: State: NC

A 46 YEAR OLD FEMALE WAS CLEANING HER COUNTER TOP IN KITCHEN AT HOME. WHEN SHE ATTEMPTED TO WIPE OVER THE SINK, THE WET CLOTH CONTACTED THE ELECTRICAL OUTLET OVER THE SINK. VICTIM SUFFERED ELECTRICAL SHOCK ALL PARTS OF BODY.

Incident Date: 19810527 City: State: NJ

THIS INVESTIGATION INVOLVES A FIRE WHICH OCCURRED IN A 4 STORY BRICK BUILDING CONTAINING 8 FAMILIES AND WHICH RESULTED IN THE DEATH OF 7 PEOPLE. IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT THAT THE FIRE STARTED IN A MATTRESS AND WAS CAUSED BY THE ELECTRICAL PLUG OF A REFRIGERATOR WHICH WAS PLUGGED INTO AN ADJOINING BEDROOM OUTLET. THE BED WAS PRESSED UP AGAINST THE PLUG.

Incident Date: 19810526 City: State: MN

THIS IS AN INVESTIGATION OF A FIRE INCIDENT THAT OCCURRED INVOLVING A THAT OCCURRED ON 5/26/81. THE COMPLAINANT AWOKE AT NIGHT AND FOUND THAT FIRE AND SPARKS WERE BEING EMITTED AT THE POINT THAT THE ELECTRIC CORD FOR THE REFRIGERATOR WAS PLUGGED INTO A 3 PRONG ADAPTER PLUG, WHICH IN TURN WAS PLUGGED INTO A WALL OUTLET. THE FIRE WAS EXTINGUISHED BY THE COMPLAINANT AND HIS ROOMMATE, AND NO INJURIES WERE SUFFERED.

Incident Date: 19810506 City: State: NV

A 27 YEAR OLD MALE DIED IN A HOUSE FIRE WHICH FIRE INVESTIGATORS DETERMINED STARTED NEAR A WALL RECEPTACLE BEHIND THE HEADBOARD OF A BED. THE FIRE WAS PROBABLY CAUSED BY A SHORT IN THE CORD OF AN ELECTRIC CLOCK CAUSED BY DAMAGE FROM THE HEADBOARD OF THE BED.

Incident Date: 19810421 City: State: CA

A 28 YEAR OLD FEMALE RECEIVED AN ELECTRIC SHOCK WHEN SHE TOUCHED A COFFEE MAKER WITH A DISH TOWEL CLEANING THE KITCHEN COUNTER. THE COFFEE MAKER WAS PLUGGED IN AN WALL OUTLET BUT WAS NOT BEING USED AT THE TIME. THE VICTIM DID NOT REQUIRE ANY MEDICAL ATTENTION. THIS INVESTIGATION, A FOLLOW-UP TO A CONSUMER COMPLAINT, WAS DONE VIA TELEPHONE ACCORDING TO THE ASSIGNMENT INSTRUCTION.

Incident Date: 19810529 City: State: MD

A RECHARGEABLE FLASHLIGHT CAUGHT FIRE WHILE PLUGGED INTO AN OUTLET IN THE BEDROOM OF A 35 YEAR OLD MALE.

Incident Date: 19810614 City: State: AZ

AN 11 YEAR OLD FEMALE'S HAIR CAUGHT IN THE SUCTION OUTLET OF A HOME SPA POOL. SHE WAS HELD UNDER WATER FOR MORE THAN 60 SECONDS UNTIL HER STEPFATHER WAS ABLE TO RELEASE HER HAIR BY BREAKING THE DRAIN COVER. THERE WAS NO PERMANENT PHYSICAL DAMAGE.

Incident Date: 19810408 City: State: FL

ON 4-8-81, AT APPROXIMATELY 0300 HOURS AN ELECTRONIC REMOTE CONTROL RELAY DEVICE USED TO TURN A TELEVISION ON AND OFF WAS PLUGGED INTO A WALL OUTLET WHEN IT EMITTED SPARKS AND EXPLODED IN THE BEDROOM OF THE COMPLAINANT'S HOME IN NORTH PALM BEACH, FLORIDA. NO INJURIES WERE INVOLVED.

Incident Date: 19810601 City: State: NY

THE SITE OF THIS INVESTIGATION IS 250 MILES FROM THE CPSC RESIDENT POST. BECAUSE OF THE TIME AND TRAVEL COSTS THIS ASSIGNMENT WAS DEFERRED UNTIL MORE INVESTIGATIONS IN THE SAME AREA COULD BE ACCUMULATED. FIRE ORIGINATING IN WALL CLOCK RECEPTACLE DESTROYED THE INTERIOR OF A ONE FAMILY PRIVATE HOME BELONGING TO A COURT ATTENDANT. HE AND HIS WIFE WERE AWAY AND NO ONE WAS INJURED.

Incident Date: 19810621 City: State: WA

A TOASTER CAUGHT FIRE WHEN THE BREAD THAT WAS TOASTING CAUGHT FIRE AND FAILED TO POP UP. THE TOASTER HAS BEEN DISCARDED BY THE COMPLAINANT. THERE WERE NO PREVIOUS PROBLEMS WITH THE TOASTER AND THERE HAD BEEN NO TROUBLE WITH THE ELECTRICAL OUTLET IT WAS PLUGGED INTO. THIS INSPECTION WAS CONDUCTED BY PHONE AS INSTRUCTED BY THE ASSIGNMENT MEMO.

Incident Date: 19810620 City: State: MD

THIS ACCIDENT INVOLVED AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET INTO WHICH WAS PLUGGED A CLOCK AND A TELEPHONE-ANSWERING DEVICE. THE LOCATION WAS THE KITCHEN OF RESPONDENT'S HOME. SOMETIME DURING THE NIGHT A FIRE STARTED IN VICINITY OF THESE ITEMS, RESULTING IN EXTENSIVE DAMAGE TO HOME. WIFE SPRAINED ANKLE TRYING TO ESCAPE OUT THE WINDOW.

Incident Date: 19810613 City: State: VA

THIS IDI WAS A FOLLOW-UP TO A NEWSPAPER REPORT OF A HOUSEFIRE CAUSED BY AN OVERHEATED EXTENSION CORD. NO ON-SITE VISIT WAS MADE AFTER TELEVISION WITH THE OCCUPANT OF THE HOUSE, THE INSURANCE AGENT, THE HOME OWNERS AND THE FIRE DEPARTMENT INVESTIGATOR, REVEALED THAT NONE OF THE PRODUCTS INVOLVED WERE AVAILABLE FOR PICTURES OR IDENTIFICATION AND THAT THE HOUSE WAS BEING REPAIRED. THE EXTENSION CORD WAS USED TO CONNECT THE LIGHT-DUTY CLOTHES DRYER TO A 220 VOLT OUTLET ACCORDING TO THE OCCUPANTS AND OWNERS OF THE DRYER. THE EXTENSION CORD WAS TOO LONG AND HAD BEEN WRAPPED SEVERAL TIMES AROUND THE FAUCETS. THERE WERE NO INJURIES, AND THE PROPERTY DAMAGE WAS ESTIMATED TO BE \$15,000. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT DETERMINED THE CAUSE OF IGNITION TO BE THE OVERHEATED EXTENSION CORD.

Incident Date: 19810628 City: State: PA

A FIRE WHICH ORIGINATED EITHER IN A DUPLEX OUTLET AND/OR WITHIN AN ELECTRICAL HEATER CAUSED A FIRE WHICH TOOK THE LIFE OF A SIX (6) YEAR OLD FEMALE AND DESTROYED THE HOME AND CONTENTS OF THE VICTIM. DEATH WAS CAUSED BY SMOKE INHALATION.

Incident Date: 19810717 City: State: IL

RESIDENTIAL FIRE SUPPOSEDLY STARTED IN AN AIR CONDITIONER CORD OR IN THE OUTLET THE CORD WAS CONNECTED TO.

Incident Date: 19810720 City: State: CT

THE COMPLAINANT'S WIFE RECEIVED AN ELECTRICAL SHOCK WHEN SHE BRUSHED AGAINST THE METAL HOUSING OF A TOASTER OVEN WITH HER HAND. THE TOASTER OVEN WAS RESTING ON THE KITCHEN COUNTER AND WAS NOT IN USE ALTHOUGH IT WAS PLUGGED INTO THE WALL OUTLET. THE UNIT WAS SENT TO THE MANUFACTURER FOR A REFUND. THE MANUFACTURER REPORTS THEIR FINDINGS INDICATE PARTICULES OF STEEL WOOL OR SIMILAR MATERIAL BECAME EMBEDDED IN THE BASE CAUSING ELECTRICAL LEAKAGE (SHORT). NO APPARENT INJURIES RESULTED.

Incident Date: 19820713 City: State: MI

A SHORT IN A WALL OUTLET CAUSED A LINE WHICH IGNITED A MATTRESS.

Incident Date: 19810920 City: State: GA

VICTIM'S GROUND MOTHER STATED THAT SHE WAS COOKING POPCORN IN CORN POPPER WITH ELECTRIC EXTENSION CORD PLUGGED INTO WALL OUTLET. VICTIM TOOK EXTENSION CORD IN MOUTH AND TRIED TO PULL CORD FROM OUTLET WITH TEETH. VICTIM RECEIVED MOUTH BURNS. EXTENSION CORD WAS NOT FRAYED AND NO BARE WIRES.

Incident Date: 19810915 City: State: TX

THE COMPLAINANT, A 27 YEAR OLD FEMALE, PLUGGED A 10 MONTH OLD PORTABLE HAIR DRYER INTO HER APARTMENT'S BEDROOM WALL RECEPTACLE. SHE TURNED THE HAIR DRYER ON, AND IT RAN FOR ONE SECOND BEFORE IT EXPLODED INSIDE WITH A LOUD NOISE. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19810909 City: State: TX

A ONE STORY WOOD FRAME HOUSE BECAME INVOLVED IN A FIRE AFTER AN EXTENSION CORD/ELECTRICAL WALL OUTLET CONNECTION IGNITED THE WOODEN WALL IN A BEDROOM.

Incident Date: 19811001 City: State: AA

A RECHARGABLE FLASHLIGHT MANUFACTURED BY SANYO OVERHEATED WHILE PLUGGED INTO A WALL RECEPTACLE AND MELTED PART OF ITS CASE, PRODUCED DENSE SMOKE, AND SCORCHED A QUARTER-SIZED AREA OF THE BATHROOM WALL; THIS IS THE THIRD SUCH INCIDENT EXPERIENCED BY THE VICTIM. THERE WERE NO INJURIES NOR RESULTANT FIRE.

Incident Date: 19811021 City: State:

RESPONDENT STATED THAT HER 2 YEAR OLD DAUGHTER (VICTIM) WAS PLAYING WITH HER CAR KEYS AT HOME. WHILE THE VICTIM WAS PLAYING WITH THE KEYS SHE STUCK THEM IN THE ELECTRICAL OUTLET IN THE ROOM. VICTIM SUFFERED ELECTRICAL BURNS TO HAND.

Incident Date: 19811105 City: State: PA

A 5 YEAR OLD GIRL SUFFERED ELECTRICAL BURNS TO HER FINGER. WHEN SHE STUCK IT UP AGAINST AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET. SHE WAS WEARING A RING AT THE TIME.

Incident Date: 19811113 City: State: KS

A FIRE DESTROYED A MOBILE HOME AND ITS CONTENTS IN A RURAL AREA. THE LOCAL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT THINKS IT STARTED IN A GAS WATER HEATER, BUT THE OWNER BELIEVES IT ORIGINATED IN AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET NEAR THE HEATER. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19811222 City: State: PA

VICTIM PLUGGED END OF EXTENSION CORD INTO A WALL OUTLET. A PIECE OF ICE WAS SOMEHOW ON OR AROUND THE PLUG. THE ICE CAUSED A SHORT AND SPARKS VICTIM WAS BURNED BY THESE SPARKS. ACCIDENT NOT WITNESSED BY RESPONDENT.

Incident Date: 19811215 City: State: PA

AN ELECTRIC CHRISTMAS CANDLE OR AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET IN A SECOND FLOOR BEDROOM OF THE CONSUMER'S HOME WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR A FIRE THAT CAUSED CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE IN THE BEDROOM. STAIRWAY AND VESTIBULE ON THE FIRST FLOOR. NO ONE WAS INJURED.

Incident Date: 19820124 City: State: TX

THIS INVESTIGATION INVOLVES THE MALFUNCTION OF A HAND HELD BLOW HAIR DRYER. THE MALE PRONG OF THE DRYER STARTED MELTING WHILE PLUGGED INTO THE WALL OUTLET. NO INJURIES OCCURRED, ONLY DAMAGE TO THE DRYER'S PLUG. OVER HEATING OF THE PLUG WAS DETERMINED TO BE CAUSED BY WIRING IN THE WALL OUTLET.

Incident Date: 19820121 City: State: IL

AT APPROXIMATELY 0131 HOURS, ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 1982, A FATHER, HIS SON, AGE 18, AND HIS DAUGHTER, AGE 15, WERE AWAKENED BY A SMOKE DETECTOR. THE FATHER SAID HE SAW FLAMES ALL ALONG THE INSIDE BOTTOM BACK OF A SLEEP SOFA IN THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE KITCHEN. THE FATHER SAID HIS DAUGHTER SMOKED BUT HE DOUBTED VERY MUCH IF SMOKING WAS THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE. HE SAID THAT AFTER THE INSURANCE ADJUSTERS VISITED THE SCENE OF THE FIRE HE WAS INCLINED TO BELIEVE THE FIRE STARTED FROM ELECTRICAL CAUSES. HE SAID THERE WAS AN OUTLET WITH ELECTRICAL CORDS BEHIND THE SOFA. THE FLAME DAMAGE WAS LIMITED TO THE MAIN FLOOR OF THIS 1-LEVEL WOOD FRAME HOME WITH SOME ROOF DAMAGE. THE FATHER SAID ABSOLUTELY EVERY ROOM AND ALL FURNITURE SUFFERED SMOKE DAMAGE. DAMAGE WAS ESTIMATED AT \$24,000.

Incident Date: 19820208 City: State: GA

A FIRE OCCURRED IN THE BEDROOM WALL AROUND THE AREA WHERE AN ELECTRIC PORTABLE HEATER WAS PLUGGED INTO THE ELECTRICAL OUTLET. THE INCIDENT OCCURRED AT RESPONDENT'S HOME IN ATLANTA, GEORGIA. NO INJURIES WERE INVOLVED.

Incident Date: 19820104 City: State: IL

AT APPROXIMATELY 11:35 HOURS ON MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 1982, A TWO YEAR OLD AND A THREE YEAR OLD FEMALE DIED FROM CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING DUE TO SMOKE AND SOOT IN A FIRE IN THEIR HOME WHICH APPARENTLY STARTED IN A SET OF X-MAS TREE LIGHTS WHICH WAS PLUGGED INTO AN EXTENSION CORD WHICH WAS IN TURN PLUGGED INTO A WALL OUTLET NEAR THEIR BED IN THEIR SECOND FLOOR BEDROOM.

Incident Date: 19820119 City: State: TX

A 19 YEAR OLD MALE RECEIVED AN ELECTRICAL SHOCK WHILE PLUGGING A CALCULATOR'S BATTERY CHARGER INTO A WALL OUTLET. AN EXAMINATION ESTABLISHED THAT THE WIRING IN THE WALL OUTLET WAS AT FAULT AND NEEDED TO BE REPAIRED.

Incident Date: 19801124 City: State: CA

THE CONSUMER REPORTS THAT THIS ACCIDENT OCCURRED IN THE MASTER BEDROOM OF HIS HOME. THE CONSUMER PLUGGED IN THE ELECTRIC HOT SHAVING LATHER MACHINE INTO AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET, TO WARM-UP, AND THEN HE WENT IN TO THE SHOWER. WHILE IN THE SHOWER, HE HEARD A LOUD NOISE (LIKE A "S HOT"). HE THEN CAME OUT OF THE SHOWER AND DISCOVERED THAT THE HOT SHAVING LATHER MACHINE HAD EXPLODED, DAMAGING THE COUNTER TOP, WHICH IT ATTERED AROUND THIS AREA. NO ONE WAS INJURED. ROUND THIS AREA. NO ONE WAS INJURED.

Incident Date: 19820228 City: State: PA

CHILD WAS FOUND WITH A RED SWOLLEN MOUTH. HE TOLD HIS GRANDMOTHER HE HAS PUT THE FEMALE RECEPTACLE OF THE EXTENSION CORD IN HIS MOUTH.

Incident Date: 19820219 City: State: WI

THIS ACCIDENT INVOLVED A 20 YEAR OLD WOMAN WHO WAS ELECTROCUTED WHILE SHE WAS TAKING A BATH. THERE WERE NO WITNESSES TO THE ACCIDENT. APPARENTLY THE VICTIM KNOCKED A HAIR DRYER INTO THE BATHTUB. THE DRYER WAS STORED ON A TOWEL RACK LOCATED OVER THE BATHTUB. THE DRYER WAS TURNED OFF AT THE TIME OF THE ACCIDENT, BUT PLUGGED INTO A RECEPTACLE. WHEN SHE WENT TO PICK THE DRYER UP SHE WAS ELECTROCUTED. THE POLICE AING ON THE DRYER AND A HANG TAG ON THE CORD, BOTH WARNING THE USER T DRYER AND A HANG TAG ON THE CORD, BOTH WARNING THE USER THAT ELECTRO- CUTION WAS POSSIBLE IF DROPPED IN THE TUB.

Incident Date: 19820218 City: State: NY

A CONSUMER LEFT AN UNATTENDED ELECTRIC AUTOMATIC DRIP COFFEEMAKER STANDING ON HER KITCHEN HOME COUNTER WHILE IT WAS MAKING COFFEE. THE CONSUMER RETURNED TO THE KITCHEN FROM ANOTHER ROOM IN THE HOUSE AND UNPLUGGED THE CORD FROM THE WALL OUTLET, WHEN SHE FOUND THE COFFEEMAKER HAD BURNED THE KITCHEN COUNTER. NO INJURY

Incident Date: 19820325 City: State: MI

AT APPROXIMATELY 1230 HOURS, MARCH 22, 1982, THE RESIDENTS OF A HOUSE REPORTED A FIRE IN THEIR HOME (IN KITCHEN). THE OCCUPANTS (MOTHER, SON AND DAUGHTER) WERE SLEEPING WHEN A SIZZLING NOISE FROM THE KITCHEN AND SMOKE AWAKEN THEM. IT WAS THE FIRE CHIEF'S OPINION THAT A TOASTER ON THE KITCHEN COUNTER TOP STARTED THE FIRE. THE TOASTER WAS CONNECTED TO THE WALL OUTLET, HOWEVER IT WAS NOT BEING USED BY ANY OF THE OCCUPANTS WERE INJURED. OCCUPANTS WERE INJURED.



Incident Date: 19820126 City: State: MD

THIS ACCIDENT INVOLVED A NEW ELECTRIC HEATER, USED FOR ONLY TWO WEEKS IN LIVING ROOM CONVERTED TO A TEMPORARY BEDROOM FOR AGED PARENT. HEATER WAS PLUGGED INTO WALL OUTLET AND VICTIM DID NOT KNOW THAT THERE WAS A SPLIT IN THE INSULATION, EXPOSING THE WIRES. HE GRASPED PLUG AND FINGERS CONTACTED BARE WIRE AND HE RECEIVED A SEVERE ELECTRICAL SHOCK TO RIGHT ARM, WHICH HE SAYS STILL BOTHERS HIM.

Incident Date: 19820505 City: State: CA

A 25 YEAR OLD FEMALE SUSTAINED AN ELECTRIC SHOCK AFTER TOUCHING THE SCREEN OF A COLOR CONSOLE TELEVISION. THE TV WAS OFF, BUT PLUGGED INTO A WALL OUTLET. THE ELECTRIC SHOCK RENDERED THE VICTIM UNCONSCIOUS FOR A FEW MOMENTS.

Incident Date: 19820501 City: State: CT

FIRE GUTTED AN APARTMENT OF A TWO APARTMENT TWO STORY SINGLE DUPLEX DWELLING WHILE THE OCCUPANT WAS AWAY OUT-OF-STATE. THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE WAS ATTRIBUTED TO OVERHEATING OF THE WALL MOUNTED OUTLET WHERE AN UPRIGHT SIDE-BY-SIDE REFRIGERATOR-FREEZER WAS PLUGGED. THE HEATER APPARENTLY IGNITED THE WALL STUDDING AND WOOD PANELLING IN THE KITCHEN. THE 30 AMP TYPE FUSE DID NOT BLOW AND PER THE FIRE MARSHAL EXCEEDED

Incident Date: 19831016 City: State: PA

THE PRODUCT INVOLVED IN THIS INCIDENT HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS A GREY AND BLACK STEAM IRON WITH MULTIPLE SETTINGS. THE IRON WAS PLUGGED INTO AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET AND LEFT UNATTENDED WHEN IT APPARENTLY ABSORBED AN EXTENSIVE QUANTITY OF ELECTRICITY DURING AN ELECTRICAL STORM WHICH TOTALLY DAMAGED THE PRODUCT. NO INJURIES OR PROPERTY DAMAGE WAS SUSTAINED.

Incident Date: 19811121 City: State: NY

A 39 YEAR OLD MALE LIVING WITH HIS FAMILY IN A ONE FAMILY DWELLING, IN PLAINVIEW, N.Y. SUFFERED MINOR BURNS ON THE THUMB, FOREFINGER AND INDEX FINGER OF HIS RIGHT HAND. THE INJURY OCCURRED WHEN HE HURRIEDLY REMOVED THE WIRE/PLUG ASSEMBLY OF A QUARTZ HEATER FROM AN OUTLET, WHILE OBSERVING SPARKS AND SMOKE EMITTING FROM THE GENERAL AREA OF THE PLUG/WIRE ASSEMBLY. NO PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL TREATMENT WAS NEEDED FOR

Incident Date: 19820516 City: State: WI

A 32 YEAR-OLD MALE WAS ELECTROCUTED AFTER HOOKING-UP ELECTRIC POWER TO A CAMPER TRAILER. THE VICTIM HAD STRUNG TOGETHER THREE EXTENSION CORDS, BOTH TWO AND THREE CONDUCTOR, FROM AN OUTLET AT A CAMPGROUND TO THE TRAILER. THE GROUND WAS WET, HAVING RAINED THE DAY THE ACCIDENT OCCURRED. THERE WERE NO WITNESSES TO THE ACCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19820529 City: State: NC

A SEVEN-YEAR-OLD FEMALE WAS ELECTROCUTED WHILE TAKING A BATH IN THE BATHROOM OF HER HOME WHEN AN ELECTRIC HAIRDRYER WHICH WAS PLUGGED INTO AN OUTLET FELL INTO HER BATH WATER.

Incident Date: 19820616 City: State: FL

A FIRE INCIDENT WITH ASSOCIATED ESTIMATED PROPERTY DAMAGES OF \$9,00-12,00 OCCURRED IN THE KITCHEN OF A HIGH-RISE APARTMENT CONDOMINIUM ON 6/16/82. ACCORDING TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT INSPECTOR, THE FIRE WAS CAUSED BY CONSUMER ABUSE OF THE POWER CORD COMPONENT OF THE ELECTRICAL TOASTER/OVEN PRODUCT WHICH WAS LOCATED ON THE CORNER COUNTER AREA AND PLUGGED IN TO A 115 VOLT DOUBLE RECEPTACLE ON THE WALL BEHIND; THE CORD WAS "WADDED UP" BEHIND THE UNIT. FIRE WAS ATTRIBUTED TO WORN INSULATION ON THE CORD. THE TENANT WAS NOT IN HER CONDO AT THE TIME OF THE FIRE; HER DOG DID OCCUPY THE PREMISES AND SUFFERED SMOKE INHALATION AND WAS TREATED AND RELEASED BY A VETERINARIAN. THE CONDOMINIUM UNIT NEXT DOOR SUFFERED SMOKE AND WATER DAMAGE; NO HUMAN INJURIES WERE REPORTED.

Incident Date: 19820622 City: State: MA

A THREE RECEPTACLE ELECTRICAL WALL PLUG USED FOR KITCHEN APPLIANCES IS BELIEVED TO HAVE FAILED WHILE BEING USED WITH A COFFEE POT SPARKING A FIRE WHICH HEAVILY DAMAGED A RESIDENCE. NO INJURIES WERE INVOLVED.

Incident Date: 19820601 City: State: WA

NO INJURIES WERE SUSTAINED WHEN AN ELECTRIC HEATING PAD, BEING USED AT NIGHT, BEGAN MAKING A CRACKING NOISE AND THEN BEGAN SPARKING AND SHORT CIRCUITING, ACCORDING TO THE COMPLAINANT. WHEN THE CORD WAS PULLED FROM THE WALL RECEPTACLE THE COMPLAINANT REPORTED HEARING A LOUD NOISE AND SEEING SPARKS COMING FROM THE HEATING PAD. THE INCIDENT OCCURRED ON OR ABOUT JUNE 1, 1982.

Incident Date: 19820624 City: State: CT

THE COMPLAINANT RELATED THAT A REMOTE CONTROL HE PURCHASED 4 TO 5 YEARS AGO SUDDENLY EMANATED FUMES AND AN ELECTRICAL ODOR WHILE IT WAS PLUGGED INTO A WALL OUTLET IN A BEDROOM. PLUGGED INTO THE REMOVE CONTROL WAS A 19" COLOR TV THAT WAS OFF AT THE TIME. NO INJURIES OR DAMAGES WERE SUSTAINED EXCEPT FOR THE BURNED CONTROL UNIT.

Incident Date: 19820624 City: State: AR

THIS TELEPHONE IN-DEPTH INVOLVED AN APARTMENT FIRE THAT WAS ALLEGEDLY CAUSED BY AN ELECTRICAL SHORT IN AN OUTLET ON AN ELECTRIC COOK STOVE. NO INJURIES OCCURRED.

Incident Date: 19820411 City: UNK State: FL

ON/ABOUT APRIL 11, 1982, COMPLAINANT GOT UP FROM BED BETWEEN MIDNIGHT AND 1:00 AM, WENT TO KITCHEN FOR A GLASS OF MILK AND SMELLED THE ODOR OF BURNING ELECTRICAL WIRES. HE INVESTIGATED KITCHEN AREA BY CHECKING APPLIANCES AS POSSIBLE ORIGIN OF ODOR. HE HEARD A HISSING/ SIZZLING SOUND COMING FROM THE AUTOMATIC COFFEE BREWER, AND IMMEDIATELY UNPLUGGED IT FROM WALL OUTLET. HE MOVED THE COFFEE MAKER TO FIND THE COUNTER TOP UNDERNEATH IT WAS SCORCHED. NO OTHER DAMAGE RESULTED FROM THE INCIDENT AND THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19820621 City: State: TX

ON JUNE 6, 1982, AN ELEVEN MONTH OLD MALE SUSTAINED ELECTRICAL BURNS TO FACE, CHEST, BOTH ARMS RIGHT LEG AND BUTTOCKS WHEN AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET SHORTED IN THE BATHROOM OF HIS FAMILY'S MOBILE HOME. APPARENTLY, THE OUTLET WAS LOOSE. AS THE BOY TOUCHED IT, THE UNIT SHORTED.

Incident Date: 19820702 City: State: AR

AN ELECTRICAL CORD CONNECTED TO AN OVEN AND AN OUTLET SHORTED OUT AND BURNED AT A SPOT WHERE THE CORD HAD BEEN SPLICED AND WRAPPED WITH SOME PLASTIC TAPE. THERE WAS NO INJURY AND DAMAGE WAS ESTIMATED AT \$10 -15.

Incident Date: 19820711 City: State: NH

NEWSPAPER ACCOUNT OF FIRE INCIDENT INDICATED THAT THE FIRE ORIGINATED AT A WALL OUTLET IN A RESIDENTIAL APARTMENT. FIRE INVESTIGATORS SUBSEQUENTLY TRACED THE ORIGIN OF THE FIRE TO A NEWSPAPER DISTRIBUTOR'S OFFICE AND REPORTED IT TO BE OF A SUSPICIOUS ORIGIN.

Incident Date: 19820712 City: State: MA

A KITCHEN ELECTRICAL FIRE, TRACED TO A COUNTERTOP OUTLET, CAUSED HEAVY DAMAGE TO A SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE. THE HOME WAS UNOCCUPIED AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT. REPORTEDLY, POOR WORKMANSHIP BY AN ELECTRICIAN IS INVOLVED. INVESTIGATION WAS LIMITED BECAUSE FAMILY HAS AN UNLISTED TELEPHONE.

Incident Date: 19820723 City: State: CT

FIRE GUTTED THE DOWNSTAIRS OF AN OLDER FRAME TWO STORY SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE WHEN APPARENTLY ARCHING IN A PUSH TYPE DUPLEX WALL OUTLET STARTED AN ADJACENT STUD ON FIRE. FIVE VICTIMS IN UPSTAIRS BEDROOMS WERE REPORTEDLY OVERCOME BY SMOKE AND DOA. THE SURVIVING VICTIM, THE WIFE OF THE OWNER, WAS REPORTEDLY PUSHED OUT A SECOND FLOOR WINDOW BY HER HUSBAND WHO WAS SUBSEQUENTLY DOA. THE SURVIVING VICTIM SUFFERED EXTENSIVE BURNS AND IS UNABLE TO BE INTERVIEWED.

Incident Date: 19800101 City: State: TX

ON TWO SEPARATE OCCASIONS, AC 115V ADAPTER PLUGS ON A VIDEO GAME MICROPROCESSOR UNIT MELTED WHILE THEY WERE PLUGGED INTO HOUSEHOLD OUTLET.

Incident Date: 19820731 City: State: AZ

VICTIM WAS AT WORK. HE INDICATES THAT INJURY WAS NOT PRODUCT RELATED BUT RESULT OF HUMAN ERROR. VICTIM WAS STANDING NEXT TO PERSON USING SAW. OUTLET HAD RECENTLY BEEN REWIRED FOR 220 V SERVICE. OPERATOR OF SAW RECEIVED SHOCK AND DROPPED SAW WHICH STRUCK VICTIM AMPUTATING ONE FINGER ( REPLACED ). NO GUARD ON SAW AT TIME OF ACCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19820810 City: State: RI

FOLLOWING THE NEWSPAPER ACCOUNT OF A FIRE REPORTED TO HAVE BEGUN IN AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET, IT WAS SUBSEQUENTLY DETERMINED THAT THE FIRE WAS CAUSED BY A PLASTIC SOFA COVER IN CONTACT WITH A LIGHTED NITE LITE.

Incident Date: 19820301 City: State: NY

THE OUTER RUBBERIZED SURFACE OF A LINE CORD, WHICH IS PART OF A TROUBLE LIGHT, MELTED. THE MELTING OCCURRED WHEN AN ELECTRIC DRILL'S LINE CORD WAS PLUGGED INTO A FEMALE OUTLET LOCATED DIRECTLY BELOW THE TROUBLE LIGHT PORTION OF THE UNIT, AND THE DRILL TURNED ON. THE DRILL WAS RETURNED TO THE OFF POSITION AND THE MELTING CEASED. NO INJURY OCCURRED IN THIS INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19820830 City: State: CA

A SEVENTEEN YEAR OLD MALE DIED OF ELECTROCUTION FROM AN ELETRISANDER. HE WAS SANDING AN AUTOMOBILE WHILE STANDING IN A MUDDY DRIVEWAY. THE SANDER APPEARS QUITE USED WITH FRAYED CORD NEAR THE HANDLE, THE THREE PRONG PLUG HAS BEEN ALTERED TO FIT INTO THE TWO PRONG OUTLET.

Incident Date: 19820803 City: State: ME

THE PRODUCT INVOLVED IN THIS INCIDENT ARE IDENTIFIED AS A DOUBLE WALL ELECTRICAL OUTLET AND ELECTRIC WIRING. NO INJURIES OR DEATHS ARE REPORTED.

Incident Date: 19820814 City: State: IL

A 52 YEAR-OLD MALE WAS ELECTROCUTED WHILE USING AN ELECTRIC DRILL OUT-OF-DOORS AT HIS SUMMER HOME. THE INVESTIGATING POLICE OFFICER ATTRIBUTES SEVERAL FACTORS TO THE ACCIDENT. THE FIRST OF WHICH IS THE FACT THAT THE GROUND PLUG HAS BEEN REMOVED FROM THE CORD, SECONDLY, THE OUTLET THAT THE CORD WAS PLUGGED INTO WAS NOT PROPERLY GROUNDED AND THIRDLY, THE VICTIM WAS KNEELING IN DAMP GRASS WHILE USING THE DRILL.

Incident Date: 19820911 City: State: CA

AN ELECTRICAL WALL DUAL OUTLET IN AN UPSTAIRS BEDROOM SHORT CIRCUITED AND SET FIRE TO THE HOUSE. THE FIRE WAS CONFINED IN THE BEDROOM. TOTAL DAMAGE WAS ESTIMATED AT \$20,000. THERE WAS NO INJURY.

Incident Date: 19820907 City: State: NY

AN ELECTRIC COFFEEMAKER WAS PLUGGED IN AN OUTLET ON AN ELECTRIC RANGE WHEN TURNED ON IT SPARKED AND BECAME INOPERABLE. NO INJURIES OR PROPERTY DAMAGE WERE INCURRED.

Incident Date: 19821015 City: State: AA

THE PRODUCT INVOLVED IN THIS ACCIDENT IS A GROUND FAULT INTERRUPTER OVERHEATED CAUSING THE WALL AROUND THE OUTLET TO HEAT-UP AND THE GFI BECAME FUSED INTERNALLY.

Incident Date: 19821014 City: State: MI

THIS NON-INJURY CASE INVOLVES A MATTRESS & BEDDING MATERIALS FIRE IN THE OWNER'S SON'S BEDROOM. THE FIRE DEPT. STATED THAT THE PROBABLE CAUSE OF THE FIRE WAS A CHILD PLAYING WITH MATCHES. THE FATHER STATED THAT THE CAUSE IS REALLY UNKNOWN, BUT THAT IT COULD HAVE BEEN STARTED WITH HIS SON PLAYING WITH MATCHES, OR AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET IGNITING THE BEDSPREAD.

Incident Date: 19820924 City: State: HI

A FIRE PROBABLY STARTED BY AN ELECTRICAL FAULT IN A TELEVISION SET OR A TV CABLE CONVERTER BOX, CAUSED \$50,000 DAMAGE TO A TWO BEDROOM APARTMENT AND CONTENTS. THE FIRE STARTED IN ONE OF THE BEDROOMS NEAR AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET. NO ONE WAS AT HOME AT THE TIME AND THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19821013 City: State: CT

FIRE CAUSED EXTENSIVE DAMAGE TO THE DOWNSTAIRS LIVINGROOM AND DINING ROOM AREA OF A SINGLE FAMILY 2 STORY BRICK AND FRAME RESIDENCE OCCUPIED BY A 73 YEAR OLD WIDOW. THE WIDOW EXPIRED AT THE HOSPITAL TWO WEEKS LATER FROM BURNS SUSTAINED IN THE FIRE. CAUSE OF THE FIRE WAS TRACED TO EITHER AN ELECTRICAL CORD TO A TABLE LAMP OR TO AN EXTENSION CORD CONNECTING THE LAMP TO THE WALL OUTLET IN THE LIVINGROOM. BOTH CORDS WERE DESTROYED IN THE FIRE AND THERE WERE NO WITNESSES.

Incident Date: 19821110 City: State: CT

FIRE EXTENSIVELY DAMAGED A 3 STORY FRAME DOUBLE HOUSE WHEN A WALL OUTLET GIVEN "FREQUENT AND PROLONGED USE" FOR AN ELECTRICAL HEATER APPARENTLY OVERHEATED AND SHORTED OUT STARTING THE ADJACENT STUD ON FIRE. THE FIRE THEN SPREAD TO THE ATTIC AND ROOF. NO ONE WAS INJURED IN THE FIRE AND THE 4 OCCUPANTS, ALL ELDERLY AND RETIRED, ARE APPARENTLY LIVING WITH FRIENDS OR RELATIVES; THEIR EXACT WHEREABOUTS ARE UNKNOWN. NO IDENTIFICATION IS KNOWN OF THE ELECTRIC HEATER OR OUTLET.

Incident Date: 19800611 City: State: FL

A 32 YEAR OLD MALE WAS ELECTROCUTED WHILE USING AN EXTENSION CORD TO CONNECT AN OUTSIDE WALL OUTLET TO AN ELECTRICALLY OPERATED BUG KILLER IN THE REAR YARD OF HIS HOUSE./

Incident Date: 19821214 City: State: TN

A FOUR YEAR OLD MALE DIED AND HIS MOTHER WAS INJURED IN A FIRE THAT OCCURRED IN THEIR HOME. THE EXACT CAUSE OF THE FIRE HAS NOT BEEN DETERMINED AS BEING NEAR A WOODSTOVE AND AN ELECTRIC OUTLET. THEREFORE, THEY STATE THAT THE WOODBURNING STOVE OR THE OUTLET CAUSED THE FIRE.

Incident Date: 19830114 City: State: VA

THIS INCIDENT INVOLVED AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET IN DINING ROOM OF ALMOST NEW HOME. NO ONE WAS AT HOME WHEN FIRE BROKE OUT IN WALL AND HOUSE WAS HEAVILY DAMAGED BY THE TIME FIREMEN HAD FIRE UNDER CONTROL. DAMAGE WAS MOSTLY DUE TO SMOKE, AND ESTIMATED AT \$30,000.

Incident Date: 19821231 City: State: WA

A PARTIALLY UNPROTECTED HEADER BOARD, IMPROPERLY INSTALLED INSIDE A STONE FIREPLACE IGNITED AND CAUSED \$1500 DAMAGE. THE BOARD WAS INSTALLED DIRECTLY OVER THE WARM AIR OUTLET ON TOP OF A STEEL HEAT FORM. A HEAT EXCHANGER WAS INSTALLED IN THE FIREPLACE. NO INJURIES OCCURRED.

Incident Date: 19830131 City: State: CA

AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET STRIP IS THOUGHT TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR A FIRE WHICH CONSUMED A RESIDENCE.

Incident Date: 19830130 City: State: PA

VICTIM PLUGGED A CLOCK INTO AN OUTLET IN THE BEDROOM. THE CLOCK WAS ON A STAND AT ONE SIDE OF THE BED AND THE CORD TO IT WAS UNDERNEATH THE BED TO AN OUTLET ON THE OTHER SIDE. LATER THAT DAY HE WALKED INTO THE ROOM TO FIND SMOKE COMING FROM UNDER THE BED.

Incident Date: 19830203 City: State: AA

MOTHER STATED CHILD REMOVED EXTENSION CORD FROM CLOSET AND PLUGGED IT INTO WALL OUTLET. SHE TRIED TO PLUG A LAMP CORD INTO EXTENSION CORD BUT HAD TROUBLE GETTING THE PLUG IN. SHE PUT THE PLUG AND RECEPTABLE IN HER MOUTH TO GET MORE "FORCE" AND RECEIVED ELECTRICAL BURNS TO HER LIPS AND A ELECTRICAL SHOCK.

Incident Date: 19830112 City: State: MN

AT APPROXIMATELY 5:30 PM, FIRE DESTROYED A 130 YEAR OLD SUBURBAN HOME . THE TWO OCCUPANTS OF THE HOUSE HAD LEFT A FEW MINUTES BEFORE THE FIRE STARTED. FIRE OFFICIALS BELIEVE THE FIRE MAY HAVE ORIGINATED IN A VIDEO GAME TRANSFORMER PLUGGED INTO A WALL OUTLET OR IN A WASTEBASKET NEXT TO THE OUTLET. NO OFFICIAL DETERMINATION HAS BEEN MADE AS TO THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE. THERE WERE NO INJURIES AND PROPERTY DAMAGE WAS ESTIMATED AT \$40,000.

Incident Date: 19821226 City: State: TX

THIS TELEPHONE IDI INVOLVED A COFFEE MAKER THAT CAUGHT ON FIRE WHILE IT WAS PLUGGED INTO A KITCHEN OUTLET. IT WAS NOT BEING USED AT THE TIME OF THE ACCIDENT. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19820826 City: State: TX

AN AUTOMATIC COFFEEMAKER MALFUNCTIONED MELTING THE PLASTIC HOUSING AND SCORCHING THE COUNTER TOP ON WHICH IT WAS SETTING, WHILE IN THE AUTOMATIC MODE TO START MAKING COFFEE BEFORE DAY BREAK ON 8/26/82. NO INJURIES OCCURRED AND DAMAGES WERE CONFINED TO THE COFFEEMAKER, THE COUNTER TOP AND THE ELECTRICAL OUTLET.

Incident Date: 19830109 City: State: NY

THE COMPLAINANT WAS IN HER BED READING - IN THE LIVING ROOM OF HER HOME. SHE SUDDENLY HEARD A CRACKLING NOISE, SMELTED OIL SAW SHOME COMING FROM THE NEARBY PULLED THE CORD OUT OF THE ELECTRIC WALL OUTLET. NO INJURY

Incident Date: 19830217 City: State: NY

THE MICROWAVE OVEN COMPONENT OF A COMBINATION ELECTRIC RANGE/MICROWAVE APPLIANCE CONTINUALLY MALFUNCTIONED WHEN THE LINE CORD WAS PLACED IN THE WALL OUTLET. THE INCIDENTS, WHICH BEGAN WITH POPPING AND HUMMING NOISES, PROGRESSED INTO SPARKING, SMOKE AND FLAMES OBSERVED AS COMING FROM THE INSIDE OF THE MICROWAVE. THE UNIT UNDERWENT REPAIR 5 TIMES WITHOUT SUCCESS. NO INJURIES WERE INCURRED IN THE INCIDENTS.

Incident Date: 19830219 City: State: IA

THIS INVESTIGATION CONCERNS A FIRE IN A MOBILE HOME THAT RESULTED IN THE DEATH OF A 48-YEAR-OLD WOMAN DUE TO SMOKE INHALATION. THE LOCAL NEWSPAPER HAD REPORTED THAT THE FIRE WAS CAUSED BY FAULTY WIRING IN ELECTRIC HUMIDIFIER. I CONTACTED THE LOCAL FIRE CHIEF WHO HELPED INVESTIGATE THIS FIRE. HE STATED THAT THE NEWSPAPER ARTICLE WAS IN ERROR. THEIR INVESTIGATION FOUND THAT THE FIRE WAS CAUSED BY A SHORT IN A 15-AMP. BRANCH CIRCUIT IN THE MOBILE HOME WIRING. THE MOBILE HOME WAS A 1972 MODEL. THE FIRE CHIEF STATED THAT THE BRANCH CIRCUIT WAS COPPER AND THAT IT APPEARED THAT THE SHORT OCCURRED ABOUT ONE FOOT UP FROM THE WALL OUTLET. I REQUESTED A COPY OF THE FIRE INCIDENT REPORT WHICH WILL BE FORWARDED WHEN IT IS RECEIVED.

Incident Date: 19830306 City: State: IN

A WOOD BED WITH BOX SPRINGS AND MATTRESS APPARENTLY IGNITED WHEN A ELECTRICAL RECEPTACLE IN A WALL OVERHEATED. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19830205 City: State: CT

A DUPLEX ELECTRICAL WALL OUTLET OF THE PUSH IN/PULL OUT TYPE APPARENTLY SHORTED(ARCING POSSIBLE) OUT STARTING THE ADJACENT STUD ON FIRE WHICH, IN TURN, SPREAD TO WOOD MEMBERS BEHIND THE WALL. THE REFRIGERATOR PLUGGED INTO OUTLET WAS NOT INVOLVED IN THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE. NO IDENTIFICATION WAS POSSIBLE FOR THE OUTLET AND IT WAS DESTROYED IN THE BLAZE AND SUBSEQUENTLY DISCARDED. NO INJURIES RESULTED FROM THE FIRE.

Incident Date: 19830607 City: State: NC

A 14 YEAR OLD BOY DIED FROM INHALATION OF 1,1,1, TRICHCHLORETHANE AT HIS HOME. THE CHEMICAL WAS STORED IN A 5 GALLON CONTAINER WHICH WAS NOT THE ORIGINAL CONTAINER. THE CHEMICAL WAS BEING USED TO CLEAN AUTOMOBILE PARTS BY THE YOUTH AND HIS FATHER. THE FATHER HAD OBTAINED THE CHEMICAL THROUGH A NON-RETAIL OUTLET AND WOULD NOT REVEAL THE SOURCE OR THE TRADE OF THE CHEMICAL OR CLEANER.

Incident Date: 19830718 City: State: PA

A MATTRESS IN A PRIVATE SINGLE FAMILY HOME WAS DESTROYED BY A FIRE WHICH ORIGINATED FROM A SHORTED ELECTRICAL OUTLET. THE FIRE GUTTED THE BEDROOM BUT NO INJURIES RESULTED FROM THE FIRE.

Incident Date: 19830601 City: State: WA

AN OVERLOADED CORD AND ELECTRICAL OUTLET ARE BELIEVED TO BE THE CAUSE OF A HOUSE FIRE THAT RESULTED IN \$45,000 DAMAGE. THE HOUSE WAS OVERLOADED WITH CLOTHING AND HOUSEHOLD ITEMS THAT THE OWNER HAD COLLECTED AND STORED.

Incident Date: 19840407 City: State: PA

A 23 YEAR OLD HANDICAPPED MAN WAS KILLED IN A FIRE IN HIS HOME. THE CAUSE OF DEATH WAS SMOKE INHALATION. THE FIRE WAS ELECTRICAL IN ORIGIN AND STARTED IN THE AREA OF THE WALL OUTLET BUT THE SPECIFIC CAUSE OF THE FIRE WAS NOT DETERMINED.

Incident Date: 19831229 City: State: MD

THE PRODUCT INVOLVED IN THIS INCIDENT IS IDENTIFIED AS A HAND HELD ELECTRIC HAIR DRYER. THERE ARE NO INJURIES OR DEATHS REPORTED. THIS INCIDENT OCCURRED IN A BEDROOM. AFTER THE COMPLAINANT'S DAUGHTER HAD FINISHED USING THE HAIR DRYER, IT WAS TURNED OFF, PLACED ON THE BEDROOM FLOOR, BUT REMAINED PLUGGED INTO AN ELECTRICAL RECEPTACLE. A FEW MINUTES PASSED WHEN THE HAIR DRYER WAS OBSERVED BURSTING INTO FLAMES.

Incident Date: 19840404 City: State: IL

A FIRE WAS STATED AS ORIGINATING AT AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET IN A HOME BEDROOM. NO INJURIES OCCURED. PERSONS INTERVIEWED COULD NOT GIVE AN EXACT REASON WHY THE OUTLET CAUSED THE FIRE. ELECTRICAL WIRING IN THE HOUSE WAS STATED AS BEING A MINIMUM OF 30 YEARS-OLD AND BRANCH CIRCUITS WERE THE 2-CONDUCTOR TYPE. THE OUTLET WAS THROWN AWAY AND COULD NOT BE SAMPLED.

Incident Date: 19840417 City: State: PA

A FIRE WHICH ORIGINATED AROUND A WALL OUTLET IN AN APARTMENT RESULTED IN APPROXIMATELY \$500,000 IN DAMAGES. SPECIFIC DETAILS OF THE INCIDENT ARE NOT KNOWN. NO INJURIES RESULTED FROM THE FIRE.

Incident Date: 19840417 City: State: MN

THIS INCIDENT CONCERNS A HOUSE FIRE THAT MAY HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY A MALFUNCTIONING AUTOMATIC ELECTRIC COFFEEMAKER. THE COFFEEMAKER, WHICH WAS PLUGGED INTO AN OUTLET ON THE STOVE WAS BEING USED AT THE TIME OF THE FIRE. THE FIRE WAS DISCOVERED BY THE HOUSEWIFE. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19830313 City: State: PA

8 MONTH OLD FEMALE PLACED HER MOUTH ON EXTENSION CORD THAT WAS PLUGGED INTO WALL OUTLET SUFFERING MINOR BURN TO LIPS.

Incident Date: 19830324 City: State: CA

THE VICTIM WAS SLEEPING IN HER BED. ABOUT 5:00 AM SHE HEARD A "POPING" NOISE AND THEN SHE SAW FLAMES AT THE END OF HER BED. APPARENTLY THE MATTRESS & BOXSPRING HAD BEEN PUSHED AGAINST A HOMEMADE ELECTRICAL WIRING OUTLET. HEAT FROM THE ELECTRICAL WIRING IGNITED THE BLANKETS, BEDSHEETS AND THE MATTRESS. THE FIRE WAS CONFINED TO THE MATTRESS & BEDDING MATERIALS. THE VICTIM HAD STAPLED ELECTRICAL WIRE (18 GAUGE) ONTO THE BASEBOARD. THE WIRING WAS NOT PROTECTED BY CONDUIT AS REQUIRED BY THE ELECTRICAL CODE.

Incident Date: 19830410 City: State: NJ

A FIFTY YEAR OLD FEMALE RECEIVED AN ELECTRICAL SHOCK, WHILE CLEANING THE METAL HOT PLATE OF AN ELECTRICALLY OPERATED, DRIP TYPE COFFEEMAKER, WITH A DAMP RAG. THE INCIDENT OCCURRED WHEN HER FREE HAND CONTACTED THE STAINLESS STEEL SINK ADJACENT TO THE COFFEEMAKER. THE COFFEEMAKER'S TWO PRONGED, NON POLARIZED PLUG WAS INSERTED IN THE OUTLET DURING THE INCIDENT, HOWEVER THE POWER SWITCH OF THE UNIT WAS IN THE "OFF" POSITION. NO SERIOUS INJURY WAS SUSTAINED AND THE VICTIM RECOVERED IMMEDIATELY.

Incident Date: 19830401 City: State: CO

TWO AND HALF YEAR OLD GIRL WAS NOT INJURED WHEN A NIGHT LIGHT POPPED AND SCORCHED THE WALL BY THE ELECTRIC OUTLET.



Incident Date: 19830331 City: State: IL

AT APPROXIMATELY 1000 HOURS ON THURSDAY, MARCH 31, 1983, A SLIGHT FIRE OCCURRED WHEN A HOUSEWIFE PLUGGED THE POWER HEAD ATTACHMENT INTO THE HANDLE ON THE 23' LONG X 2" DIAMETER FLEXIBLE HOSE ON HER CENTRAL VACUUM SWEEPER IN HER LIVING ROOM. AN INCH OR TWO OF THE MOLDED RUBBER ELECTRICAL OUTLET ON THE HOSE HANDLE WAS BURNED AND CHARRED AS WAS A SMALL AREA OF THE CARPET WHERE THE HOUSEWIFE DROPPED THE HOSE HANDLE WHEN THE FLAMES SHOT OUT AROUND HER HANDS. IT WAS THOUGHT THAT THE WIRES INSIDE THE MOLDED RUBBER OUTLET SHORTED FROM CONSTANT FLEXING WHEN THE POWER HEAD WAS PLUGGED IN AND OUT IN THIS AREA. THE HOUSEWIFE IMMEDIATELY RAN AND UNPLUGGED THE POWER HEAD AT THE WALL OUTLET, THE FIRE WENT OUT IMMEDIATELY.

Incident Date: 19830405 City: State: MD

THREE PRODUCTS SHARE INVOLVEMENT IN THIS FIRE WHICH OCCURRED IN A APARTMENT BEDROOM; AN ELECTRIC PORTABLE SPACE HEATER, A CRIB (METAL FRAME), AND A ELECTRIC OUTLET RECEPTACLE. TWO BOYS AND 1 ADULT MALE SUSTAINED SMOKE INHALATION (ANOXIA). A SHORT CIRCUIT DEVELOPED BETWEEN THE OUTLET RECEPTACLE, THE CRIB FRAME AND HEATER POWER CORD.

Incident Date: 19830420 City: State: DC

THIS ACCIDENTAL FIRE INVOLVED AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET IN A SPARE BEDROOM. OUTLET APPARENTLY ARCED AND SET FIRE TO A STORAGE BOX PLACED IN FRONT OF IT AND THEN FIRE SPREAD TO A MATTRESS AND OTHER COMBUSTIBLES NEARBY. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19830409 City: State: CA

A 63 YEAR OLD MAN WAS WORKING ON A LEAKING PIPE UNDER HIS HOUSE. FOR ILLUMINATION HE USED A CLAMP LAMP AND 2 HOME-MADE EXTENSION CORDS. ONE CORD TERMINATED IN A METAL RECEPTACLE BOX. THE BOX WAS FOUND TO BE FULL OF WATER AND THE VICTIM ELECTROCUTED.

Incident Date: 19830517 City: State: OH

A DEFECTIVE ELECTRICAL WALL RECEPTACLE IS ALLEGED TO HAVE STARTED BEDDING MATERIALS ON FIRE. THE FIRE OCCURRED IN THE BEDROOM OF A SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLING. NO INJURIES OCCURRED.

Incident Date: 19830523 City: State: MI

YOUNGSTER PUT EXTENSION CORD RECEPTACLE AND CLOCK CORD PLUG IN MOUTH FOR UNKNOWN REASON. THE EXTENSION CORD WAS BOUGHT 3-4 MONTHS AGO AT KING'S WAY DEPT. STORE, DETROIT AND DID NOT HAVE UL LABEL ACCORDING TO MOTHER. CORD WAS 12' LONG AND LYING BEHIND SMALL TABLE CLOCK ON TABLE AND PLUGGED IN WALL RECEPTACLE. WALL RECEPTACLE WAS DOUBLE OUTLET, UNUSED OUTLET, DID NOT HAVE SAFETY CAP.

Incident Date: 19830511 City: State: MN

THIS INVESTIGATION INVOLVED A COMPLAINT REGARDING A PERSONAL TELEPHONE. THE COMPLAINANT SAID THE PHONE HE PURCHASED AND PLUGGED IN HIS KITCHEN OUTLET GIVES HIM INTERMITTENT SHOCKS WHEN HE PICKS IT UP AND PLACES IT NEXT TO HIS EAR.

Incident Date: 19830414 City: State: NY

AN APARTMENT FIRE OCCURRED WHILE A MOTHER AND HER FOUR(4) YEAR OLD SON WERE SLEEPING IN BED IN THE BEDROOM. THE FIRE MAY HAVE STARTED FROM AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET THAT WAS INSTALLED ON THE OUTSIDE OF THE LIVING ROOM WALL. NO INJURIES

Incident Date: 19830530 City: State: NY

CORROSION AT THE JUNCTION OF A 220 VAC PLUG OF A 10 YEAR OLD ELECTRIC DRYER AND THE CORRESPONDING 220 VAC OUTLET RESULTED IN AN OVERHEATING OF THE JUNCTION, IGNITING A FIRE WHICH TOTALLY DESTROYED THE VICTIMS HOME. NO INJURIES WERE SUSTAINED.

Incident Date: 19830119 City: State: OH

COMPLAINANT STATES THAT THE VIDEO TAPE RECORDER WAS RETURNED TO THE RETAIL OUTLET UNDER GUARANTEE DUE TO A FAILURE TO RECORD PROPERLY. AFTER THE UNSATISFACTORY REPAIR, CONSUMER BEGAN TO RECEIVE ELECTRIC SHOCKS WHEN REMOVING THE CASSETTE.

Incident Date: 19830603 City: State: NJ

A HOUSEWIFE WAS COOKING POTATOES IN HER MICROWAVE OVEN IN THE KITCHEN OF HER HOME. A BUZZER SOUNDED WHEN THE COOKING TIME ELAPSED. SHE MOVED THE TIMER DIAL FROM THE "0" POSITION TO THE "OFF" POSITION - AND OPENED THE OVEN DOOR. THE MICROWAVE OVEN CONTINUED OPERATING. HER THIRTEEN (13) YEAR OLD SON - WHO WAS NEARBY PULLED THE POWER CORD PLUG OUT OF THE ELECTRIC WALL RECEPTACLE STOPPING THE MICROWAVE OPERATION. NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19830601 City: State: OH

ON TWO SEPERATE OCCASIONS, A BALL OF FIRE ERUPTED FROM A RECEPTACLE IN THE VICTIMS WORKSHOP. THE SECOND INCIDENT RESULTED IN SECOND DEGREE BURNS TO THE BACK OF THE VICTIMS HAND AND LOWER ARM.

Incident Date: 19830628 City: State: PA

VICTIM 5 YEAR OLD BROTHER PLUGGED IN DETACHABLE ELECTRICAL CORD FROM VACUUM CLEANER INTO WALL OUTLET AND VICTIM PUT OTHER HAND IN HIS MOUTH. RECEIVED 1ST DEGREE BURNS TO MOUTH. CLEANER WAS OVER 10 YRS. OLD.

Incident Date: 19830529 City: State: MI

A 32 YEAR OLD FEMALE RECEIVED AN ELECTRICAL SHOCK FROM A GRASS TRIMMER/WEEDER THAT SHE WAS USING IN THE BACKYARD OF HER HOME. THE VICTIM'S METAL NECKLACE MADE CONTACT BETWEEN THE TRIMMER'S POWER CORDS MALE PLUG RECEPTACLE OF THE EXTENSION CORD. WHEN THIS OCCURRED, A SHOCK WAS RECEIVED BY THE VICTIM WHICH REQUIRED HOSPITALIZATION. SHE HAS SINCE RECOVERED FROM THE INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19830623 City: State: PA

A 52 YEAR OLD FEMALE WAS ELECTROCUTED WHILE USING AN ELECTRIC HEDGE TRIMMER AT HER HOME. THE HEDGE TRIMMER WAS EQUIPPED WITH A THREE PRONG PLUG BUT WAS CONNECTED TO AN UNGROUNDED OUTLET THROUGH AN UNGROUNDED EXTENSION CORD.

Incident Date: 19830713 City: State: MI

A SHORT CIRCUIT IN AN ELECTRIC OUTLET IN A BEDROOM IGNITED A BEDSPREAD. THE BEDSPREAD IN TURN IGNITED THE BEDDING AND MATTRESS. DAMAGE WAS CONFINED TO THE BEDROOM, AND NO INJURIES OCCURRED. THE FIRE DEPT SENT A SECTION OF THE MATTRESS TO MWRO, WHICH WAS FORWARDED TO EL AS SAMPL F-815-3574.

Incident Date: 19830721 City: State: WA

A FIRE WHICH CAUSED AN ESTIMATED \$400 DAMAGE TO THE KITCHEN AREA OF A RETIREMENT CENTER HAD ITS POINT OF ORIGIN IN AN ELECTRIC COFFEEMAKER THAT HAD BEEN PLUGGED IN FOR CLEANING. THE COFFEEMAKER HAD NOT BEEN USED FOR ABOUT TWO YEARS BEFORE THE ACCIDENT. NO OTHER APPLIANCES WERE PLUGGED INTO THE WALL RECEPTACLE AT THE TIME OF THE ACCIDENT. IT IS BELIEVED THERE WERE NO POWER SURGES AT THAT TIME. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19830805 City: State: IL

THE PRODUCT INVOLVED WAS A 9 INCH, 2 SPEED, ELECTRIC FAN. ON 8/5/83, THE RESPONDENT SMELLED SMOKE, APPARENTLY COMING FROM THE FAN, AND PULLED THE PLUG FROM THE WALL RECEPTACLE. ABOUT 2 TO 3 MINUTES LATER, THE FAN BURST INTO FLAMES. THE FIRE WAS DOUSED WITH WATER WITHOUT CAUSING ANY INJURY OR DAMAGE EXCEPT TO THE FAN ITSELF. THE FAN WAS A TOTAL LOSS.

Incident Date: 19830716 City: State: MA

FIRE, SMOKE AND WATER HEAVILY DAMAGED A SECOND FLOOR APARTMENT IN A FOUR UNIT APARTMENT WHEN APPARENTLY A BOX STYLE WINDOW FAN LEFT OPERATING CONTINUOUSLY FOR AT LEAST 2 DAYS OVERHEATED IGNITING WOOD STUDS NEAR THE PLUG-OUTLET. NONE OF THE OCCUPANTS WERE HOME AT THE TIME OF THE FIRE AND THE ONLY INJURY REPORTED WAS TO A FIREMAN WHO SUSTAINED A MINOR LACERATION. THE METAL AND PLASTIC FAN WERE DESTROYED IN THE BLAZE WITH NO IDENTIFICATION POSSIBLE.

Incident Date: 19830703 City: State: IL

A 55 YEAR-OLD MALE WAS ELECTROCUTED WHILE ATTEMPTING TO PUMP WATER OUT OF HIS BASEMENT WITH 3 SUMP PUMPS, 2 SUBMERSIBLE TYPES AND ONE WITH THE MOTOR ON TOP OF A SHAFT. THE PUMP POWER CORDS WERE PLUGGED INTO A JUNCTION BOX WHOSE EXTENSION CORD HAD ITS GROUND PRONG CUT OFF SO IT COULD BE PUT INTO A 2 HOLE OUTLET. THE TOP ON THE PUMP WITH THE MOTOR ON THE SHAFT HAD BEEN REMOVED EXPOSING BARE WIRES AND THE VICTIM WAS FOUND TOUCHING THE PUMP.

Incident Date: 19830705 City: State: IN

A 43-YEAR OLD MALE WAS ELECTROCUTED WHILE ATTEMPTING TO FIND A WATER LEAK UNDER A HOUSE. THE VICTIM WAS USING A TROUBLE LIGHT CONNECTED TO AN EXTENSION CORD REEL, WHICH IN TURN WAS CONNECTED TO AN OUTLET THROUGH AN ADAPTOR. THE TROUBLE LIGHT AND EXTENSION CORD WERE 3 CONDUCTOR TYPES, WHILE AN ADAPTOR WAS USED TO PLUG INTO A 2 HOLE OUTLET. AN ELECTRICIAN SAID TO HAVE EXAMINED THE ITEMS INDICATED TO A CORONER THAT A PROBLEM EXISTED IN THE REEL. ALL 3 ITEMS WERE PROVIDED AND SENT TO CACA AS SAMPLE F-815-3576.

Incident Date: 19830807 City: State: IL

A MAN LEFT SOME BATTERIES IN A BATTERY CHARGER, AND KEPT IT PLUGGED IN THE WALL OUTLET. HE LEFT THE APARTMENT. TWO HRS LATER A FIRE WAS DISCOVERED IN HIS ROOM. THE FIREMEN BLAMED FAULTY HOUSE WIRING. NO ONE WAS INJURED.

Incident Date: 19830821 City: State: MN

A RECHARGEABLE FLASHLIGHT APPROXIMATELY 10 YEARS OLD PARTIALLY MELTED AND IGNITED WALLPAPER ABOVE THE ELECTRICAL OUTLET WHERE IT HAD BEEN PLUGGED IN ABOUT TEN MINUTES BEFORE. THE FLASHLIGHT HAD NOT BEEN USED FOR ABOUT SIX MONTHS PRIOR TO THE INCIDENT AND THE BATTERIES WERE DEAD WHEN IT WAS PLUGGED IN. THERE WERE NO INJURIES AND THE FIRE DEPT. WAS NOT CALLED.

Incident Date: 19830912 City: State: CT

VICTIM WAS AT WORK OPERATING PRINTING PRESS. THERE WAS A HEAVY DUTY EXTENSION CORD (3 STRAND COPPER WIRE-30AMP, 480 VOLTS)-8 TO 10 FEET LONG-ONE INCH DIAMETER (GROUNDED) WHICH THE VICTIM USED TO PLUG FROM PRESS INTO 3-PRONG GROUNDED WALL OUTLET. CORD WAS 2 YEARS OLD AND IN GOOD CONDITION. RECEIVED SHOCK AS HE PUT PLUG INTO OUTLET.

Incident Date: 19830820 City: State: MN

THIS INVESTIGATION CONCERNS A FIRE THAT OCCURRED WHEN NO ONE WAS AT HOME AND RESULTED IN EXTENSIVE DAMAGE TO THE HOME. I INTERVIEWED THE FIRE MARSHAL WHO HAD CONDUCTED AN INVESTIGATION. HE FOUND THAT THE HOMEOWNER HAD BEEN RENOVATING PART OF THE HOUSE AND HAD BEEN USING A PORTABLE 20 INCH ELECTRIC FAN CONNECTED TO A TWO WIRE LIGHT DUTY EXTENSION CORD. APPARENTLY A SMALL TABLE HAD BEEN PLACED SO THAT ONE OF THE LEGS WAS RESTING ON THE EXTENSION CORD. THE FIRE MARSHAL FEELS THAT THE EXTENSION CORD SHORTED OUT AT THAT POINT AND IGNITED THE FLOORING. THE FAN HAD BEEN LEFT RUNNING WHEN THE HOMEOWNER HAD LEFT THE HOUSE. THE OUTLET THAT THE EXTENSION WAS CONNECTED TO WAS FUSED AT 20 AMPS. A COPY OF THE FIRE INCIDENT REPORT HAS BEEN REQUESTED AND WILL BE FORWARDED WHEN IT IS RECEIVED.

Incident Date: 19830926 City: State: MI

RESPONDENT STATED THAT THE VICTIM A 12 MONTH OLD MALE WAS CRAWLING IN THE LIVING ROOM AND PICKED UP THE (FEMALE) RECEPTACLE OF THE EXTENSION CORD WHICH WAS HANGING OVER THE BACK OF THE SOFA, AND PUT IT INTO HIS MOUTH. VICTIM RECEIVED BURNS TO HIS (TOP) LIP AND TONGUE. VICTIM WAS FULLY CLOTHED AT TIME OF ACCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19830924 City: State: VA

THIS ACCIDENTAL FIRE INVOLVED AN ELECTRIC DRYER BEING USED IN WASH ROOM OF A RENTED HOME. THE DRYER HAD BEEN FILLED WITH DAMP-DRY CLOTHES AND STARTED. IT HAD BEEN RUNNING FOR 15 MINUTES WHEN COMPLAINANT SMELLED SMOKE AND LATER THE SMOKE DETECTOR ALERTED HER TO A FIRE IN VICINITY OF DRYER, APPARENTLY STARTING AT OUTLET. DAMAGE TO DWELLING WAS ABOUT \$25,000 AND \$10,000 IN POSSESSIONS.

Incident Date: 19830921 City: State: FL

AT APPROX. 3:30 P.M. ON 9/21/83 A 67-YEAR OLD MALE WAS ELECTROCUTED WHEN HE ATTEMPTED TO UNPLUG A "DROP-IN" ELECTRIC RANGE, BREAKING THE PLUG AND 220V OUTLET RECEPTACLE. THE 220V OUTLET HAD BEEN ILLEGALLY AND IMPROPERLY INSTALLED (WITHOUT INSPECTION) BEFORE THE ACCIDENT. THE ELECTRIC OUTLET HAD BEEN RELOCATED TO A DIFFERENT AND "HIGH" LOCATION AND INSTALLED UPSIDE DOWN. THE VICTIM WAS COOKING MEAT ON THE RANGE, WHICH WAS SITTING ON TWO PLASTIC "MILK-TYPE" CARTONS, AND FOR SOME REASON LEFT KITCHEN. LATER RETURNING FOUND RANGE ON FIRE. HE CALLED FOR HELP AND PULLED PLUG FROM OUTLET RECEPTACLE. ONE HOT CONDUCTOR MADE CONTACT WITH THE BOX ENERGIZING THE FLEXIBLE METAL CONDUIT. THE FIRE WAS EXTINGUISHED. THE VICTIM WAS DEAD AT SCENE WHEN INSPECTOR CAME.

Incident Date: 19830710 City: State: WA

AN 8 YEAR OLD GIRL SUSTAINED A HEMATOMA INJURY TO HER BACK WHEN SHE BECAME TRAPPED BY SUCTION AGAINST A SKIMMER IN A WHIRLPOOL SPA. THE ACCIDENT HAPPENED BECAUSE THE SUCTION RELIEF OUTLETS LOCATED IN THE FOOTWELL WERE IMPROPERLY INSTALLED.

Incident Date: 19831025 City: State: PA

THE ELECTRICAL WIRING BURNED IN A LIGHT FIXTURE IN THE SECOND FLOOR BATHROOM OF THE VICTIM'S HOME AFTER AN ELECTRIC HEATER WAS PLUGGED INTO AN OUTLET. NO ONE WAS INJURED.

Incident Date: 19831109 City: State: OK

IMPROPER MODIFICATION AND USE OF A 110 VOLT EXTENSION CORD IN A 220 VOLT RECEPTACLE. EXTENSION CORD SUBSEQUENTLY OVERHEATED AND STARTED SMOKING. VICTIM APPARENTLY SUSTAINED SOME SMOKE INHALATION WHILE TRYING TO EXTINGUISH THE SMOKING EXTENSION CORD. FIRE DAMAGE WAS MINIMAL.

Incident Date: 19831028 City: State: CA

THIS ACCIDENT INVOLVES A FIRE IN A SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING. NO ONE WAS HOME DURING THIS FIRE. THERE WERE NO INJURIES. THE FIRE DEPT. LISTED THE AREA OF ORIGIN OF THIS FIRE AS THE ELECTRIC CAN OPENER. THE FIRE DEPT. OFFICIALS INDICATED THAT THE PROBABLE CAUSE OF THIS FIRE WAS AN ELECTRICAL SHORT IN THE ELECTRIC CAN OPENER. THE ELECTRIC CAN OPENER WAS PLUGGED DIRECTLY IN AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET AND THERE WAS NO EXTENSION CORD INVOLVED. FIRE DAMAGE WAS LIMITED TO THE KITCHEN.

Incident Date: 19831201 City: State: IL

THE PRODUCT INVOLVED AN ELECTRIC TOASTER OVEN KEPT ON THE COUNTER SURFACE OF THE KITCHEN CABINETS. THE LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL IMPLICATED THE TOASTER AS A POSSIBLE CAUSE OF THE FIRE. NO OTHER IGNITION SOURCE, EXCEPT THE ELECTRICAL RECEPTACLE, WAS LOCATED IN THE IMMEDIATE FIRE AREA. THE FIRE OCCURRED WHILE THE TOASTER OVEN WAS IN USE. THE PRODUCT INSIDE THE TOASTER OVEN WAS AN FROZEN WAFFLE.

Incident Date: 19830201 City: State: IL

A COMPLAINANT STATED THAT A MICROWAVE OVEN BEGAN TO EMIT SMOKE WHILE PLUGGED IN AN OUTLET BUT NOT TURNED ON. NO FIRE OR INJURY OCCURRED. THE MICROWAVE OVEN HAS BEEN THROWN AWAY. A SERVICEMAN SAID THAT THE SMOKE HAD BEEN CAUSED BY CARBON RESISTORS FAILING ON THE PRINTED CIRCUIT BOARD FOR THE FINGER TOUCH CONTROLS.

Incident Date: 19840601 City: State: CA

IN JUNE, 1984 AN ELECTRICAL RECEPTACLE LOCATED IN THE LAUNDRY ROOM OF A SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING STARTED BUZZING AND SPARKED WHILE PLUGGING IN AN APPLIANCE. NO FIRE OR INJURY OCCURRED. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT WAS NOT CALLED.

Incident Date: 19840801 City: State: CA

IN AUGUST, 1984 AN ELECTRICAL RECEPTACLE LOCATED IN A GARAGE OF A RESIDENCE STARTED SMOKING AND SPARKED WHILE BEING USED WITH A WASHER/DRYER. NO FIRE OR INJURY OCCURRED. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT WAS NOT CALLED

Incident Date: 19831017 City: State: CA

AN ELECTRICAL RECEPTACLE IN THE WALL OF A BEDROOM SPARKED WHEN THE RESIDENT WAS IRONING. THE RECEPTACLE HAD NOT BEEN USED REGULARLY. ITS USE WAS DISCONTINUED AFTER THE INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19840417 City: State: DE

AN ELECTRICAL RECEPTACLE IN THE WALL OF A DINING ROOM SPARKED WHENEVER IT WAS USED. THE TOP PART OF THE UPPERMOST OUTLET WAS OBSERVED TO BE BROKEN.

Incident Date: 19821018 City: State: CA

A COMPLAINT WAS RECEIVED THAT A TELEVISION SET PLUGGED INTO A WALL RECEPTACLE CAUSES THE CIRCUIT BREAKER TO TRIP. IT WAS DETERMINED THAT THE FAULT WAS IN THE CIRCUIT BREAKER NOT THE RECEPTACLE. A NEW CIRCUIT BREAKER WAS NEEDED.

Incident Date: 19841020 City: State: MD

THIS ACCIDENT INVOLVED AN ELECTRICAL RECEPTACLE IN A WALL. VICTIM, A 37 YEAR OLD FEMALE WAS PAINTING AND HAD JUST UNPLUGGED A HIGH WATTAGE LAMP FROM A RECEPTACLE AT A LOCATION AND PLUGGED IT INTO ANOTHER ON OPPOSITE SIDE OF ROOM. AS SHE DID SO, THERE WAS A LOUD POP AND A FLASH OF FLAME AND VICTIM SUFFERED 3RD DEGREE BURNS TO FINGERS.

Incident Date: 19841015 City: State: HI

CONSUMER CONTACTED THE HONOLULU RESIDENT POST OF THE CPSC IN RESPONSE TO A NEWSPAPER ARTICLE CONCERNING CPSC'S INTEREST IN ELECTRICAL RE-CEPTACLES WHICH SPARK, SMOKE, OVERHEAT OR MALFUNCTION. ACCORDING TO HER, TWO OF THE RECEPTACLES IN HER KITCHEN ARE HOT TO THE TOUCH AND EMIT SPARKS WHEN APPLINACES ARE PLUGGED IN. PER INSTRUCTIONS COVER- ING THE SPECIAL STUDY ON ELECTRICAL-RECEPTACLES FIRES/MALFUNCTIONS, AN ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR WAS HIRED TO COLLECT THE RECEPTACLES FOR ESES STUDY.

Incident Date: 19820101 City: State: HI

INCIDENT HAPPENED SEVERAL YEARS AGO--REPORTED TO CPSC ON 10/15/84. COMPLAINANT SAYS THAT THEY WENT AWAY ON A THREE WEEK TRIP. BEFORE GOING, THEY UNPLUGGED THE AIR CONDITIONER AND TVS. WHEN THEY CAME BACK, THEY WERE PLUGGING THE AIR CONDITIONER INTO THE RECEPTACLE AND AS THEY DID SPARKS AND SMOKE CAME OUT OF THE RECEPTACLE. THE CIRCUIT BREAKER TRIPPED. THEY UNPLUGGED THE AIR CONDITIONER AND RESET THE CIRCUIT BREAKER. THEY TOOK OUT THE AIR CONDITIONER AND HAVE NOT USED IT SINCE.

Incident Date: 19841212 City: State: HI

AN ELEVEN YEAR OLD GIRL WAS USING A BLOW DRYER IN HER BEDROOM. SPARKS, FLAMES & SMOKE CAME OUT OF AREA OF WALL RECEPTACLE WHERE DRYER WAS PLUGGED INTO A TWIN RECEPTACLE WITH AN ELECTRIC CLOCK. PLUG OF BLOW DRYER WAS SEVERELY DAMAGED AND BURNED AND PLUG OF ELECTRIC CLOCK WAS BURNED BY FLAMES. NO ONE WAS INJURED.

Incident Date: 19850815 City: State: MN

ELECTRICAL RECEPTACLE LOCATED IN THE FLOOR OF THE FAMILY ROOM STARTED TO SMOKE AND BURN. SON OF HOMEOWNER CALLED 911 AND THEN PUT OUT FIRE USING FIRE EXTINGUISHER. FIRE DID NOT SPREAD BEYOND OUTLET. THE OUTLET WAS NOT IN USE AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19831214 City: State: TX

A SECTION OF AN ELECTRICAL CORD ON A LARGE PLASTIC DECORATIVE LIGHT KIT EXPLODED WITH SPARKS AS THE RESPONDENT WAS PLUGGING IT IN AT AN OUTLET ABOVE A KITCHEN COUNTER. NO ONE WAS INJURED; HOWEVER, THE ELECTRICAL SPARKS BURNED AND DAMAGED THE COUNTERTOP.

Incident Date: 19831205 City: State: AR

ON DECEMBER 5, 1983, A TWENTY-THREE YEAR OLD FEMALE SUFFERED THERMAL BURNS TO THE RIGHT HAND AS SHE PLUGGED AN ELECTRIC CURLING IRON INTO A KITCHEN RECEPTACLE; A RESIDENTIAL FIRE FOLLOWED. FIRE DEPARTMENT INVESTIGATION REVEALED THAT A STAPLE PLACED THROUGH CIRCUIT WIRING CAUSED IGNITION.

Incident Date: 19831103 City: State: CA

A FIRE WHICH ORIGINATED IN A WALL OUTLET IN THE LIVING ROOM DESTROYED THE LIVING ROOM AND THE KITCHEN AND CAUSED HEAVY HEAT AND SMOKE DAMAGE TO THE REST OF THE HOUSE. THE OUTLET WAS WIRED WITH BOTH ALUMINUM AND COPPER WIRING. DAMAGE WAS ESTIMATED AT \$40,000 TO THE STRUCTURE AND \$10,000 TO THE CONTENTS. THERE WAS NO BODILY INJURY IN THE INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19831121 City: State: OR

A NEWSPAPER ARTICLE IDENTIFIED A SHORT IN AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET AS THE CAUSE OF A RESIDENTIAL FIRE. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT DID NOT CONDUCT AN INDEPTH INVESTIGATION. THE OWNER DISAGREED WITH THE FIRE OFFICIALS AND ATTRIBUTED THE FIRE TO POSSIBLE FAILURE OF THE POWER CORD ON A VERY OLD TOASTER.

Incident Date: 19831126 City: State: PA

THIS ACCIDENT OCCURRED IN A THREE STORY BRICK ROW HOUSE WHERE 19 PERSONS WERE STAYING. AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET BECAME OVERHEATED DUE TO OVERLOAD FROM AN ELECTRIC HEATER. ELECTRIC HEATERS WERE THE ONLY SOURCE OF HEAT. FIRE STARTED IN THE OUTLET OR WIRES IN THE BEDROOM AND THE FAMILY AND GUESTS WERE FORCED TO EVACUATE THE BUILDING. NO ONE WAS INJURED.

Incident Date: 19831226 City: State: WI

THERE WAS AN ELECTRICAL RECEPTACLE(OUTLET) FIRE IN A BEDROOM OUTLET. THE FIRE APPEARS TO HAVE ORIGINATED WITH ELECTRIC ARCING AT A CONNECTION BETWEEN THE BRANCH CIRCUIT'S HOT LEAD WIRE AND THE SOCKET'S BACK WIRED RECEPTACLE. A PLASTIC SAFETY PLUG, WHICH WAS INSERTED INTO THE SOCKET WHEN THE FIRE BEGAN, HAS BEEN PARTLY BURNED IN THE FIRE. THE SAFETY PLUG MAY HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THE FIRE.

Incident Date: 19831219 City: State: IN

A FIRE THAT DESTROYED AN APPROXIMATELY 125 YEAR OLD SINGLE STORY FRAME HOUSE APPARENTLY STARTED BEHIND A SOFA IN THE AREA OF AN ELECTRICAL RECEPTACLE. THE ONLY APPLIANCE PLUGGED INTO THE RECEPTACLE AN APPROX. 20 YEARS OLD INCANDESCENT BULB TABLE LAMP, WAS NOT IN USE WHEN THE FIRE OCCURED. THE RESIDENTS OF THE HOUSE, TWO BOYS AGED 15 AND 12 YEARS AND THEIR MOTHER ESCAPED WITHOUT INJURY.

Incident Date: 19831219 City: State: IN

A FIRE THAT DESTROYED A MORE THAN 30 YEAR OLD HOUSE MAY HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY AN ELECTRICAL HEATER WHICH WAS PLUGGED INTO AN ELECTRICAL RECEPTACLE WHICH WAS AN INTERGRAL PART OF A MEDICINE CABINET IN A BATHROOM. ALL OF THE HOUSE RESIDENTS ESCAPED WITHOUT INJURY.

Incident Date: 19831226 City: State: PA

A SINGLE FAMILY HOME WAS GUTTED BY A FIRE WHICH ORIGINATED IN THE AREA OF A WAL OUTLET. THE SPECIFIC CAUSE OF THE FIRE WAS NOT DETERMINED. THE OCCUPANTS OF THE HOUSE WERE NOT INJURED IN THE FIRE.

Incident Date: 19831201 City: State: AR

A FIRE STARTED NEAR A WALL OUTLET WHILE A FAMILY WAS AWAY FROM HOME. THE HOUSE SUSTAINED FIRE DAMAGE TO TWO ROOMS AND THE ROOF. THERE WAS NO INJURY.

Incident Date: 19841111 City: State: KS

ON JANUARY 11, 1984, AT APPROXIMATELY 11:30 A.M. A FIRE OCCURRED IN A BED WHEN AN ELECTRIC BLANKET OVERHEATED AND CAUGHT ON FIRE. THE OWNER RETURNED AFTER SIX HOURS TO FIND THE HOUSE FULL OF SMOKE. FIRE OFFICERS FOUND THE BED ON FIRE WITH THE ELECTRIC BLANKET CORD PLUGGED INTO THE WALL OUTLET STILL SPARKING. NO INJURY.

Incident Date: 19840103 City: State: AR

ON 1/3/84 AN INCIDENT OCCURRED IN THE HOME OF THE OWNER. AN OUTLET OR RECEPTACLE SHORTED OUT. THE OUTLET OR RECEPTACLE WAS FOR THE ELECTRIC CLOTHES DRYER. NO DAMAGE OCCURRED TO THE DRYER, ONLY DAMAGE TO THE OUTLET OR RECEPTACLE. THE DRYER WAS NOT IN USE AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19820101 City: State: WI

THERE WAS AN ELECTRICAL RECEPTACLE(OUTLET) FIRE IN A FAMILY ROOM OUTLET. THE FIRE APPREARS TO HAVE ORIGINATED WITH ELECTRIC ARCING AT A CONNECTION BETWEEN THE BRANCH CIRCUIT'S HOT LEAD WIRE AND THE SOCKET'S BACK-WIRED RECEPTACLE. A PLASTOC SAFETY PLUG, WHICH WAS INSERTED INTO THE SOCKET WHEN THE FIRE BEGAN, HAS BEEN DAMAGED IN THE FIRE.



Incident Date: 19840126 City: State: IL

THE COMPLAINANT RETURNED TWO VAPORIZERS TO THE STORE WHERE THEY WERE PURCHASED BECAUSE THEY MADE CLICKING SOUNDS, DID NOT SHUT-OFF BY THEMSELVES, AND SPARKS EMITTED FROM THE OUTLET WHEN ONE OF THEM WAS UNPLUGGED. THE 31 YEAR OLD WOMAN ALSO RECEIVED A MILE SHOCK WHEN SHE GRASPED ONE OF THE VAPORIZER'S CORD'S PLUG TO UNPLUG IT. THE VAPORIZERS WERE USED IN HER APARTMENT'S BEDROOM.

Incident Date: 19840207 City: State: WA

A HAND-HELD ELECTRIC HAIRDRYER TURNED ITSELF ON, OVERHEATED AND EMITTED SMOKE. THE DRYER WAS LEFT TURNED OFF AND PLUGGED INTO THE POWER OUTLET. THE OWNERS DISCOVERED THE DRYER WITH THE MOTOR RUNNING BEFORE A FIRE OCCURRED.

Incident Date: 19840210 City: State: AR

ON 2/10/84, 7 UNATTENDED CHILDREN DIED IN A FIRE IN A SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING. AN 11 YEAR OLD ESCAPED WITH INJURIES. THE CHILDREN AGES 3 MONTHS TO 11 YEAR HAD BEEN LEFT ALONE BY THEIR MOTHERS. THIS INVESTIGATION WAS CONDUCTED BY TELEPHONE. POOR ELECTRICAL WIRING AND AN OVERLOADED OUTLET APPARENTLY CAUSED FIRE. CHARGES ARE BEING FILED AGAINST ONE OF THE MOTHERS.

Incident Date: 19831228 City: State: VA

A HOME RECEIVED EXTENSIVE DAMAGE IN A FIRE BELIEVED TO HAVE ORIGINATED IN AN ELECTRICAL RECEPTACLE WHICH WAS PART OF A BATHROOM LIGHT FIXTURE. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19831229 City: State: AK

A FIRE WHICH CAUSED AN ESTIMATED \$4000 DAMAGE TO THE CONTENTS OF A HOUSE HAD ITS POINT OF ORIGIN IN A CABLE TV CONVERTER BOX THAT WAS SITTING ON TOP OF A 25 INCH SCREEN. THE TV HAD LAST BEEN USED ABOUT 7 HOURS BEFORE THE ACCIDENT, THE CONVERTER IS LEFT PLUGGED IN AND OPERATING ALL THE TIME BECAUSE OF THE PROGRAMMABLE NATURE OF THE DEVICE, AND THE TELEVISION SET WAS PLUGGED INTO THE BACK OF THE CONVERTER IN A RECEPTACLE INTENDED FOR THE PURPOSE.

Incident Date: 19840114 City: State: ME

EXTENSIVE FIRE DAMAGE WAS SUSTAINED IN A TWO STORY WOODEN DWELLING, CONTAINING THREE(3) APARTMENTS. FIRE WAS REPORTEDLY CAUSED BY ELECTRICAL MALFUNCTION IN WALL RECEPTACLE, WHICH HAD BEEN CUT INTO THE BASEBOARD OF THE SOUTH WALL OF SECOND FLOOR APARTMENT. TENANT OF APARTMENT, WHERE FIRE STARTED, WAS TREATED FOR SMOKE INHALATION AND FIRST DEGREE BURNS TO HIS HANDS.

Incident Date: 19840206 City: State: FL

ON OR ABOUT 6/2/84 THE CONSUMER/COMPLAINANT NOTICED THAT THE PLUG OF A PORTABLE ELECTRIC HEATER WITH THERMOSTAT CONTROL (PURCHASED IN OCT./NOV. 1983 AND USED TWO OR THREE TIMES BEFORE DATE) HAD BECOME WARM, SOFT AND SPONGY WHILE THE HEATER HAD BEEN IN OPERATION FOR ABOUT AN HOUR. THE THERMOSTAT WAS AT A MEDIUM SETTING OF ABOUT "6" AND THE OUTSIDE TEMPERATURE WAS IN THE 40 DEGREE S. THE COMPLAINANT UNPLUGGED THE HEATER AND NOTICED THAT THE BEIGE WALL OUTLET RECEPTACLE AND THE TWO-PRONGS OF THE NON-POLARIZED PLUG WERE CHARRED. HE ALSO NOTICED THAT PART OF THE BEIGE WALL OUTLET RECEPTACLE HAD MELTED AND STUCK TO THE BASE OF THE PLUG BETWEEN THE TWO-PRONGS. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19840120 City: State: CA

THE VICTIM IS AN ADULT MARRIED FEMALE. THE VICTIM HAD PLACED A SOFA OVER A ELECTRIC FLOOR RECEPTACLE IN HER FAMILY ROOM. THE VICTIM'S FAMILY CAT HAD BEEN URINATING ON THE RECEPTACLE CAUSING IT TO ARC. THE SOFA CAUGHT ON FIRE AND WAS DESTROYED. THE FIRE WAS CONTAINED IN THE FAIMLY ROOM. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19840111 City: State: OR

OVERLOADING AND ARCING OF AN ELECTRIC RANGE PLUG OR RECEPTACLE WAS IDENTIFIED AS THE CAUSE OF A MAJOR RESIDENTIAL FIRE. THERE WERE NO INJURIES, HOWEVER THE RESIDENCE WAS TOTAL LOSS.

Incident Date: 19840219 City: State: NJ

THE BULB CONTAINED INSIDE A NIGHT LIGHT WHICH WAS INSERTED INTO A 120 VOLT WALL OUTLET EXPLODED. THE INCIDENT OCCURRED AS THE COMPLAINANT "CLICKED" THE "ON/OFF" SWITCH INTO THE "ON" POSITION. NO INJURIES WERE SUSTAINED AS A RESULT OF THE INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19840117 City: State: KY

ACCORDING TO FIRE REPORT, A SHORT IN AN ELECTRICAL WALL OUTLET CAUSED A FIRE IN A TWO BEDROOM APARTMENT. THERE WERE NO REPORTED INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19840207 City: State: CA

A CUBE TAP WHICH WAS PLUGGED INTO A WALL RECEPTACLE APPARENTLY SHORT CIRCUITED CAUSING HEAT WHICH IGNITED BEDDING. THE RESULTING FIRE DESTROYED AN APARTMENT. THE RESPONDENT EXCAPED UNHARMED. ANOTHER RESIDENT WAS OVERCOME BY SMOKE.

Incident Date: 19840220 City: State: MD

THIS ACCIDENTAL FIRE WAS CAUSED BY A JERRY-RIG ELECTRICAL HOOK-UP FOLLOWING A PREVIOUS FIRE AT THE SAME LOCATION. ONLY ONE ELECTRICAL OUTLET WAS AVAILABLE AND TWO EXTENSION CORDS WERE PLUGGED INTO IT. ONE EXTENSION CORD WAS 100 FT. LONG AND TWO 50 FT. CORDS PLUGGED TOGEATHER FOR AN ELECTRIC HEATER ON THIRD FLOOR. THE CORD OVERHEATED MID-WAY AND FIRE BROKE OUT. KILLING THE 62 YEAR OLD MALE OCCUPANT.

Incident Date: 19840225 City: State: CT

SPARKS EMANATING FROM A SHORTED ELECTRICAL RECEPTACLE SET BEDDING ON FIRE WHICH CULMINATED IN AN ESTIMATED \$60,000 IN DAMAGES TO A RANCH STYLE SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING. NO INJURIES RESULTED. THE DWELLING WAS CONSTRUCTED IN 1959 AND BACK WIRED PUSH-IN TYPE RECEPTACLES WERE USED AT THAT TIME. VIOLATIONS OF CURRENT NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE WERE INDICATED BUT APPARENTLY WERE PERMITTED AT THE TIME OF ORIGINAL WIRING (1959).

Incident Date: 19840204 City: State: VA

A SHORT IN AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET IGNITED CURTAINS LEADING TO A HOUSE FIRE THAT RESULTED IN \$9,000 DAMAGE. NO INJURIES OR DEATHS OCCURRED,

Incident Date: 19840312 City: State: MT

FIRE MARSHAL REPORTED THAT ALUMINUM WIRING IN 240 VOLT ELECTRIC DRYER OUTLET SHORTED AND CAUSED \$9,000 SMOKE AND FIRE DAMAGE IN A RESIDENCE NO INJURIES OCCURRED. THE DRYER WAS NOT OPERATING WHEN THE INCIDENT OCCURRED. THE ALUMINUM WIRING WAS INSTALLED IN AN OLDER HOME IN 1972 DURING REMODELING.

Incident Date: 19840410 City: State: MN

THE COMPLAINANT HAD AN ELECTRIC AUTOMATIC COFFEEMAKER PLUGGED INTO AN OUTLET IN HER IN HER KITCHEN. AS SHE TURNED THE COFFEEMAKERS SWITCH TO THE "ON" POSITION, BLUE FLAMES SHOOT OUT FROM THE SWITCH. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19840311 City: State: NC

A FIRE TOTALLY DESTROYED A THREE(3) BEDROOM MOBILE HOME WHICH WAS SITUATED IN A RURAL MOBILE HOME PARK. ACCORDING TO THE COUNTY FIRE MARSHALL, THE BLAZE WAS PROBABLY CAUSED BY A LOOSE ELECTRIC CONNECTION WITHIN THE WALL OUTLET. THERE WERE NO REPORTED INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19840301 City: State: OR

AN ELECTRIC OUTLET WAS IDENTIFIED AS THE CAUSE OF A RESIDENTIAL FIRE. THERE WERE NO INJURIES, HOWEVER, THE FIRE CAUSED AN ESTIMATED \$2,100 IN PROPERTY DAMAGE.

Incident Date: 19840327 City: State: IL

A WOMAN USED A FLAMMABLE WOOD-STRIPPING CHEMICAL LIQUID TO TAKE PAINT OFF HER WOOD WORK. SPARKS FROM A STEEL WOOD PAD CONTACTING AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET STARTED A FIRE. THE HOUSE BADLY DAMAGED. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19840305 City: State: ID

A FIRE WHICH CAUSED AN ESTIMATED \$1400 DAMAGE RESULTED WHEN CHILDREN PLUGGED THE ELECTRICAL CONNECTOR AT THE FOOT OF AN ELECTRIC BLANKET DIRECTLY INTO A WALL RECEPTACLE. THE BLANKETS HAD BEEN OBTAINED USED AND WITHOUT CONTROL UNITS, AND WERE BEING USED ONLY AS BLANKETS. THE OWNER SAID THE CONDUCTORS OF THE CONNECTOR WERE JUST THE RIGHT SIZE TO BE PLUGGED INTO A WALL RECEPTACLE, AND THAT THERE WAS NO PROTECTIVE SLEEVING AROUND THE CONDUCTORS TO PREVENT SUCH AN ACCIDENT FROM HAPPENING.

Incident Date: 19840127 City: State: GA

A FIRE THAT STARTED IN AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET CAUSE APPROXIMATELY \$15,000 IN DAMAGES TO A FAMILY'S RENTED HOME. NO INJURIES WERE INVOLVED IN THIS INVESTIGATION.

Incident Date: 19840313 City: State: PA

A FIRE WHICH ORIGINATED FROM AN ELECTRICAL RECEPTACLE FOR AN ELECTRIC RANGE CAUSED \$2,000 IN DAMAGES TO THE KITCHEN OF A SINGLE FAMILY HOME . NO INJURIES RESULTED FROM THE INCIDENT. THE SPECIFIC MALFUNCTION OR DEFECT WHICH CAUSED THE FIRE WAS NOT DETERMINED.

Incident Date: 19840224 City: State: WA

ON FEBRUATY 24, 1984, AT APPROXIMATELY 10:30 A.M., A NON-INJURY FIRE OCCURRED IN A 15' X 60' MOBILE HOME IN A RURAL SOUTH CENTRAL WASHINGTON TOWN. THE CAUSE OF THE FIER IS CITED BY THE RESPONDING FIRE DEPARTMENT AS HAVING BEEN A MALFUNCTIONING ELECTRIACAL OUTLET.

Incident Date: 19840407 City: State: IL

VICTIM (NURSE) HAD NO INFO ABOUT FIRE AT ALL. ALL INFO FROM VFD FIRE CHIEF WHO RESPONDED TO FIRE. ELDERLY RESIDENT HAD PLUGGED AND UNPLUGGED TV SET CORD IN ELECTRIC WALL OUTLET DAILY FOR MONTHS. MALE POWER PLUG BENT BACK AND FORTH AND FRAYED CAUSING SPARK TO IGNITE BEDDING. CORD AND BEDDING TOTALLY DESTROYED IN FIRE.

Incident Date: 19840311 City: State: OK

A FIRE RESULTED WHEN A ELECTRIC OUTLET ON A WALL NEAR A FIRE PLACE SHORT CIRCUITED. THIS FIRE WAS EXTINGUISHED. APPROXIMATELY TWO HOURS LATER FIRE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL RETURNED TO THE RESIDENCE TO EXTINGUISH ANOTHER FIRE.

Incident Date: 19840407 City: State: TX

THIS TELEPHONE IDI INVOLVED A 10 YEAR OLD FEMALE WHO RECEIVED AN ELECTRICAL SHOCK WHEN SHE PLUGGED A VIDEO ARCADE GAME ADAPTER INTO A WALL OUTLET AT HER HOME. SHE RECEIBED ELECTRICAL BURNS TO THE FINGERS OF ONE HAND AND ONE SHOULDER THAT WAS AGAINST A DOOR HANDLE AT THE TIME OF THE ACCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19840101 City: State: FL

IN THE EARLY MORNING ON A DAY ON/ABOUT THE END OF JANUARY 1984, A PORTABLE ELECTRIC HEATER BEGAN SPARKING AND AWOKE A SLEEPING 45 YEAR OLD FEMALE IN HER DUPLEX APARTMENT BEDROOM. SHE TURNED OFF THE HEATER SLIDE SWITCH CONTROL, UNPLUGGED THE ELECTRIC PLUG FROM THE WALL OUTLET AND CARRIED THE HEATER OUTDOORS. THERE WAS NO INCIDENT PROPERTY DAMAGE OTHER THAN DAMAGE TO THE HEATER. THERE WAS NO INJURY.

Incident Date: 19840405 City: State: MI

A FIRE OCCURRED IN THE LIVING ROOM OF A HOME. LOCAL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT INDICATED THAT A "SHORT CIRCUIT" TOOK PLACE INSIDE AN ELECTRICAL RECEPTACLE BECAUSE THE CONTACT PINS INSIDE LOST TENSION WITH AGE AND USE. IT APPEARS THAT RATHER THAN INVOLVING A SHORT, THE FIRE MAY HAVE STARTED BY HEAT EVOLVED DUE TO A POOR CONNECTION BETWEEN THE MALE PRONGS OF THE DEVICE CONNECTED TO THE RECEPTACLE AND THE RECEPTACLE'S CONTACTS. A POLICE SCANNER WAS CONNECTED TO THE OUTLET.

Incident Date: 19840402 City: State: WA

A 76-YEAR-OLD MALE DIED AS THE RESULT OF SMOKING INHALATION IN A FIRE IN HIS HOME WHICH HAD ITS POINT OF ORIGIN IN AN ARCING OVERLOAD IN AN EXTENSION CORD THAT WAS UNDER A STACK OF NEWSPAPERS. THE EXTENSION CORD REPORTEDLY WAS USED TO PROVIDE POWER FOR A REFRIGERATOR, A T.V. AND AT LEAST ONE RADIO. REPORTEDLY BECAUSE THE HOUSE WAS OLD AND HAD FEW ELECTRICAL RECEPTACLES. THE CONDITION REPORTEDLY HAD EXISTED FOR SEVERAL YEARS, AND OTHER PEOPLE HAD WARNED THE VICTIM ABOUT THE CONDITION.

Incident Date: 19840427 City: State: NJ

A FAULTY ELECTRICAL OUTLET WAS BELIEVED TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR A FIRE IN AN APARTMENT LOCATED IN A MULTIPLE FAMILY DWELLING. THE FIRE SPREAD TO A TELEVISION AND EVENTUALLY DESTROYED AN ESTIMATED 80% OF THE AFFECTED APARTMENT. NO INJURIES WERE INCURRED AS A RESULT OF THE INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19840516 City: State: NJ

A SEVENTY YEAR OLD FEMALE LIVING IN STAFFORD TOWNSHIP, N.J. WAS KILLED BY SMOKE INHALATION. THIS OCCURRED AS A RESULT OF A FIRE WHICH BEGAN IN AN ELECTRICAL RECEPTACLE BOX. VERBAL INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT REVEALED THAT MODIFICATION (EXTRA LINE ADDED) WAS MADE BY THE VICTIM'S SON, WHICH CAUSED THE CIRCUIT TO OVERHEAT.

Incident Date: 19840413 City: State: IL

A FIRE WAS STATED AS ORIGINATING IN A 3-HOLE OUTLET BEHIND A REFRIGERATOR IN THE KITCHEN OF A SMALL HOME. NO INJURY OCCURRED. THE OUTLET WAS A SCREW TERMINAL TYPE. THE HOMEOWNER COULD NOT BE CONTACTED.

Incident Date: 19840422 City: State: OK

ACCORDING TO THE LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENT, AND ELECTRICAL SHORT NEAR AN ELECTRICAL RECEPTACLE OUTLET CAUSED A FIRE IN A ROOMING HOUSE. THIS FIRE RESULTED IN THE DEATH OF ONE OF THE OCCUPANTS.

Incident Date: 19840524 City: State: MI

EITHER A TOASTER OR AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET STARTED A FIRE IN A PANTRY OF THE OWNER'S HOME. THE EXACT SOURCE COULD NOT BE DETERMINED, BECAUSE OF THE DAMAGE. THE OCCUPANT WAS NOT INJURED AS A RESULT OF THE ACCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19840513 City: State: TX

AN ACCIDENTAL FIRE STARTED IN A HOUSEHOLD CURRENT ELECTRIC RECEPTACLE OUTLET IN THE DEN OF A SINGLE FAMILY HOUSE WHILE A 70 YEAR OLD WOMAN WAS ASLEEP IN A BEDROOM. SHE AWOKE AND ESCAPED WITH NO INJURIES. THERE WAS HEAVY FIRE AND SMOKE DAMAGE.

Incident Date: 19840527 City: State: FL

A 27 YEAR OLD MALE WAS ELECTOCUTED WHILE OPERATING AN ELECTRIC DRILL TO REFURBISH A NEWLY PURCHASED BOAT. THE BOAT WAS IN THE WATER AND TIED TO THE VICTIM'S DOCK AT THE TIME OF THE ACCIDENT. THE ELECTRICAL ENERGY WAS SUPPLIED BY A DOCKSIDE ELECTRICAL RECEPTACLE. A THREE PRONGED HEAVY DUTY ELECTRICAL EXTENSION CORD WAS USED TO TRANSMIT THE ENERGY FROM THE DOCKSIDE RECEPTACLE TO THE TWO PRONGED ELECTRICAL DRILL.

Incident Date: 19840517 City: State: SD

A 20 YEAR OLD MALE RECEIVED AN ELECTRIC SHOCK WHEN THE STRINGS OF THE ELECTRIC GUITAR HE WAS PLAYING TOUCHED A MICROPHONE STAND. THE VICTIM RECEIVED FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD DEGREE BURNS ON HIS HANDS AND ARMS. A FULL RECOVERY IS EXPECTED. A UTILITY COMPANY INVESTIGATOR REPORTS THAT HE BELIEVES THAT THE CAUSE OF THE ACCIDENT IS A SHORT CIRCUIT IN AN EXTENSION OUTLET STRIP INTO WHICH WAS PLUGGED NUMEROUS PIECES OF MUSICAL EQUIPMENT. NO OTHER EXPLANATION WAS OFFERED.

Incident Date: 19840620 City: State: CT

FIRE, POSSIBLY ORIGINATING FROM AN ELECTRICAL PROBLEM IN A WINDOW MOUNTED AIR CONDITIONER OR A TELEVISION SET, CLAIMED THE LIFE OF A 61 YEAR OLD MALE. THE AIR CONDITIONER AND TELEVISION SET WERE BOTH ON AT THE TIME AND IN THE DEN ROOM OF A SECOND FLOOR APARTMENT. BOTH WERE PLUGGED INTO THE SAME WALL OUTLET. THE VICTIM WAS ALONE IN THE DEN ROOM AT THE TIME AND THERE WERE NO EYEWITNESSES. THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE IS STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION.

Incident Date: 19840516 City: State: CT

THE REPLACEMENT PLUG ON THE ELECTRICAL SUPPLY CORD TO AN ELECTRIC HEATER SUDDENTLY AND WITHOUT WARNING BURST INTO FLAMES. THE PLUG WAS CONNECTED TO A 25 FOOT LONG EXTENSION CORD OF THE SAME GAUGE WIRE WHICH, IN TURN, WAS PLUGGED INTO A WALL RECEPTACLE (OUTLET) IN THE LAUNDRY ROOM. THE RESULTANT FIRE WAS EXTINGUISHED BY THE COMPLAINANT'S WIFE USING BAKING SODA AND A SMALL AREA AROUND THE PLUG WAS BURNED(CARPET, WOOD, MOLDING, ETC.). NO INJURIES RESULTED.

Incident Date: 19840710 City: State: IL

VICTIM STATED HE HAD JUST MOVED INTO THE APARTMENT COMPLEX. STANDING ON CARPETTED FLOOR HE TOOK TWO PRONG OF A 4-5 YEAR OLD BLACK AND WHITE TV, BENT OVER AND INSERTED PLUG INTO A TWO PRONG DOUBLE OUTLET. OUTLET EXPLODED MELTING PRONGS ON THE TV CORD. VICTIM RECEIVED SECOND AND THIRD DEGREE BURNS TO TWO FINGERS RIGHT HAND. TREATED AND RELEASED WITH NO PERMANENT INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19840711 City: State: IL

TWO YOUNG GIRLS PLAYING ON PORCH. PUPPY HAD CHEWED POWER CORD TO CONSOLE NIGHT BEFORE WITH ONLY BARE WIRE AT ONE POINT. VICTIM HOLDING CORD (BARE WIRE) WHEN FRIEND PLUGGED INTO WALL OUTLET. CONSOLE WAS ON AND SPARKS EMITTED FROM PLUG AND VICTIM BURNED TWO FINGERS ON BARE WIRE. RECOVERY IS ALMOST COMPLETE AT THIS TIME.

Incident Date: 19840719 City: State: TX

THIS CASE INVOLVED A TWELVE YEAR OLD MALE VICTIM, WHO WHILE PLAYING IN A SPA AT A RESORT CONDOMINIUM, WAS SUCKED UP AGAINST THE OPEN OUTLET. NEAR DROWNING SYMPTOMS WERE SUSTAINED.

Incident Date: 19840615 City: State: NH

FIRE GUTTED AN UNOCCUPIED 200 YEAR OLD FRAME FARM HOUSE WITH ATTACHED BARN. THE EXACT CAUSE OF THE BLAZE IS UNKNOWN BUT IT ORIGINATED IN THE BRANCH CIRCUIT WIRING. THE POSSIBILITIES ARE (1) SHORTING OF THE RECEPTACLES IN THE BARN WHICH APPARENTLY GOT WET FROM A THUNDERSTORM JUST PRIOR TO THE FIRE, (2) OVERFUSING OF THE BRANCH CIRCUITS (30 AMP FUSES) COUPLED WITH INSUFFICIENT GAUGE BX CABLE (REPORTEDLY 16 GAUGE COPPER CAUSING OVERHEATING AND (3) FISH TANK LIGHT DROPPED INTO TANK BY RODENTS. NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19840718 City: State: MD

DAUGHTER STATED THAT THE VICTIM WAS CUTTING HEDGES WITH A DOUBLEEDGE ELECTRIC HEDGE TRIMMER. STEPPING BACKWARD, VICTIM'S FOOT BECAME TANGLED IN 150' HEAVY DUTY EXTENSION CORD (3 PRONG PLUG, EXTENSION CORD PLUGGED INTO A 3 PRONG RECEPTACLE IN HOUSE). VICTIM WAS HOLDING TRIMMER IN RIGHT HAND, NEAR RIGHT SIDE BUT TRIMMER WAS IN "OFF" POSITION AS VICTIM HAD DISENGAGED IT PRIOR TO STEPPING BACK. VICTIM WAS INJURED WHEN SHE FELL AND DISENGAGED HEDGE TRIMMER HIT HER IN THE PUBIC REGION.

Incident Date: 19840623 City: State: KS

AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET SHORTED OUT, SHOWERED SPARKS IN A NEAR BY CARDBOARD BOX SETTING IT AND ITS CONTENTS ON FIRE. NO INJURIES RESULTED AND THE FIRE WAS EXTINGUISHED BY THE OCCUPANTS. THIS INVESTIGATION WAS CONDUCTED BY PHONE/MAIL DUE TO THE FACT THE PRODUCT WAS NOT AVAILABLE FOR SAMPLING.

Incident Date: 19840723 City: State: IL

VICTIM WAS UPSTAIRS IN NEIGHBOR'S HOME (2 FAMILY HOUSE). SHE WAS IN THE LIVING ROOM PLAYING WITH A KNOB ON AN ELECTRIC FAN - TURNING IT ON AND OFF, WHEN TOLD TO STOP. HER ATTENTION WENT TO THE FAN'S POWER CORD WHICH WAS PLUGGED INTO AN EXTENSION CORD WITH A 3 PLACE FEMALE RECEPTACLE. SHE SEPERATED THE FAN CORD FROM THE EXTENSION CORD TWICE WITH HER HANDS. ON THE THIRD ACTION SHE WAS UNABLE TO PULL THE CORDS APART. SHE PUT THE RECEPTACLE IN HER MOUTH AND RECEIVED AN ELECTRIC BURN TO THE LIPS. NEIGHBOR WAS IN PROCESS OF GOING TO HER WHEN ACCIDENT HAPPENED. NO PERMAMENT INJURY.

Incident Date: 19840713 City: State: PA

VICTIM WEARING A BIKINI AND TENNIS SHOES W/RUBBER SOLES WAS CUTTING HEDGES W/ELECTRICAL CLIPPERS, SHE TOUCHED A METAL CLOTHES POLE AND IMMEDIATELY RECEIVED AN ELECTRIC SHOCK WHICH THREW HER 5'. HER ARMS AND LEGS WERE TOTALLY NUMB AND SHE WAS UNABLE TO RELEASE 'OFF' SWITCH ON CLIPPERS. SHE LANDED ON HER 'BOTTOM' IN A 'V' POSITION WITH BOTH LEGS IN AIR AND ELECTRIC HEDGE TRIMMERS STILL IN OPERATION ON RIGHT SIDE OF HER STOMACH. HER MOTHER SAW THE ACCIDENT, IMMEDIATELY PULLED HEAVY DUTY EXTENSION CORD OUT OF OUTLET AND FOUND VICTIM UNCONSCIOUS. BOTH HEAVY DUTY EXTENSION CORD AND CORD ON CLIPPERS IN EXCELLENT CONDITION. PRODUCT WAS QUITE OLD, HOUSING ENCASED IN METAL AND U.L APPROVED.

Incident Date: 19840709 City: State: CO

ON JULY 9, 1984 A 30 YEAR OLD MALE SUSTAINED 1ST AND 2ND DEGREE BURNS TO HIS RIGHT HAND AND ARM. A SPARK FROM AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET IGNITED THE LACQUER THINNER HE WAS USING, AS HE SCRUBBED AROUND THE BASEBOARD IN A DINING ROOM, WITH A STEEL WOOL PAD.

Incident Date: 19840731 City: UNKNOWN State: MA

THE VICTIM, A 16 YEAR OLD MALE STATED THAT HE WAS PLUGGING IN A "BATTERY RECHARGER" (ALREADY SET IN "ON" POSITION) INTO WALL OUTLET IN LIVINGROOM. AS HE ATTEMPTED TO INSERT THE PLUG INTO OUTLET, A SPARK SHOT OUT AND VICTIM REC'D 2 DEGREE BURN TO LEFT INDEX FINGER TREATMENT AT THE E.R. WAS NOT SPECIFIED.

Incident Date: 19840728 City: State: MD

THERE WERE NO INJURIES INVOLVED WITH THIS ACCIDENT. ACCORDING TO THE RESPONDENT, A FIRE FIGHTER AND OWNER OF THIS HOME, A FAN CONNECTED TO AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET, BUT PROBABLY NOT TURNED ON, PROBABLY SELF- IGNITED, WHILE NO ONE WAS HOME AND CAUSED \$60,000 DOLLARS WORTH OF FIRE, HEAT AND SMOKE DAMAGE TO THE ENTIRE MAIN FLOOR OF HIS HOUSE. THE FAN WAS IN THE BEDROOM, ON A WOODEN DRESSER. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT DID NOT DETERMINE A CAUSE; HIS PERSONAL INVESTIGATION DETERMINED THE FAN WAS THE CAUSE.

Incident Date: 19850526 City: State: WA

A GFCI SHOT FLAME AND SPARKS FROM A WALL OUTLET. A SMALL DRY FLOWER ARRANGEMENT IGNITED. NO OTHER DAMAGE OR INJURIES OCCURRED.

Incident Date: 19840731 City: State: OK

A SHORT, REPORTEDLY IN AN ELECTRICAL RECEPTACLE CAUSED A FIRE IN ONE ROOM OF A THREE BEDROOM FRAME DWELLING. NO INJURIES RESULTED FROM THE FIRE. THE PRODUCT WAS COMPLETELY DESTROYED ACCORDING TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Incident Date: 19840704 City: State: IN

A 44 YEAR-OLD MALE WAS ELECTROCUTED WHEN USING AN ELECTRIC DRILL AROUND A MOBILE HOME. THE DRILL WAS ESTIMATED TO BE 40 YEARS OLD AND HAD A METAL CASE. THE DRILL'S POWER CORD WAS STATED AS A GROUNDED TYPE BUT IN POOR CONDITION. THE VICTIM WAS KNEELING ON WET GROUND AT THE TIME. THE DRILL HAD BEEN PLUGGED INTO A 100 FOOT EXTENSION CORD ONTO WHICH A BOX WITH 2 UNGROUNDED OUTLETS HAD BEEN SPLICED. THE VICTIM MAY HAVE TOUCHED A GAS LINE WHEN THE ACCIDENT OCCURRED.

Incident Date: 19840725 City: State: IL

A HOUSE FIRE CAUSED BY AN OVERHEATED ELECTRICAL CORD CAUSED SEVERE DAMAGE TO A SUBURBAN HOME. THERE WERE NO FATALATIES AND ONLY A SLIGHT CASE OF SMOKE INHALATION SUFFERED AS A RESULT. A TOWN ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR REPORTS THAT A CORD PLUGGED INTO AN OUTLET APPARENTLY OVERHEATED AND IGNITED NEARBY COMBUSTABLES. TO WHAT TYPE OF APPLIANCE THE CORD WAS ATTACHED IS NOT KNOWN. THE HOMEOWNER DID NOT REPLY TO A CONTACT LETTER SENT TO HIM. NEWSPAPER REPORTS OF FAULTY OUTLET WERE APPARENTLY WRONG.

Incident Date: 19840905 City: State: CA

A PLASTIC TWO-PIECE NEON LIGHT COMES APART WHEN THE TRANSLUCENT CAP IS PULLED TO UNPLUG THE LIGHT. THE BASE REMAINS IN THE OUTLET EXPOSING WIRES CHARGED TO 110 VOLTS.

Incident Date: 19840829 City: State: NE

A FIRE BEGAN WITH AN ELECTRIC SHORT IN A DUPLEX ELECTRICAL WALL RECEPTACLE. THE WALL RECEPTACLE WAS MORE THAN 30 YEARS OLD. THE CAUSE OF THE ELECTRIC SHORT IS UNKNOWN. THE FIRE SPREAD FROM THE WALL RECEPTACLE TO SOME NEARBY WINDOW CURTAINS. THE FIRE CAUSED EXTENSIVE SMOKE DAMAGE BUT NO ONE WAS INJURED.



Incident Date: 19840915 City: State: VA

THE PRODUCT INVOLVED IS IDENTIFIED AS A DOUBLE WALL RECEPTACLE/ OUTLET. NO INJURIES OR DEATHS ARE REPORTED. THIS INCIDENT OCCURRED IN THE KITCHEN OF A RENTED MOTEL APARTMENT. AN AIR CONDITIONER WAS PLUGGED INTO THE KITCHEN WALL RECEPTACLE/OUTLET, (THE SAME ELECTRICAL CIRCUIT ALSO PROVIDED ELECTRICAL CURRENT TO A REFRIGERATOR). BOTH APPLIANCES WERE IN USE AT THE SAME TIME CAUSING AN OVERLOAD, SHORT CIRCUIT, AND SMALL FIRE IN THE KITCHEN WALL RECEPTACLE/OUTLET.

Incident Date: 19840904 City: State: LA

THIS TELEPHONE IDI INVOLVED A RESIDENTIAL FIRE THAT WAS CONFINED TO A WALL OUTLET INTO WHICH A DEEP FREEZE WAS PLUGGED. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19840908 City: State: MI

ACCORDING TO THE FIRE CHIEF, THIS SMALL NON-INJURY HOUSE FIRE WAS STARTED BY THE ELECTRICAL WIRING SYSTEM OF A SEVERAL DECADES OLD HOUSE. A WINDOW AIR CONDITIONER WAS PLUGGED INTO AN OUTLET IN A DOWNSTAIRS BEDROOM, AND EITHER THE AGE OF THE WIRING, OR THE CURRENT DRAW FROM THE AIR CONDITIONER CAUSED THE WIRING OR OUTLET TO OVER- HEAT. THERE WAS NO APPARENT DAMAGE TO THE AIR CONDITIONER ITSELF AND IT DID NOT SHORT OUT.

Incident Date: 19840925 City: State: OR

FAILURE OF AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET OR SWITCH WAS IDENTIFIED AS THE CAUSE OF A RESIDENTIAL FIRE. THERE WERE NO INJURIES, HOWEVER, THE FIRE CAUSED AN ESTIMATED \$45,000 IN PROPERTY DAMAGE.

Incident Date: 19841007 City: State: MA

ELECTRICAL ARCING IN AN ELECTRICAL RECEPTACLE CAUSED WIRING INSULATION TO SMOLDER AND PROMPTED THE OCCUPANT OF THE APARTMENT TO SUMMON THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. HOWEVER, THERE WERE NO INJURIES OR PROPERTY DAMAGE.

Incident Date: 19840926 City: State: NY

SMOKE CAME OUT OF THE COMPLAINANT'S NEWLY PURCHASED IRON SHORTLY AFTER SHE CONNECTED THE IRON'S CORD TO THE ELECTRICAL WALL OUTLET IN THE KITCHEN OF HER APARTMENT. NO INJURY RESULTED.

Incident Date: 19840808 City: State: CO

IMPROPER ELECTRIC WIRING TO A 3 HOLE RECEPTACLE WAS THE CAUSE OF AN ELECTRICAL SHOCK TO A 36 YEAR OLD MAN WHEN HE WAS TESTING AN ELECTRIC SUMP PUMP IN HIS BATHTUB. NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19841010 City: State: VA

THE TWO PRODUCTS INVOLVED IN THIS INCIDENT ARE IDENTIFIED AS AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET AND A COMMERCIAL VACUUM CLEANER. NO INJURIES OR DEATHS ARE REPORTED. NO PROPERTY DAMAGE. THIS INCIDENT OCCURRED IN A HALLWAY OF AN APARTMENT BUILDING. IT APPEARS THAT THE ELECTRICAL RECEPTACLE SUSTAINED A SHORT CIRCUIT AND BURST INTO FLAME WHEN A MAINTENANCE WORKER INSERTED A 3 PRONGED PLUG FROM THE POWER CORD OF A VACUUM CLEANER INTO THE ELECTRICAL RECEPTACLE.

Incident Date: 19840921 City: State: HI

COMPLAINANT AND HER HUSBAND RETURNED TO THEIR HOME AFTER AN ABSENCE OF ABOUT A MONTH. SHE TRIED TO TURN ON THE LAMPS IN THE LIVING ROOM WITHOUT SUCCESS. HER HUSBAND CHECKED THE CIRCUIT BOX AND DISCOVERED THAT THE BREAKER FOR THE CIRCUIT SERVICING THE LAMPS HAD TRIPPED. HE RESET THE BREAKER. SIMULTANEOUSLY IT SEEMED, A RECEPTACLE ON THE SAME LINE AS THOSE SERVICING THE LAMPS EMITTED SPARKS AND SMOKE. THE BREAKER WHICH THE HUSBAND HAD JUST RESET TRIPPED AGAIN.

Incident Date: 19841011 City: State: HI

COMPLAINANT REPORTS PROBLEMS WITH TWO WALL RECEPTACLES LOCATED IN HER KITCHEN ABOVE THE COUNTERS. ONE THAT HAS THE MICROWAVE OVEN PLUGGED IN EMITS SPARKS WHEN THE OVEN IS IN USE. THE OTHER IS FOR ALL INTENTS AND PURPOSES DEAD GIVES POWER ONLY INTERMITTENTLY WHEN THE PLUG IS JIGGLED.

Incident Date: 19841012 City: State: HI

COMPLAINANT STATES THAT ONE OF THE RECEPTACLES IN HER BATHROOM SPARKED WHEN THE HAIR DRYER WAS PLUGGED IN. SHE KEPT ON USING THE DRYER AND RECEPTACLE UNTIL ONE DAY, WHILE PLUGGING IN THE HAIR DRYER, THE RECEPTACLE EMITTED SPARKS AND SMOKE. THEY IMMEDIATELY DISCONTINUED USING THE RECEPTACLE AS WELL AS ITS TWIN. THE TWIN WAS ALSO GIVING PROBLEMS INTERMITTENT POWER. THEY TRIED THE HAIR BLOWER IN ANOTHER RECEPTACLE IN ANOTHER PART OF THE HOUSE AND FOUND THAT IT NO LONG WORKED WHEN THE INCIDENT OF SMOKING AND SPARKING HAPPENED, THE CIRCUIT BREAKER DID NOT TRIP.

Incident Date: 19821201 City: State: HI

COMPLAINANT WAS PLUGGING IN A STRING OF CHRISTMAS LIGHTS INTO THE BASEBOARD WALL PLUG OF HIS LIVING ROOM. AS HE PLUGGED IT IN, THE RECEPTACLE EMITTED SPARKS. ONE OF THE PRONGS OF THE PLUG MELTED AT THE TIP. CONSUMER TAPED OVER THE RECEPTACLE AND CAPPED ITS TWIN AND DID NOT USE THEM AGAIN. THE INCIDENT HAPPENED SEVERAL YEARS AGO.

Incident Date: 19841018 City: State: FL

ON LATE AFTERNOON OF 10/18/84, COMPLAINANT ARRIVED HOME TO FIND THE MICROWAVE OVEN LOCATED ON HER KITCHEN COUNTER WAS RUNNING AND THAT THE KITCHEN AND LIVING ROOM WERE NOTICEABLY HOT AS A RESULT. COMPLAINANT UNPLUGGED THE UNIT FROM A COUNTER LEVEL OUTLET TO STOP THE RUNNING OF THE UNIT. COMPLAINANT OPENED OVEN DOOR AND NOTED THE GLASS TRAY ON THE INTERIOR BOTTOM OF OVEN HAD BROKEN AND PLASTIC INSIDE OVEN HAD MELTED ON TO THE BROKEN GLASS TRAY. DAMAGE LIMITED TO MICROWAVE OVEN ONLY. NO FIRE OCCURRED AS RESULT OF INCIDENT. UNIT HAD BEEN USED WITHOUT REPAIR FOR 4 YEARS.

Incident Date: 19841016 City: State: MD

THE PRODUCTS REPORTED IN THIS CONSUMER COMPLAINT IS IDENTIFIED AS A ELECTRICAL OUTLET STRIP. NO DEATHS, INJURIES, OR PROPERTY LOSS IS REPORTED. THE COMPLAINANT HAS TWO IDENTICAL UNITS AND REPORTS EACH IS WIRED BACKWARDS.

Incident Date: 19841017 City: State: PA

A WIFE PLACED 4 PIECES OF BREAD INTO A FOUR SLICE ELECTRIC TOASTER. AFTER SEVERAL MINUTES SHE NOTICED THE TOASTER IN FLAMES. SHE PULLED THE TOASTER'S CORD OUT OF THE ELECTRICAL OUTLET. FIRE WAS CONFINED TO THE TOASTER. NO ONE WAS INJURED.

Incident Date: 19840824 City: State: MI

A FIVE TO SIX YEAR OLD REPLACEMENT DUPLEX ELECTRICAL OUTLET SHORTED OUT IN THE CONSUMER'S DINING ROOM. AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT THERE WAS NO ELECTRICAL APPLIANCE PLUGGED INTO THE OUTLET. THERE WERE NO INJURIES. THE FIRE MARSHAL INTERVIEWED COULD NOT EXPLAIN HOW THE SYSTEM SHORTED OUT.

Incident Date: 19840601 City: State: CA

APPROXIMATELY SIX MONTHS AGO, OCCUPANTS OF A SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING EXPERIENCED SPARKING AND SMOKE FROM A BEDROOM ELECTRICAL RECEPTACLE WHEN A VACUUM CLEANER WAS PLUGGED INTO THE OUTLET.

Incident Date: 19830601 City: State: CA

APPROXIMATELY 18 MONTHS AGO, THE HOMEOWNER OF A SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING EXPERIENCE SPARKING WHEN A SMALL APPLIANCE WAS PLUGGED INTO A WALL OUTLET IN THE LIVING ROOM OF THE HOME. THE HOMEOWNER IS A BATALLION CHIEF WITH THE CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT WAS NOT CALLED.

Incident Date: 19800101 City: State: CA

APPROXIMATELY FOUR YEARS AGO, HOMEOWNERS SMELLED SMOKE, THEN NOTICED WIRING IN THE BEDROOM WALL OUTLET WAS BURNED. FIRE DEPARTMENT WAS NOT SUMMONED AT THAT TIME.

Incident Date: 19820101 City: State: CA

APPROXIMATELY TWO YEARS AGO, OCCUPANTS OF A ONE-STORY SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING BEGAN EXPERIENCING PROBLEMS WITH ELECTRICAL OUTLETS IN THE HOME. THE OUTLETS ON ONE SIDE OF THE HOUSE DISCONTINUED WORKING. NO FIRE RESULTED.

Incident Date: 19840501 City: State: CA

IN MAY, 1984 AN ADULT FEMALE RECEIVED AN ELECTRIC SHOCK WHILE PLUGGING A TOASTER INTO A WALL OUTLET IN HER KITCHEN. THE VICTIM WAS NOT TREATED FOR THE INJURY, AND DISCONTINUED THE OUTLET AFTER THE INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19840731 City: State: CA

DURING JULY, 1984 THE OCCUPANTS OF A SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING NOTICED AN OUTLET SPARKED WHENEVER A TELEVISION OR RADIO APPLIANCE WAS PLUGGED INTO IT, THE FIRE DEPARTMENT WAS NOT SUMMONED AT THAT TIME. NO INJURIES OCCURRED.

Incident Date: 19841008 City: State: AR

THIS TELEPHONE IDI INVOLVED A RESIDENTIAL FIRE THAT WAS ALLEGEDLY CAUSED BY A FAULTY WALL OUTLET. THERE WERE NO INJURIES OR DEATHS.

Incident Date: 19841030 City: State: IL

A COMPLAINANT SAID THAT THE PLUG END OF THE POWER CORD ON 2 PORTABLE OIL-FILLED ELECTRIC HEATERS HAD MELTED. THE UNITS HAD BEEN BOUGHT AT THE SAME TIME AND HAD BEEN USED IN THE SAME OUTLET AT DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE YEAR. THE OUTLET THE UNITS WERE PLUGGED INTO WAS REPLACED AND THROWN AWAY. NO INJURY OCCURED. THE HEATERS WERE COLLECTED AS SAMPLE G-815-0494 AND SENT TO CACA.

Incident Date: 19840930 City: State: MD

A 38 YEAR OLD MALE SUFFERED SECOND DEGREE BURNS TO HIS HANDS AND FACE FROM A FIRE IN HIS APARTMENT. ACCORDING TO A COUNTY AND CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT, THE POWER CORD FOR THE HEATER WAS CONNECTED TO A WALL OUTLET LOCATED BEHIND A SOFA. THE SOFA WAS TIGHT AGAINST THE WALL AND PROBABLY CAUSED THE CORD TO BEND AT A 90 DEGREE ANGLE. THE CORD OVER-HEATED AND IGNITED THE BACK OF THE SOFA THAT IT WAS IN CONTACT WITH, AND EVENTUALLY THE APARTMENT IGNITED.

Incident Date: 19841021 City: State: CA

IN A BEDROOM, AT THE TIME CHILDREN WERE PLAYING, AN OPEN METAL-EDGED SUITCASE PROPPED AGAINST A WALL CAME TO REST WITH ONE OF ITS METAL EDGES ACROSS AN EXPOSED PORTION OF THE ENERGIZED PRONGS OF A PLUG NOT FULLY INSERTED IN A RECEPTACLE. THE RESULTANT ARCING PUT NOTCHES IN THE PRONGS, NOTCHES IN THE METAL EDGING OF THE SUITCASE LID, AND IGNITED THE CORNER OR A PILLOW LYING JUST UNDER THE SUITCASE. MINOR PROPERTY DAMAGE RESULTED; THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19841103 City: State: IN

A FLOOR RECEPTACLE IN AN APPROX. 75 YEAR OLD FRAME HOUSE APPARENTLY OVERHEATED CAUSING WOOD FLOORING TO SMOLDER AND SMOKE. THE DUPLEX OUTLET HAD BEEN USED FOR ABOUT 5 YEARS AS A POWER SOURCE FOR AN INCANDESCENT FLOOR LAMP. THE RECEPTACLE WAS ALSO BEING USED, FOR THE FIRST TIME, AS A POWER SOURCE FOR A 1200 WATT ELECTRIC SPACE HEATER. THERE WAS NO INJURY. RECEPTACLE WAS REMOVED AND DISCARDED.

Incident Date: 19841104 City: State: MD

VICTIM WAS RUNNING IN LIVING ROOM, TRIPPED OVER THE LAMP CORD, FELL AGAINST THE LAMP CORD PLUG IN THE A.C. OUTLET AND SUFFERED ELECTRICAL BURNS TO HER RIGHT HAND WHEN THE PLUG BROKE.

Incident Date: 19841103 City: State: VA

THERE WERE NO INJURIES INVOLVED IN THIS ACCIDENT. WHILE A WOMAN WAS IRONING, THE IRON BEGAN EMITTING WATER INSTEAD OF STEAM FROM ITS STEAM VENTS, THEN THE IRON ERUPTED INTO FLAMES, AT THE AREA WHERE THE CORD MEETS THE IRON, THE WATER RESERVOIR THEN LEAKED MORE WATER. THE IRONING PAD ALSO BEGAN SMOLDERING. THE WOMAN OPENED THE PATIO DOOR AND THREW THE IRON OUTSIDE; THIS ACTION UNPLUGGED THE IRON FROM THE WALL OUTLET. THE IRON AND IRONING BOARD PAD SELF EXTINGUISHED; NOTHING ELSE BURNED.

Incident Date: 19841025 City: State: HI

COMPLAINANT READ ABOUT CPSC'S INTEREST IN ELECTRICAL RECEPTACLES WHICH SPARK, SMOKE, OVER HEAT OR MALFUNCTION IN THE NEWSPAPER. HE HAD SOME PROBLEMS WITH THE RECEPTACLES IN HIS HOUSE. SOME OF THEM WERE WARM TO THE TOUCH, OTHERS SPARKED WHEN AN APPLIANCE WAS PLUGGED IN. HE DECIDED TO REPLACE ALL OF THEM--RECEPTACLES AND SWITCHES BY HIMSELF. WHEN HE READ THE ARTICLE IN THE PAPER, HE THOUGHT THAT CPSC MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN HIS OLD RECEPTACLES. HE HAD THROWN SOME AWAY BUT HAD 8 LEFT.

Incident Date: 19841101 City: State: OH

A FIRE IN A HOME WAS ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY AN OVERHEATED ELECTRICAL OUTLET. A FIRE CAUSED \$40,000 DAMAGE. NO ONE WAS INJURED. THE FIRE OCCURRED IN A BEDROOM OF THE HOME. LAB ANALYSIS OF THE RECEPTACLE REVEALED THAT THE FIRE ACTUALLY STARTED IN THE CORD OF A LAMP ATTACHED TO THE OUTLET.

Incident Date: 19840819 City: State: OH

CONSUMER RESET CIRCUIT BREAKER BELIEVING THAT ELECTRIC STORM OF PREVIOUS NIGHT CAUSED IT TO OPEN. WHEN WASHING MACHINE WAS STARTED AN UNUSED RECEPTACLE ON THE SAME BRANCH SPARKED CAUSING THE LINEN ON AN UNUSED CRIB NEXT TO THE RECEPTACLE TO CATCH FIRE. THE MATTRESS DID NOT SUSTAIN THE FIRE. CRIB, MATTRESS AND WALL WERE DAMAGED.

Incident Date: 19840908 City: State: OR

FIRE OFFICIALS IDENTIFIED AN ELECTRICAL RECEPTACLE AS THE CAUSE OF A RESIDENTIAL FIRE. THERE WERE NO INJURIES, HOWEVER, THE FIRE CAUSED AN ESTIMATED \$550.00 IN PROPERTY DAMAGE. EVIDENCE EXAMINED AS PART OF THIS INVESTIGATION INDICATES THAT THE FIRE MAY HAVE STARTED AT THE PLUG CAP RATHER THAN IN THE RECEPTACLE.

Incident Date: 19840607 City: State: OR

AN ELECTRIC RECEPTACLE WAS IDENTIFIED AS THE CAUSE OF A MINOR RESIDENTIAL FIRE. THE FIRE WAS DISCOVERED AT AN EARLY STAGE & WAS CONFINED TO THE AREA OF ORIGIN. THERE WERE NO INJURIES, & THE FIRE CAUSED AN ESTIMATED \$172.00 IN PROPERTY DAMAGE.

Incident Date: 19840201 City: State: CA

AN ELECTRICAL RECEPTACLE IN THE WALL OF A DINING ROOM SPARKED ON TWO OCCASIONS. HALF OF ONE OUTLET WAS BROKEN OFF ALLOWING THE PRONGS OF A PLUG TO CONTACT THE RECEPTACLE MOUNTING BRACKET WHICH WAS GROUNDED.

Incident Date: 19841114 City: State: CT

SPARKS APPARENTLY ORIGINATING FROM AN ELECTRICAL WALL OUTLET SET A MATTRESS ON FIRE LOCATED IN THE VICINITY OF THE OUTLET. THE TWO OCCUPANTS IN THE BACK BEDROOM OF THE FIRST FLOOR APARTMENT WHERE THE INCIDENT OCCURRED WERE ASLEEP AT THE TIME BUT WERE AWAKENED BY THE SMOKE. ONE OF THE OCCUPANTS DRAGGED THE MATTRESS OUT ONTO THE PORCH BUT IN THE PROCESS IGNITED OTHER COMBUSTIBLES. ONE OCCUPANT SUSTAINED MINOR BURNS TO HER HANDS ATTEMPTING TO BEAT OUT THE BURN- ING MATTRESS.

Incident Date: 19840906 City: State: CT

AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET (120 V.A.C.) BEGAN SMOKING AFTER AN ELECTRIC HEATER WAS PLUGGED INTO THE OUTLET. THE INCIDENT OCCURRED IN AN OLD, 2-1/2 STORY FRAME DWELLING HOUSING A FIRST AND SECOND FLOOR APARTMENT THE OUTLET WAS IN THE LIVING ROOM OF THE SECOND FLOOR APARTMENT AND WAS INSTALLED APPROX. 40 YEARS AGO. THE SECOND AND THIRD FLOORS ARE ON ONE 30 AMP. CIRCUIT. THE HEATER WAS DRAWING 1500 WATTS AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT. ANOTHER SIMILIAR INCIDENT OCCURRED APPROX. 3 YEARS PREVIOUS IN ANOTHER OUTLET AND REPORTEDLY ONLY AN ELECTRIC CLOCK WAS INVOLVED. NO INJURIES RESULTED.

Incident Date: 19841115 City: State: CT

AN ELECTRICAL RECEPTACLE USED BY A CLOTHES DRYER ON A 220 VOLT CIRCUIT WOULD OVERHEAT AND THEN SHUT OFF THE DRYER. THE DRYER WAS IN THE BASEMENT OF THE SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING WHICH HAD ALL AL- UMINUMUM WIRING AS DID THE DEVELOPMENT. AFTER SMOKE EMANATED FROM THE RECEPTACLE, THE OWNER REPLACED THE 220 VOLT CIRCUITS (DRYER AND STOVE) WITH COPPER WIRE. NO FIRE OCCURRED BUT CARBONIZATION AND DISINTEGRATION OF THE OUTLET HAD BEGUN. THE OWNER GAVE THE OUTLET HAD BEGUN. THE OWNER GAVE THE OUTLET TO THE LOCAL FIRE MARSHAL.

Incident Date: 19841106 City: State: GA

A 12-YEAR OLD MOBILE HOME WAS DAMAGED DUE TO A FIRE THAT STARTED IN A KITCHEN WALL RECEPTACLE. NO INJURIES WERE INVOLVED.

Incident Date: 19841206 City: State: MA

AN ADULT FEMALE WAS USING A HAND HELD HAIRDRYER WHEN SHE NOTICED THE WALL OUTLET SPARKING. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT WAS SUMMONED AND DETER- MINED THAT A LOOSE CONNECTION IN THE RECEPTACLE HAD CAUSED THE ELECTRICAL ARCING. MINIMAL DAMAGE WAS INCURRED. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19841026 City: State: MA

AN ANONYMOUS COMPLAINANT REPORTED THAT AN 18 MONTH OLD CHILD WAS COMING BACK DOWN THE STEPS OF A PLAYGROUND SLIDE AT A FAST FOOD OUTLET WHEN IT SLIPPED AND WAS FOUND HANGING BY THE HEAD/NECK BETWEEN A RAIL AND A STEP. MANAGEMENT OF THE FAST FOOD OUTLET REPORTED THAT THEY WERE NOT AWARE OF ANY SUCH INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19841127 City: State: OR

A SMOLDERING FIRE ORIGINATED IN AN ELECTRICAL RECEPTACLE OF A RESI- DENCE. THE OCCUPANT DISCOVERED THE FIRE AT AN EARLY STAGE AND SHUT OFF THE POWER. THERE WERE NO INJURIES, HOWEVER, AND DAMAGE WAS CON- FINED TO THE AREA OF ORIGIN.

Incident Date: 19841214 City: State: MA

A FIRE BELIEVED TO HAVE STARTED IN A WALL OUTLET BEHIND A RE- FRIGERATOR CAUSED AN ESTIMATED \$15,000 IN PROPERTY DAMAGE. THERE WERE NO INJURIES WITH THIS INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19841124 City: State: WA

ON 11/24/84, A 48 YEAR OLD FEMALE RECEIVED A NON-FATAL ELECTRICAL SHOCK WHEN SHE PLUGGED A PORTABLE, HIGH INTENSITY LAMP INTO A 110 VOLT AC OUTLET IN HER HOME.

Incident Date: 19841208 City: State: WI

A FIRE IN A RESIDENCE WAS STATED BY A FIRE DEPT. AS BEING DUE TO A FAULT IN A LIGHT DUTY EXTENSION CORD. THE CORD WAS USED TO CONNECT LIGHTS ON A REAL christmas TREE TO AN OUTLET. THE CORD WAS STATED AS BEING PLACED UNDER A CARPET AND IN A TRAFFIC AREA IN A LIVING ROOM. A NEWSPAPER ARTICLE HAD GIVEN THE CAUSE AS THE christmas TREE LIGHTS. NO INJURIES OCCURED.

Incident Date: 19841203 City: State: CT

THE FIRE WHICH CLAIMED THE LIFE OF A 75 YEAR OLD FEMALE WAS INITIALLY ATTRIBUTED TO A FAULTY ELECTRICAL RECEPTACLE. EXAMINATION OF THE RECEPTACLE BY AN ELECTRICIAN FOUND THE RECEPTACLE WAS NOT DEFECTIVE, THAT THE WIRING WAS DONE CORRECTLY AND OF THE APPROPRIATE SIZE. FURTHER INVESTIGATION DISCLOSED THE VICTIM TO BE A SMOKER AND WOULD FREQUENTLY SMOKE WHILE SITTING ON THE COUCH. SUBSEQUENTLY, THE FIRE INVESTIGATOR ATTRIBUTES THE FIRE TO FALLING ASLEEP ON THE COUCH WHILE SMOKING.

Incident Date: 19841105 City: State: PA

MOISTURE IN AN ELECTRICAL WALL OUTLET CAUSED ARCING BETWEEN THE BLADE , THE OUTLET WAS LOCATED IN THE BEDROOM OF A HOME AND SPARKS FROM THE ARCING IGNITED THE CURTAINS. FIRE DAMAGE WAS CONFINED TO THE BEDROOM FURNISHINGS AND NO INJURIES RESULTED FROM THE FIRE.

Incident Date: 19841102 City: State: AR

A HOUSE FIRE ALLEGEDLY CAUSED BY AN ELECTRICAL WALL RECEPTACLE. FIRE DAMAGE WAS MINOR AND NO INJURY OCCURRED.

Incident Date: 19841213 City: State: OH

AN OUTDOOR ELECTRICAL RECEPTACLE USED BY THE VILLAGE HALL TO SUPPLY CURRENT FOR AN OUTDOOR christmas LIGHTING DISPLAY WAS IMPLICATED IN A SMALL FIRE IN THE WALL OF THE VILLAGE HALL.

Incident Date: 19841224 City: State: MI

A \$30,000 HOUSE FIRE TOOK THE LIFE OF THE CONSUMER. DEATH WAS DUE TO SMOKE INHALATION. THE "HOTTEST" AREA OF THE FIRE WAS BY AN ELECTRI- CAL RECEPTACLE IN THE LIVING ROOM OF THE HOME WHICH HAD A TELEVISION PLUGGED INTO IT AND WAS "ON". THE FIRE MARSHALL INTERVIEWED CANNOT STATE WITH CERTAINTY THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE, BUT HE HAS TWO POSSIBILI- TIES: (1) THE RECEPTACLE WAS FAULTY AND HAD SOME BLOWN-IN INSULATION AROUND IT, OR THERE WAS AN OVER-LOAD "DOWN-STREAM" ON THE BRANCH CIR- CUIT.

Incident Date: 19841201 City: State: PA

THE VICTIM WAS PLUGGING THE A.C. POWER CORD FROM A christmas CANDLE INTO THE WALL OUTLET WHEN SHE RECIEVED ELECTRICAL BURN TO HER RIGHT THUMB AND FINGERS. THE CORD SHORTED AT THE REAR OF THE PLUG.

Incident Date: 19841206 City: State: TX

THIS FIRE OCCURRED IN A CHURCH AFFILIATED JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL GYM. THE FIRE WAS DUE TO A SHORT IN THE POWER CORD OR PLUG BELIEVED TO BE DUE TO ABUSE FROM THE STUDENTS. NEITHER THE JUICE MACHINE OR THE ELECTRICAL OUTLET WERE BELEIVED TO BE AT FAULT.

Incident Date: 19841218 City: State: LA

A FIRE AT A THIRTY YEAR OLD STRUCTURE BEING USED AS A PUBLIC MUSEUM. THE FIRE ORIGIN WAS THOUGHT TO HAVE BEEN ELECTRICAL RECEPTACLE AND/ OR RELATED COPPER WIRING. NO INJURY OCCURRED.

Incident Date: 19850104 City: State: TX

A 31 YEAR OLD WOMAN ESCAPED WITH NO INJURIES FROM A USED MOBILE HOME AFTER A FIRE STARTED IN THE REAR BEDROOM. THE FIRE STARTED IN AN ELECTRICAL RECEPTACLE INTO WHICH AN OPERATING ELECTRIC PORTABLE HEATER WAS PLUGGED INTO. THE FIRE DESTROYED THE MOBILE HOME.

Incident Date: 19841229 City: State: OK

ON DECEMBER 29, 1984 AT 12 NOON A TWO BEDROOM MOBILE HOME WAS DES- TROYED BY AN ELECTRICAL FIRE THAT REPORTEDLY STARTED IN THE LIVING ROOM NEAR A WALL OUTLET. NO INJURIES WERE SUSTAINED BY THE OCCU- PANTS. THIS INVESTIGATION WAS CONDUCTED BY PHONE.

Incident Date: 19850101 City: State: MD

THIS ACCIDENTAL FIRE INVOLVED A NEW BATTERY POWERED RIDING TOY BEING USED BY A 7 YEAR OLD MALE. THE TOY IS CHARGED EACH DAY WHILE IN USE BY PLUGGING IN A CHARGER TO A 110 V. OUTLET, TOY HAD BEEN CHARGED THE EVENING BEFORE AND PUT IN DAUGHTER'S BEDROOM AND 7 A.M. THE DAUGHTER AWOKE TO FIND THE TOY ON FIRE. THE FATHER BURNED HIS LEGS SLIGHTLY PUTTING OUT THE FIRE. CHARGER WAS NOT PLUGGED IN.

Incident Date: 19850120 City: State: KS

A MOBILE HOME FIRE ALLEGEDLY CAUSED BY A MALFUNCTIONING ELECTRICAL RECEPTACLE. THIS RECEPTACLE WAS LOCATED ON THE OUTSIDE UNDER THE BEDROOM FLOOR OF THE MOBILE HOME. FIRE OFFICIALS THINK THE RECEP- TACLE WAS FACTORY INSTALLED. NO INJURY OCCURRED.

Incident Date: 19850116 City: State: TX

A 1972 MODEL MOBILE HOME CAUGHT FIRE DURING THE EVENING OF 1-16-85. THE FIRE CHIEF OF THE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT SPECULATED THAT THE FIRE WAS ELECTRICAL IN ORIGIN AND WAS CAUSED BY A TABLE LAMP, ITS CORD/PLUG AND/OR THE OUTLET TO WHICH WAS CONNECTED. THE EXACT FIRE CAUSE IS UNKNOWN.



Incident Date: 19850103 City: State: LA

THIS ON-SITE IDI INVOLVED A RESIDENTIAL FIRE THAT WAS ALLEGEDLY CAUSED BY AN ELECTRICAL WALL RECEPTACLE LOCATED IN THE HOMEOWNER'S BEDROOM. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19850111 City: State: AR

A WOMAN OBSERVED SMOKE COMING OUT OF AN ELECTRICAL RECEPTACLE IN HER KITCHEN WALL. A TURNED ON COFFEE MAKER WAS CONNECTED TO THE RECEPTACLE. THE FIRE DID NOT SPREAD OUT OF THE RECEPTACLE'S METAL BOX WHEN THE FIRE DEPT. ARRIVED. ONLY THE RECEPTACLE WAS MELTED AND DAMAGED. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19850210 City: State: MD

VICTIM WAS PLUGGING AN ELECTRIC COFFEE POT INTO THE OUTLET AND THE CORD SHORTED AT THE PLUG, CAUSING SPARKS TO BURN HER FINGERS. NO PROBLEM WITH OUTLET.

Incident Date: 19850109 City: State: OR

FAILURE OF AN ELECTRICAL RECEPTACLE WHICH SUPPLIED POWER TO A CLOTHES DRYER WAS IDENTIFIED AS THE CAUSE OF A RESIDENTIAL FIRE. THE OCCUPANTS OF THE RESIDENCE WERE NOT HOME AND THERE WERE NO INJURIES. THE FIRE CAUSED AN ESTIMATED.

Incident Date: 19850127 City: State: GA

BEDDING MATERIAL COVERING A WALL RECEPTACLE AND PLUG COMING FROM AN ELECTRIC HEATER CAUSED THE RECEPTACLE TO OVER-HEAT WHICH CAUSED A FIRE WHICH RESULTED IN BURNS TO A 4-YEAR FEMALE LYING ON A SOFA AD- JACENT TO THE RECEPTACLE.

Incident Date: 19850214 City: State: AR

A FIRE, REPORTEDLY CAUSED BY AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET DESTROYED A HOME CAUSING AN ESTIMATED LOSS OF \$20,000 TO \$25,000. THE OUTLET WAS DESTROYED IN THE FIRE. NO INJURIES WERE REPORTED.

Incident Date: 19850218 City: State: TX

A CHILD MISTOOK A NIGHT LIGHT FOR A TOY AND PULLED IT APART WHILE THE NIGHT LIGHT WAS IN A WALL OUTLET. THE NIGHT LIGHT COVER WAS REMOVED AND THE GLASS SEGMENT OF A BULB CAME UNGLUED FROM THE METAL SOCKET SEGMENT AND EXPOSED ELECTRICAL WIRING WHILE THE BULB WAS CONNECTED TO THE NIGHT LIGHT, WHICH IN TURN, WAS PLUGGED INTO AN OUTLET IN THE CHILD'S ROOM.

Incident Date: 19850224 City: State: VA

THERE WERE NO INJURIES IN THIS FIRE. THE ORIGIN OF THE HOME KITCHEN FIRE WAS DETERMINED TO BE WITHIN THE WALL, AT OR NEAR THE KITCHEN COUNTER ELECTRIC RECEPTACLE. A THERMOSTATICALLY CONTROLLED ELECTRIC SPACE HEATER WAS CONNECTED TO THIS RECEPTACLE, THE 1250 OR 1500 WATTS OF POWER REQUIRED BY THE SPACE HEATER PROBABLY HELPED CAUSE THE OLD HOUSE WIRING TO OVERHEAT AND IGNITE THE WALL.

Incident Date: 19841204 City: State: CA

A FIRE STARTED IN THE KITCHEN OF A SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE. THE FIRE WAS CONFINED TO THE KITCHEN AREA. A FIRE INVESTIGATOR STATED THAT AN ELECTRICAL WALL OUTLET IN THE KITCHEN SHORTED OUT AND CAUSED THE FIRE . PROPERTY DAMAGE WAS ESTIMATED AT \$20,000 AND PERSONAL CONTENT LOSS WAS ESTIMATED AT \$10,000.

Incident Date: 19850214 City: State: TX

A MIDDLE AGED HUSBAND AND WIFE LIVED IN AN OLD MOBILE HOME WITH ALU- MINUM WIRING. A FIRE STARTED AT AN ELECTRICAL RECEPTACLE IN THE WALL BECAUSE OF A SHORT. THERE WAS MINOR DAMAGE AND NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19850301 City: State: VA

THERE WAS NO ONE HOME AT THE TIME OF THIS ACCIDENT AND CONSEQUENTLY THERE WERE NO INJURIES. ACCORDING TO THE FIRE MARSHAL THAT INVESTIGATED THIS FIRE, COPPER WIRING, ON OR AROUND A WALL ELECTRICAL RECEPTACLE MALFUNCTIONED & IGNITED COMBUSTIBLE COMPONENTS WITHIN THE WALL . A TELEVISION AND TURNED "OFF" SPACE HEATER WERE CONNECTED TO THE RECEPTACLE AT THE TIME OF THE FIRE. THE ACCIDENT TOOK PLACE IN THE FAMILY ROOM OF THE HOME.

Incident Date: 19850224 City: State: OK

A FIRE REPORTEDLY CAUSED BY AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET CAUSED EXTENSIVE DAMAGE TO THE LAW OFFICE TO 3 OTHER BUSINESS. NO INJURIES WERE SUSTAINED.

Incident Date: 19850306 City: State: NY

THREE CHILDREN DIED OF CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING IN A FIRE THAT DESTROYED THE TWO FAMILY HOUSE IN WHICH THEY LIVED. THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE APPEARS TO BE MULTIPLE ELECTRICAL PROBLEMS WHICH MAY INCLUDE ELECTRIC HEATERS, INADEQUATE ELECTRIC OUTLETS, OVERFUSING, FAULTY WIRING, AGGRAVATED BY DEBRIS IN THE APARTMENT AND NON-FIRE RETARDANT MATERIALS IN THE STRUCTURE.

Incident Date: 19850220 City: State: KS

ON OR ABOUT FEBRUARY 20, 1985, A FIRE OCCURRED IN A SIX ROOM DUPLEX. SOURCE OF IGNITION WAS BELIEVED TO BE A SHORT IN A DINING ROOM LOCATED DOUBLE OUTLET BOX. A TELEPHONE TRANSFORMER WAS PLUGGED INTO THE RECEPTACLE. ALL OCCUPANTS ESCAPED WITH NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19850224 City: State: LA

THIS ON-SITE IDI INVOLVED A RESIDENTIAL FIRE THAT WAS CAUSED BY A PORTABLE ELECTRIC HEATER PLUGGED INTO A BEDROOM CLOSET WALL OUTLET. THE PLUG FIT VERY LOOSELY IN THE OUTLET. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19821115 City: State: CA

COMPLAINANT REPORTED TO CPSC THAT A REFRIGERATOR MAY BE DEFECTIVE. WATER FROM THE FREEZER COMPARTMENT LEAKED INTO THE FOOD STORE COMPARTMENT AND ALSO INTO THE TEMPERATURE CONTROL DIAL. WATER ALSO LEAKED INTO THE INSULATION SURROUNDING THE REFRIGERATOR. AT TIMES THE CIRCUIT FOR THE KITCHEN OUTLET TRIPPED BECAUSE WATER HAD LEAKED INTO THE TEMPERATURE CONTROL DIAL. REFRIGERATOR IS 3 YEARS OLD.

Incident Date: 19850128 City: State: TX

ACCORDING TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT ONE OF THE WALL RECEPTACLES IN APARTMENT DEVELOPED A SHORT CIRCUIT, CAUSING THE UNIT TO LOOSE POWER. IT WAS FIRST REPORTED THAT A FIRE OCCURRED, BUT ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OBTAINED INDICATED NO FIRE WAS INVOLVED.

Incident Date: 19850128 City: State: TX

ON JANUARY 28, 1985, A FAULTY CORD ON A FAN SHORTED OUT WHILE PLUGGED INTO THE ELECTRICAL OUTLET, CAUSING A SMALL FIRE. NO INJURIES OCCURRED, ONLY MINOR DAMAGE TO THE BEDROOM WALL.

Incident Date: 19840908 City: State: CA

A 27-YEAR OLD MALE WAS ELECTROCUTED WHILE USING A STRING TRIMMER. THE TRIMMER WAS CONNECTED TO AN EXTENSION CORD. THE CORD WAS PLUGGED INTO A RECEPTACLE WHICH WAS IMPROPERLY CONNECTED TO THE POWER SUPPLY. AS A RESULT, THE HANDLE OF THE TRIMMER WAS ELECTRICALLY CHARGED.

Incident Date: 19830215 City: State: WA

A FIRE OCCURRED IN AN ELECTRICAL RECEPTACLE SEVERAL HOURS AFTER A HAIRDRYER HAD BEEN USED ATTACHED TO AN EXTENSION CORD THAT WAS PLUGGED INTO THE OUTLET. THE HAIRDRYER WAS DISCONNECTED FROM THE EXTENSION CORD & THE CORD WAS PLUGGED INTO THE WALL OUTLET WHEN THE INCIDENT OCCURRED.

Incident Date: 19850402 City: State: AR

RESIDENTIAL FIRE BELIEVED STARTED BY ELECTRICAL SHORT FROM WIRE OF T.V. BACK TO WALL RECEPTACLE. NO INJURIES OCCURRED, ONLY RESPONDENT TO THIS INCIDENT WAS ASSIST. FIRE CHIEF WHO COMPILED THE FIRE REPORT.

Incident Date: 19831023 City: State: TX

A FAMILY NOTICED THE FACE PLATE ON AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET IN THEIR KITCHEN WAS MELTING. THEY REPLACED THE FACEPLATE AFTER IT BECAME UNATTRACTIVE. THEY HAVE BEEN IN THE OLDER HOME FOR A YEAR AND A HALF. THEY REPORTED THE CONDITION AFTER SEEING A NEWS ARTICLE ON THE COMMISSION'S INTEREST.

Incident Date: 19841227 City: State: TX

AN ELDERLY WOMAN PLUGGED HER MIXER IN TO THE UPPER OUTLET OF A DUPLEX ELECTRICAL RECEPTACLE. WHEN SHE TURNED ON THE MIXER, THE OUTLET SMOKED MODERATELY AND THE MIXER STOPPED. TWO OTHER OUTLETS AND A STOVE VENT-HOOD AS WELL AS THE INVOLVED OUTLET DID NOT OPERATE AFTER THIS. HER SON ATTEMPTED TO RESET THE CIRCUIT BREAKER FOR THIS BRANCH, BUT THE CIRCUIT DID NOT REACTIVATE.

Incident Date: 19840323 City: State: NY

A NEW TV, CONSOLE MODEL, STARTED TO BURN AND SMOKE WHEN IT WAS PLUGGED INTO THE WALL OUTLET IN THE RETAIL STORE JUST PRIOR TO ITS DELIVERY TO A CUSTOMER. THERE WERE NO INJURIES SUSTAINED IN THIS INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19841108 City: State: TX

COMPLAINANT REPORTED AN ELECTRICAL RECEPTACLE FIRE. INVESTIGATION FOUND DAMAGE TO A PLUG ON A WINDOW AIR CONDITIONER, BUT NO CONCURRENT DAMAGE TO ANY OUTLET IN HOUSE. COMPLAINANT INFORMATION THIRD HAND.

Incident Date: 19840815 City: State: ME

VICTIM 17 YEAR OLD MALE STUDENT, WAS OPERATING PORTABLE RADIO IN HIS BEDROOM WHEN RADIO BEGAN TO SMOKE. RADIO WAS DISCONNECTED FROM WALL RECEPTACLE, TAKEN OUT OF DOORS TO LAWN AREA WHERE IT BURST INTO FLAMES. NO INJURIES FROM ACCIDENT AND ONLY PROPERTY DAMAGE WAS TO RADIO, WHICH WAS UNREPAIRABLE AFTER INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19850209 City: State: GA

ACCORDING TO THE COMPLAINANT, SHE PLUGGED HER DAUGHTER'S PORTABLE RADIO INTO A 110-VOLT ELECTRICAL OUTLET LOCATED ON THE KITCHEN COUNTER AND TURNED IT ON. SHE SAID THAT THE RADIO IMMEDIATELY CAUGHT ON FIRE. THE COMPLAINANT UNPLUGGED IT AND EXTINGUISHED THE FIRE WITH A FIRE EXTINGUISHER. THERE WERE NO INJURIES INVOLVED.

Incident Date: 19850301 City: State: GA

A LOOSE CONNECTION CAUSED AN ELECTRICAL RECEPTACLE TO PRODUCE A BURNING ODOR AND HEAT THE INTERIOR WALL OF A NEWLY FINISHED DEN. NO INJURIES OR PROPERTY DAMAGE REPORTED.

Incident Date: 19840919 City: State: GA

A HOMEOWNER DISCOVERED THAT AN ELECTRICAL/RECEPTACLE IN THE DEN OF HER HOME MALFUNCTIONED WHEN SHE TURNED ON THE TV AND UNPLUGGED A TABLE LAMP AT THE SAME TIME. THERE WERE NO FIRES OR INJURIES INVOLVED.

Incident Date: 19850520 City: State: GA

THE COMPLAINANT STATED THAT SHE HAD PURCHASED HER HOME NEW TWENTY YEARS AGO. SHE STATED THAT SOME OF HER ELECTRICAL RECEPTACLES ARE WARM TO THE TOUCH. A RECEPTACLE WAS BLACKENED AND SHE HAD NOTICED SPARKS BEING EMITTED FROM THE RECEPTACLE AFTER PLUGGING & UNPLUGGING. THERE WERE NO INCIDENTS OR INJURIES INVOLVED.

Incident Date: 19850128 City: State: GA

AN ELECTRICAL RECEPTACLE IN A "PLANT" ROOM OF A HOME OVER-HEATED AND TURNED BROWN. THIS HAPPENED AFTER THE COMPLAINANT PLUGGED AN ELECTRIC HEATER INTO THE OUTLET. NO INJURIES OR PROPERTY DAMAGE WERE INCURRED.

Incident Date: 19850128 City: State: GA

THE HOMEOWNER ATTEMPTED TO PLUG A NEW ELECTRIC HEATER INTO A WALL RECEPTACLE IN HER MASTER BEDROOM. THE RECEPTACLE TURNED THE HEATER OFF. WHEN THE COMPLAINANT UNPLUGGED THE HEATER, THE CORD AND PRONG FELT WARM. SHE PLUGGED THE HEATER INTO ANOTHER RECEPTACLE IN THE HOUSE AND THE HEATER WORKED. NO INJURIES OR PROPERTY DAMAGE WERE INCURRED.

Incident Date: 19850301 City: State: GA

THE HOMEOWNER STATED THAT SHE HAD EXPERIENCED PROBLEMS WITH THE ELECTRICAL RECEPTACLES THROUGHOUT HER CONDOMINIUM HOME. THE HOMEOWNER FELT THAT THE PROBLEMS ARE THE RESULT OF FAULTY ELECTRICAL WIRING.

Incident Date: 19850509 City: State: GA

THE COMPLAINANT HAS LIVED IN HER HOME ALONG WITH HER HUSBAND FOR 13 YEARS. SHE STATED THAT IN THAT PERIOD OF TIME HALF OF HER ELECTRICAL RECEPTACLES HAVE CEASED OPERATING PROPERLY. THERE HAVE BEEN NO ACCIDENTS OR INCIDENTS INVOLVED WITH THESE OUTLETS.

Incident Date: 19850430 City: State: LA

THIS ON-SITE IDI INVOLVED WALL OUTLETS THAT ALLEGEDLY SHORTED OUT IN A SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE. THERE WAS NO FIRE OR INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19850509 City: State: GA

THE COMPLAINANT PURCHASED A HIGH-INTENSITY LIGHT TABLE LAMP FROM A DISCOUNT DEPARTMENT STORE, TOOK IT HOME, UNPACKED IT, AND PLUGGED IT INTO A WALL RECEPTACLE. THE BULB IN THE LAMP EXPLODED & THE CIRCUIT SHORTED OUT. NO INJURIES WERE INCURRED.

Incident Date: 19850325 City: State: OR

A RECEPTACLE TYPE GROUND FAULT CIRCUIT INTERRUPTER FAILED, RESULTING IN A MINOR FIRE WHICH SELF-EXTINGUISHED. DAMAGE WAS CONFINED TO THE RECEPTACLE AND THE PLUG OF A REFRIGERATOR WHICH WAS CONNECTED. THERE WERE NO INJURIES. THE INCIDENT OCCURRED IN A HOSPITAL LABORATORY.

Incident Date: 19850428 City: State: OK

A FIRE REPORTEDLY STARTED IN A RECEPTACLE THAT A DISHWASHER WAS PLUGGED INTO AND WAS EXTINGUISHED WITH OUT TOO MUCH DAMAGE TO THE HOME. THE FIRE WAS EXTINGUISHED WITH A FIRE EXTINGUISHER BY ONE OF THE OCCUPANTS. NO INJURIES WERE SUSTAINED. THIS INVESTIGATION WAS CONDUCTED BY TELEPHONE.

Incident Date: 19850429 City: State: NM

A 61 YEAR OLD WHITE MALE WAS FOUND DEAD IN A BURNING APARTMENT, HE HAD BEEN DRINKING. HE SUFFERED FROM EMPHYSEMA AND UTILIZED A PORTABLE OXYGEN UNIT. CAUSE OF THE FIRE WAS DETERMINED TO BE A SHORT CIRCUIT IN ELECTRICAL WIRING BEHIND A WALL. NO ELECTRICAL OUTLET INVOLVEMENT.

Incident Date: 19850401 City: State: GA

AN ELECTRIC SKILLET MAY HAVE BEEN UNPLUGGED WITH A CURRENT LOAD ON IT, PRODUCING SPARKING AT THE RECEPTACLE. NO INJURIES OR PROPERTY DAMAGE WAS REPORTED.

Incident Date: 19840701 City: State: MD

THE PRODUCT INVOLVED IN THIS INCIDENT IS IDENTIFIED AS A ELECTRICAL OUTLET RECEPTACLE. NO INJURIES OR DEATHS ARE REPORTED. IT IS SUSP- ECTED THAT A PLUG FROM AN AIR CONDITIONER POWER CORD WAS REMOVED TOO QUICKLY FROM THE RECEPTACLE CAUSING IT TO BREAK & BECOME INOPERABLE. ONE SAMPLE WAS COLLECTED AND IDENTIFIED AS; G-850-1536.

Incident Date: 19850501 City: State: TX

DURING MAY, 1985, A NIGHT LIGHT WAS PLUGGED INTO A BATHROOM RESIDEN- TIAL OUTLET. SPARKS OCCURRED & THE LIGHT BULB EXPLODED. NO INJURIES OF OTHER PROPERTY DAMAGE WERRE REPORTED OTHER THAN LOSS OF THE NIGHT- LIGHT & A BLACKENED AREA TO THE RIGHT OF THE RECEPTACLE ON THE SHEET- ROCK WALL.

Incident Date: 19840101 City: State: FL

A CIRCUIT BREAKER ON THE LINE FEEDING AN ELECTRICAL RECEPTACLE ON A KITCHEN COUNTER TOP WOULD TRIP AFTER 5 MINUTES HEAVY LOAD WITH AN ELECTRICAL TOASTER OVEN. THERE WAS NO INJURY IN THIS INCIDENT. THIS IDI WAS PERFORMED AS PART OF THE ELECTRICAL RECEPTACLE PROGRAM.

Incident Date: 19840712 City: State: FL

AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET GETS WARM WHEN USED WITH A BROILER PLUGGED INTO IT FOR APPROXIMATELY 1/2 HOUR. THERE WERE NO INJURIES IN THIS INCIDENT. THIS CONSUMER WAS SELECTED FOR AN ON-SITE INSPECTION AFTER SHE RESPONED TO A CPSC SPONSORED PRESS RELEASE REGARDING POTENTIALLY FAULTY ELECTRICAL OUTLET.

Incident Date: 19850605 City: State: PA

A 2 YEAR OLD CHILD WAS ELECTROCUTED WHEN SHE CLIMBED ON TOP OF A WASHING MACHINE IN HER HOME. A SHORT IN THE MACHINE'S ELECTRIC MOTOR & A PROBLEM IN A WALL OUTLET WHICH PREVENTED PROPER GROUNDING OF THE MACHINE, ALLOWED THE CABINET OF THE MACHINE TO BECOME ENERGIZED.

Incident Date: 19850505 City: State: NY

A CORDLESS TELEPHONE WAS PLUGGED INTO THE WALL OUTLET IN THE VICTIM'S HOME AND THE PHONE WAS SET ON CHARGE, WHEN SUDDENLY THE PHONE MADE A POPPING SOUND AND BEGAN TO SMOKE AND SMELL LIKE IT WAS BURNING. NO ONE WAS INJURED IN THIS INCIDENT AND THE INFORMATION WAS FORWARDED TO THE CPSC BY A LOCAL TV STATION.

Incident Date: 19850616 City: State: MN

THIS INVESTIGATION CONCERNS A FIRE THAT OCCURED IN THE BATHROOM OF A MOBILE HOME. THE FIRE IS BELIEVED TO HAVE STARTED DUE TO AN ELECTRICAL FAULT IN A ELECTRIC FAN. THE FAN WAS NOT RUNNING BUT WAS PLUGGED INTO AN ELECTRIC OUTLET. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19850716 City: State: IL

UPON PLUGGING THE CORD OF AN ELECTRIC RAZOR INTO AN OUTLET THE COM-PLAINANT WITNESSED A BRIGHT FLASH OF LIGHT AND THE CORD BEGAN TO EMIT SMOKE. THIS OCCURRED WHILE THE RAZOR'S SWITCH WAS IN THE "OFF" POSITION. THE PLUG WAS PULLED IMMEDIATELY AND NO INJURIES WERE SUFFERED. NO BREAKERS TRIPPED. DAMAGE INCLUDING MELTING AND BURNING OF INSULATION WAS LIMITED TO THE CORD. OWNER RETAINED RAZOR SO THAT IT COULD BE RETURNED TO MANUFACTURER.

Incident Date: 19850601 City: State: IL

AN EARLY MORNING HOUSE FIRE RESULTED IN THE DEATH OF TWO PEOPLE. THE FIRE BEGAN IN THE KITCHEN NEAR AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET. FIRE INSPECTORS REPORT THAT IMPROPER WIRING OF THE KITCHEN IS TO BLAME. THIS INVESTIGATOR EXAMINED THE SITE AND FOUND EVIDENCE OF IMPROPER INSTALLATION OF THE OUTLET AND ACCOMPANYING WIRING.

Incident Date: 19850725 City: State: IL

THE PLUG ON THE POWER CORD FOR AN ELECTRIC COFFEEMAKER CAUGHT FIRE WHILE PLUGGED INTO A RECEPTACLE LOCATED IN A HOSPITAL OFFICE. NO INJURIES OCCURED AND DAMAGE WAS CONFINED TO A SCORCHED WALL AND A SMALL AMOUNT OF SMOKE. THE COFFEEMAKER & RECEPTACLE WERE TAKEN BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT WHERE THE ITEMS WERE OBTAINED AS SAMPLE G-815-1802.

Incident Date: 19850719 City: State: CT

AN ELECTRIC HAIR DRYER WHICH WAS PLUGGED INTO AN OUTLET, BUT NOT TURNED ON STARTED TO SMOKE. NO INJURY OR PRPOERTY DAMAGE RESULTED.

Incident Date: 19850612 City: State: TX

A 4 YEAR OLD BOY WAS PLAYING ON A SLIDE IN THE PLAYGROUND AREA OF A FAST FOOD OUTLET. HE STRUCK HIS HEAD ON AN EXPOSED BOLT OR SCREW ON THE SLIDE CANOPY. SEVERAL STITCHES WERE REQUIRED TO CLOSE THE WOUND.

Incident Date: 19850626 City: State: NC

A SEVENTY-TWO(72) YEAR OLD WOMAN WAS ELECTROCUTED WHEN A HAND HELD HAIR/DRYER WHICH WAS STORED OVER A TOWEL RACK ACCIDENTALLY FELL INTO THE BATHTUB WITH THE VICTIM. THE VICTIM RECEIVED A FATAL ELECTRIC SHOCK. THE HAIR DRYER WAS PLUGGED INTO THE BATHROOM RECEPTACLE WITH THE SWITCH IN THE OFF POSITION.

Incident Date: 19850804 City: State: FL

AN AUTOMATIC ELECTRIC TIMING DEVICE SPARKED WHEN THE TIMING ACTIVATED AN ELECTRIC LAMP. THE ACCIDENT TOOK PLACE IN THE LIVING ROOM OF THE COMPLAINANT'S HOME. THERE WERE NO PERSONAL INJURIES, HOWEVER, THE ARCING SCORCHED THE WALL ABOVE THE TIMER AND MELTED THE BLADES OF THE LAMP PLUG INTO THE RECEPTACLE OF THE TIMER.

Incident Date: 19850805 City: State: TX

THIS CASE MAY HAVE INVOLVED EITHER OF TWO SUSPECT PRODUCTS IN THE BEDROOM OF A MOBILE HOME. BOTH THE STEAM IRON & THE HOOD TYPE HAIR DRYER WERE PLUGGED INTO THE SAME ELECTRIC OUTLET IN THE MASTER BED- ROOM, BUT WERE NOT ON WHEN THE FIRE STARTED. THE UNITS WERE EQUALLY CLOSE TO THE POINT OF ORIGIN.NO INJURIES WERE SUSTAINED.

Incident Date: 19850622 City: State: KS

A TABLE LAMP, SITTING ON A CARPETTED FLOOR, WAS PLUGGED INTO A "SPIDER" AT AN OUTLET. THE OVERLOAD CAUSED THE LAMP TO SHORT OUT THROUGH THE BASE IGNITING THE CARPET.

Incident Date: 19850827 City: State: CA

TWO FEMALES AGES 6 AND 7 WERE TAKING A BATH. THE 7 YR. OLD WAS ABOUT TO EXIT THE TUB WHEN SHE GRABBED A NEARBY TOWEL RACK THAT CONTAINED A HAIR DRYER. THE HAIR DRYE WAS OFF BUT STILL PLUGGED INTO AN ELECTRI- CAL OUTLET. THE RACK COLLASPED & THE VICTIM FELL BACK INTO THE WATER WITH THE HAIR DRYER ON TOP OF THE 6 YEAR OLD VICTIM. BOTH VICTIMS WERE ELECTROCUTED.

Incident Date: 19850825 City: State: PA

COMPLAINANT WAS IRONING AN OUTER GARMENT. WHILE DOING SO COMPLAINANT NOTED THAT THE IRON THOUGH ONLY IN USE FOR ABOUT "30 SECONDS" HAD BURNED A HOLE IN THE GARMENT. SHORTLY THERE AFTER, THE SOLE PLATE OF THE IRON BEGAN TO MELT. COMPLAINANT REMOVED THE IRON'S CORD FROM THE ELECTRICAL OUTLET. NO ONE WAS INJURED.

Incident Date: 19850701 City: State: AA

A HIGH WATTAGE CONVERTER ALLEGEDLY BLEW OUT AN ELECTRICAL CIRCUIT IN A WALL OUTLET & SHORTED OUT A CONTACT LENS HEAT BOX. THE COMPLAINANT RECEIVED AN ELECTRICAL SHOCK WHEN THE UNIT WAS REMOVED FROM THE WALL OUTLET, BUT DID NOT SUFFER ANY PERMANENT PHYSICAL DAMAGE.

Incident Date: 19850801 City: State: IN

A 2 YEAR OLD KILN EXHIBITED A SEEMINGLY RAPID DETERIORATION OF ITS FIRE BRICK LINER, A SERVICE CORD RECEPTACLE MELTED, A TEMPERATURE CONTROL SWITCH "BURNED OUT", & AN "ELECTRIC ARC" SOMETIMES "SHOOTS OUT" ABOUT 6 INCHES FROM THE UNITS ATTACHED ELECTRICAL SERVICE BOX. THERE HAVE BEEN NO INJURIES OR FIRES.

Incident Date: 19850812 City: State: KS

ON 8/12/85 AT APPROX. 4:40 P.M. A FIRE OCCURRED IN AN ADDED ROOM ON A MOBILE HOME WHILE THE OWNER WAS AWAY. FIRE INVESTIGATORS DETERMINE THE POINT OF ORIGIN TO BE AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET BELOW A NORTH WINDOW WHERE AN ELECTRIC TIMER WAS PLUGGED IN. THE TIME WAS USED TO TURN ON /OFF A BOX FAN. NO INJURIES. DAMAGE WAS WELL OVER \$3,000.



Incident Date: 19850820 City: State: SD

THIS INVESTIGATION CONCERNS THE ACCIDENTAL DEATH OF A 33 YEAR OLD FEMALE. THE VICTIM WAS FOUND IN A BATHTUB, CLUTCHING THE CORD OF AN ELECTRIC HAIRDRYER THAT WAS RESTING AGAINST HER LEG. THE HAIR DRYER WAS ON THE HIGH SETTING & WAS PLUGGED IN. THE ELECTRICAL OUTLET WAS NOT EQUIPPED WITH A GROUND FAULT INTERUPTER.

Incident Date: 19851001 City: State: MI

THIS NON-INJURY CASE INVOLVES AN APPROXIMATELY TWO WEEK OLD THAT GAVE OFF A STRONG, FOUL SMELLING ODOR. THE NIGHT LIGHT WAS PLUGGED INTO AN OUTLET IN THE CONSUMER'S 5 YEAR OLD DAUGHTER'S BEDROOM. THERE WAS NO FIRE, OR SMOKE. AFTERWARDS, THE CONSUMER TOOK APART THE THE NIGHT LIGHT, & OBSERVED THAT THE INTERNAL WORKINGS HAD CHARRED BLACK.

Incident Date: 19850907 City: State: NJ

FOR NO APPARENT REASON, A 15 MONTH OLD ELECTRIC TEA KETTLE SUDDENLY TURNED ITSELF ON WHILE RESTING ON A KITCHEN COUNTER TOP AND REACHED TEMPERATURES SUFFICIENT TO BURN THROUGH THE PLASTIC COUNTER TOP, CAUSE THE SOLDER SECURING THE POURING SPOUT TO MELT AND MELT THE 3 RUBBER FEET. THE TEA KETTLE WAS NOT IN USE AT THE TIME AND IS NOR- MALLY KEPT PLUGGED INTO A WALL RECEPTACLE IN THE OFF MODE. THE COM-PLAINANT WAS ABLE TO PULL THE CORD FROM THE RECEPTACLE BEFORE A FIRE SITUATION OCCURRED.

Incident Date: 19851121 City: State: KY

A FIRE IN THE BEDROOM OF THE CONSUMER'S HOME RESULTED IN \$25,000 TO \$30,000 IN DAMAGES. THE FIRE CHIEF STATED THAT THE MALE CONNECTOR OF AN EXTENSION CORD, PLUGGED INTO THE WALL OUTLET BEHIND THE BED, WAS THE POINT OF ORIGIN OF FIRE. NO INJURIES WERE INVOLVED IN THE ACCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19851118 City: State: CA

A CONSUMER REPORTS THAT THE PLUG OF THE POWER CORD OF A PORTABLE ELE- CTRIC HEATER, OVERHEATED WHILE IT WAS LEFT PLUGGED INTO A WALL DUPLEX OUTLET, HE REPORTS THAT THE HEATER WAS "OFF" AT THE TIME OF THIS ACC- IDENT. THE PLUG WAS SUBSEQUENTLY REPLACED WITH A NEW TWO PRONG PLUG. THE WALL DUPLEX RECEPTACLE HAS SCORCH MARKS ON ITS FACE PLATE. THIS INCIDENT RESULTED IN JUST OVERHEATING, & THERE WAS NO FIRE OR SMOKING OF THE PLUG. THIS INCIDENT DID NOT RESULT IN ANY INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19851214 City: State: IL

COMPLAINANT REPORTS SHE WOKE UP TO FIND A "BURNING" ODOR IN BEDROOM. INVESTIGATION, FOUND THAT A HOLE THE SIZE OF A 25 CENT PIECE HAD BEEN BURNED THROUGH SEVERAL PIECES OF BEDDING. THE SOURCE OF THE HOLE WAS A HEATED MATTRESS PAD WHICH HAD A CORRESPONDING HOLE NEAR IT'S POWER RECEPTACLE. THE 1 YEAR OLD PAD HAD BEEN WASHED TWICE AND HAD REPORTEDLY NOT BEEN ABUSED. NO INJURIES HAD BEEN SUFFERED AND DAMAGE WAS ESTIMATED AT \$600.00.

Incident Date: 19851120 City: State: NV

A 50 YEAR OLD ELECTRIC HEATER WAS THE IGNITION SOURCE IN A HOUSE FIRE . PRIOR TO THE FIRE A CIRCUIT BREAKER FOR THIS HEATER HAD TRIPPED ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS. THE HEATER WAS RATED AT 22 AMPS ACCORDING TO THE NAMEPLATE; IT WAS PLUGGED INTO A 20 AMP 240 VOLT RECEPTACLE.

Incident Date: 19851222 City: State: IN

A 36" TABLE LAMP/CORD SHORTED AND IGNITED A NATURAL christmas TREE ON FIRE. THE LAMP CORD WAS FOLDED BACK AND FORTH SEVERAL TIMES TO SHORTEN IT AND PLUGGED DIRECTLY INTO A DOUBLE WALL OUTLET.

Incident Date: 19860107 City: State: AZ

RECHARGEABLE FLASHLIGHT PLUGGED INTO 110 VOLT AC LIVING ROOM OUTLET "POPPED" AND GAVE OFF ELECTRIC SMELL AFTER BEING PLUGGED IN 5-6 HRS. THE FLASHLIGHT DAMAGED THE ON/OFF SWITCH BUT NO OTHER DAMANGE OR INJURY OCCURRED. THE OWNER HAD TWO OTHER UNITS AND THEY STOPPED WORKING AFTER A SHORT TIME.

Incident Date: 19851225 City: State: MD

A FEMALE RECEIVED 3RD DEGREE BURNS TO HER FOOT AND A MALE RECEIVED 3RD DEGREE BURNS TO HIS HANDS WHEN AN ELECTRIC BLANKET ON THEIR BED IGNITED. AT THE TIME THE BLANKET WAS CONNECTED TO A WALL OUTLET, BUT THE CONTROLS WERE IN THE "OFF" POSITION.

Incident Date: 19851223 City: State: CA

WINDOW DRAPES IGNITED BY FLAMES FROM THE INTERFACE OF THE PLUG OF A 30-YEAR OLD PORTABLE ELECTRIC HEATER AND WALL RECEPTACLE CAUSED A RESIDENTIAL FIRE. IT IS UNCLER WHETHER THE PLUG OR RECEPTACLE OVER- HEATED. THE PRODUCT REMAINS UNIDENTIFIED; DAMAGE WAS ABOUT THREE-THOUSAND DOLLARS.THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19860113 City: State: CA

THE PRODUCT INVOLVED IN THIS ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION WAS A PORTABLE TABLE LAMP. THE ACCIDENT OCCURRED WHEN THE VICTIM WHILE ATTEMPTING TO CHANGE A LIGHT BULB PLACED ONE HAND ON THE METAL LAMP FRAME AND RECEIVED A MILD ELECTRIC SHOCK. THE LAMP WAS PLUGGED INTO A WALL OUTLET AT THE TIME. THE VICTIM WAS 8 MONTHS PREGNANT. SHE DID NOT RECEIVE MEDICAL ATTENTION.

Incident Date: 19860206 City: State: SD

THIS TELEPHONE INVESTIGATION CONCERNS A FIRE THAT CAUSED MAJOR DAMAGE TO A SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING. THE FIRE CHIEF WHO WAS AT THE SCENE RE- PORTED THAT THE ELECTRIC POWER CORD ATTACHED TO THE BLOWER OF A WOOD STOVE HAD BEEN PLACED UNDER CARPETING AND THEN PLUGGED INTO A WALL OUTLET. HE FEELS THAT THE POWER CORD OVERHEATED, SHORTED OUT AND IGNITED THE CARPETING AND FLOORING. THE FAMILY WAS AWAKENED BY THEIR DOG AND ESCAPED WITHOUT INJURY. THE HOUSE WAS SEVERLY DAMAGED.

Incident Date: 19860302 City: State: MI

MOTHER OF TEN YEAR OLD MALE VICTIM STATED HER SON SUFFERED ELECTRIC SHOCK WHEN AN ELECTRIC HAIR DRYER ACCIDENTALLY FELL INTO BATHTUB WHILE HE WAS BATHING. HAIR DRYER WAS IN "OFF" POSITION BUT PLUGGED INTO ELECTRIC OUTLET ON WALL NEAR VANITY COUNTER.

Incident Date: 19860228 City: State: NJ

SMOKE INHALATION CLAIMED THE LIFE OF A 2 YEAR OLD FEMALE ASLEEP IN HER CRIB ON THE THIRD FLOOR (ATTIC) OF HER GRANDFATHER'S RESIDENCE. THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE WAS ATTRIBUTED TO A SPLICE MADE IN THE ELECTRICAL SUPPLY CORD ON AN OIL FILLED ELECTRIC HEATER (RADIATOR STYLE) BY THE VICTIM'S GRANDFATHER. ANOTHER CORD WAS REPORTEDLY SPLICED TO THE ORIGINAL CORD IN ORDER TO REACH A HIGH WALL RECEPTACLE. THE GRANDFATHER SUSTAINED BURNS TO THE FEET AND LEGS IN REMOVING THE VICTIM FROM HER CRIB.

Incident Date: 19860308 City: State: WA

A FIRE OCCURRED IN A WATERBED HEATER THERMOSTAT AT THE OUTLET WHERE THE POWER CORD FROM THE HEATING PAD PLUGGED INTO THE THERMOSTAT. NO INJURIES OCCURRED.

Incident Date: 19860213 City: State: MA

ACCIDENT INVOLVED THE DEATH OF TWO FEMALE CHILDREN AGES 3-1/2 & 1-1/2 YEARS OF AGE. DEATH WAS ATTRIBUTED TO EXTENSIVE BURNS AND CO INHALATION, ACCORD TO MEDICAL EXAMINER'S CERTIFICATE. THE CAUSE OF ACCIDENT WAS A SUSPECTED SHORT CIRCUIT IN AN EXTENSION CORD, CONNECTING A CLOCK RADIO TO WALL RECEPTACLE. CONVERTED APARTMENT STRUCTURE WAS DECLARED A TOTAL LOSS. (EST. VALUE \$83,700).

Incident Date: 19860401 City: N/S State: DC

THERE WERE NO INJURIES INVOLVED IN THESE INCIDENTS. POSSIBLY ONE OR MORE CHILDREN SWIVELED TWO PLASTIC ELECTRIC OUTLET COVERS AS THEY COVERED LAMP CORDS IN THE DEN OF A HOME. APPARENTLY THIS CAUSED THE BRASS OUTLET PLATE TO SWIVEL ON TO A LAMP PLUG PRONG. THIS CAUSED A SHORT CIRCUIT. IN ONE INCIDENT SPARKS WERE CAUSED. IN THE OTHER INCIDENT, THE OUTLET COVER ERUPTED INTO FLAMES SCORCHING THE WALL. THE CONSUMER EXTINGUISHED THE SPARKS AND FLAMES BY PULLING THE PLUGS, OR USING A FIRE EXTINGUISHER.

Incident Date: 19860623 City: State: NJ

THE OUTSIDE CASING AND INTERIOR OF A PORTABLE TYPE MICROWAVE OVEN WERE CHARRED BY A FIRE WHICH OCCURRED IN THE UNIT DURING THE EVENING HOURS, WHILE IT WAS UNUSED. THE UNIT'S LINE CORD WAS INSERTED IN A WALL OUTLET AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT. NO INJURIES WERE SUSTAINED.

Incident Date: 19860703 City: State: GA

A HOT PLATE IGNITED A TOWEL AFTER BEING INADVERTENTLY PLUGGED INTO A RECEPTACLE. THERE WERE NO INJURIES AND/OR PROPERTY DAMAGES REPORTED.

Incident Date: 19870503 City: State: MA

A CONSUMER REPORTED THAT HER VCR IGNITED A FEW MINUTES AFTER BEING UNPLUGGED FROM AN ELECTRICAL RECEPTACLE, AND THAT HER HUSBAND SUSTAINED FIRST DEGREE BURNS ON HIS HANDS WHEN HE PICKED UP THE VCR WHILE IT WAS IN FLAMES TO THROW IT OUT.

Incident Date: 19870706 City: State: WA

ON 7/6/87, AT APPROXIMATELY 4:00 PM, A SEVEN YEAR OLD FEMALE RECEIVED A NON-INJURIOUS ELECTRICAL SHOCK WHILE UNPLUGGING A NIGHT LIGHT FROM A 110 VAC WALL OUTLET. THE VICTIM WAS AT HOME WITH HER FATHER AT THE TIME OF THE ACCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19870814 City: State: PA

THIS ACCIDENT INVOLVED A 110 V PORTABLE RADIO WHICH WAS PLUGGED INTO A WALL OUTLET IN BEDROOM IN FIRST FLOOR APARTMENT IN LARGE FRAME HOUSE. TENANT, FEMALE, CAME TO KITCHEN TO CHECK ON ROAST AND SAW SMOKE IN BEDROOM. SHE LEFT TO CALL FIRE DEPARTMENT AND FLAMES SPREAD RAPIDLY, DESTROYING HER APARTMENT AND POSSESSIONS. FIRE INVESTIGATOR FOUND SOMETHING HAD BEEN PUSHED AGAINST CORD BENDING IT AND CAUSING A SHORT CIRCUIT.

Incident Date: 19870801 City: State: MD

WHILE ASSEMBLING THE PORTABLE GAS GRILL, THE COMPLAINANT NOTICED A LOOSE FIT BETWEEN THE VALVE/REGULATOR GAS OUTLET AND THE INLET CONNECTION TO THE GRILL BURNER. FEARING THAT THIS CONDITION MIGHT PERMIT PROPANE FUEL TO LEAK OUT FROM THIS CONNECTION AND CREATE A POTENTIAL EXPLOSION HAZARD, THE COMPLAINANT WILL NOT USE THE GRILL.

Incident Date: 19860629 City: State: CA

THE VICTIM, A 12 YEAR OLD FEMALE, DROWNED IN A RESIDENTIAL HOT TUB WHEN HER HEAD WAS HELD UNDERWATER BY THE HOT TUB OUTLET SUCTION OPENING. SHE COULD NOT FREE HERSELF FROM THE FORCE OR SUCTION OF THE HOT TUB WATER PUMP. SHE DIED IN THE HOSPITAL TWO HOURS AFTER THE ACCIDENT. THE ACCIDENT OCCURRED AT HER UNCLE'S HOUSE.

Incident Date: 19860807 City: State: CA

UNATTENDED 18 MONTH OLD MALE RECEIVED SEVERE BURNS TO PALM AND FINGERS OF RIGHT HAND WHEN HE TOUCHED EXHAUST OUTLET OF GAS POWERED MOWER AFTER MOWER HAD BEEN SHUT DOWN.

Incident Date: 19860712 City: State: MO

A FOUR-YEAR-OLD MALE DIED OF ELECTRICAL SHOCK WHEN AN ELECTRIC HAIR DRYER, PLUGGED INTO A WALL OUTLET, FELL INTO THE BATHTUB WITH HIM. VICTIM'S MOTHER FOUND HIM LYING FACE UP IN THE BATHTUB AND SHE RECEIVED A VERY SLIGHT SHOCK WHEN SHE PULLED HIM OUT.

Incident Date: 19860908 City: State: CA

A 41 YEAR OLD MALE WAS TRYING TO SHUT OFF THE GAS FLOW FROM A 5 POUND LP GAS TANK TO A PORTABLE GAS GRILL. THE ACCIDENT OCCURRED WHEN THE VICTIM TURNED A KNOB ON THE FLEXIBLE HOSE CONNECTOR THAT WAS FEEDING THE GAS TO THE GRILL FROM THE LP TANK. THE HOSE FELL OUT OF THE TANK'S OUTLET VALVE AND CAUSED AN EXPLOSION AND FIRE. THE VICTIM SUFFERED 2ND DEGREE BURNS TO HIS LEGS AND THIGHS.

Incident Date: 19860906 City: State: PA

A FIRE OF ELECTRICAL ORIGIN RESULTED IN APPROXIMATELY \$7,000 IN DAMAGES TO A SINGLE FAMILY HOME. THE FIRE ORIGINATED IN AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET BOX. THE SPECIFIC CAUSE OF THE FIRE WAS NOT DETERMINED. NO INJURIES RESULTED FROM THE FIRE.

Incident Date: 19860914 City: State: CA

THE COMPLAINANT'S 11 YEAR OLD SON PLUGGED THE ELECTRICAL CORD TO HIS COMPUTER INTO A WALL OUTLET AND SEVERAL MINUTES LATER SMOKE STARTED COMING OUT OF THE LEFT SIDE OF THE COMPUTER. HE IMMEDIATELY REMOVED THE ELECTRICAL PLUG FROM THE WALL OUTLET AND THE SMOKE STOPPED. NO ONE WAS INJURED IN THIS INCIDENT. THE INCIDENT OCCURRED IN THE COMPLAINANT'S LIVING ROOM.

Incident Date: 19860929 City: State: NY

THE 47 YEAR OLD MALE VICTIM HAD JUST STARTED TO CUT HIS GRASS WITH AN ELECTRIC, WALK-BEHIND ROTARY, POWER MOWER. HE ACCIDENTALLY MOWED OVER THE ELECTRIC CORD, SEVERING IT. HE ATTEMPTED TO REPAIR IT BUT FORGOT TO UNPLUG THE CORD FROM THE HOUSE OUTLET. HE TRIED TO PULL THE PLASTIC COATING BACK FROM THE SEVERED CORD WITH HIS TEETH AND RECEIVED A SEVERE SHOCK AND BURNS TO HIS MOUTH, AS WELL AS CUTS FROM THE WIRE. HE WENT TO THE HOSPITAL WHERE HE WAS TOLD HE WAS LUCKY HE HAD NOT BEEN ELECTROCUTED. HIS MOUTH HAS SINCE HEALED.

Incident Date: 19860406 City: State: NY

THE ADULT MALE VICTIM WAS "CHECKING OUT" HIS POWER PAINT ROLLER IN THE KITCHEN OF HIS HOUSE IN PREPARATION OF USING IT TO PAINT THE INTERIOR OF HIS HOUSE. THE CANISTER CONTROL SWITCH WAS SET IN THE "ON" POSITION, AND THE ELECTRIC CORD WAS PLUGGED INTO AN ELECTRIC WALL OUTLET, WHEN THE LID BLEW OFF THE CANISTER AND STRUCK HIM IN THE FACE. HE SUSTAINED LACERATIONS TO HIS LIP.

Incident Date: 19860524 City: State: PA

THE VICTIM WAS "CHECKING OUT" HIS POWER PAINT ROLLER IN HIS GARAGE IN ANTICIPATION OF LENDING IT TO HIS NEIGHBOR. THE CORD WAS PLUGGED INTO AN ELECTRICAL WALL OUTLET WHEN THE LID BLEW OFF THE CANISTER AND STRUCK HIM. HE SUSTAINED LACERATIONS ABOVE HIS LEFT EYE.

Incident Date: 19860906 City: State: MO

A ONE YEAR OLD CHILD WAS ELECTROCUTED AFTER A HAIR DRYER EITHER FELL OR WAS PULLED INTO THE BATHTUB WITH HER. THE HAIR DRYER WAS "OFF" BUT CONNECTED TO A WALL OUTLET.

Incident Date: 19861103 City: State: AZ

RESPONDENT, WHO IS THE 74 YEAR OLD VICTIM, STATED HE PLACED ELECTRIC CHAIN SAW ON THE FLOOR IN THE CARPORT BETWEEN HIS FEET. AS HE PLUGGED THE CHAIN SAW INTO THE ELECTRICAL OUTLET, THE CHAIN SAW "JUMPED AS IT WAS APPARENTLY FROZEN IN THE ON POSITION" SEVERELY LACERATING HIS RIGHT TOES.

Incident Date: 19860121 City: State: LA

THIS ON-SITE IDI INVOLVED AN ELECTRIC RIDING TOY THAT ALLEGEDLY CAUSED A MOBILE HOME FIRE AS ITS BATTERIES WERE BEING RECHARGED IN A WALL OUTLET. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19861104 City: State: NC

A 26-YEAR OLD WOMAN RECEIVED A SHOCK WHEN SHE PLUGGED A SENSOR NIGHT LIGHT INTO THE RECEPTACLE IN HER BATHROOM. SMOKING & SPARKS OCCURRED BUT THE WOMAN WAS NOT INJURED. THE INCIDENT OCCURRED THE FIRST TIME THE PRODUCT WAS USED.

Incident Date: 19861012 City: State: WI

AN EXTENSION CORD TO A REFRIGERATOR OVERHEATED AND STARTED SPARKING. THE EXTENSION CORD WAS DESCRIBED AS BEING A SMALL GAUGE CONDUCTOR LAMP CORD TYPE. THE FIRE DEPT. INDICATED THAT THE EXTENSION CORD WAS BEING USED AS THE REFRIGERATOR WAS NOT CLOSE TO A RECEPTACLE. NO FIRE OR INJURIES OCCURED. THE CORD WAS UNABLE TO BE EXAMINED.

Incident Date: 19861101 City: State: NY

NO ONE WAS INJURED AND THERE WAS NO FIRE OR PROPERTY DAMAGE WHEN THE APPLIANCE CORD PLUG OF A PORTABLE ELECTRIC OIL FILLED HEATER STRONGLY OVERHEATED IN THE LIVING ROOM OF A PRIVATE HOME. THE APPLIANCE WAS PLUGGED INTO AN UNGROUNDED 15 AMP DUPLEX RECEPTACLE PARTIALLY FILLED WITH GRANULAR SAWDUST. THE APPLIANCE WAS UNPLUGGED BY A PRIVATE FIRE INVESTIGATOR IN THE HOUSE AT THE TIME.

Incident Date: 19860401 City: State: MA

A PORTABLE RADIO-CASSETTE RECORDER UNDERWENT REPAIR/REPLACEMENT OF IT'S HEAD, R/P SWITCH AND PCB. A POSSIBLE FIRE DUE TO BATTERY LEAKAGE COULD NOT BE SUBSTANTIATED FROM EITHER THE RETAIL OUTLET OR REPAIR CENTER.

Incident Date: 19850701 City: State: MI

WHILE THE CONSUMER HAD A RADIO/CASSETTE RECORDER PLUGGED INTO HIS GARAGE OUTLET, THE PRODUCT BEGAN TO SMOKE. HE TURNED OFF THE RADIO & BROUGHT INTO A REPAIR SHOP PRIOR TO HIS WARRANTY EXPIRATION. THE REPAIR SHOP FIXED THE RADIO. THERE WAS NO FIRE AND NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19860411 City: State: HI

CONSUMER PURCHASED A RADIO CASSETE RECORDER SET PUT IN 8 SIZE D ALKALINE BATTERIES. USED SET IN HOUSE PLUGGED IN TO WALL OUTLET. SOMETIMES TOOK SET OUT TO THE BEACH OR PARK. AFTER SEVERAL MONTHS OF USE THE SET DID NOT WORK. TOOK IT TO THE DEALER FOR REPAIR. DISTRIBUTOR'S REPAIR TECHNICIAN & COMPANY REPRESENTATIVES DIAGNOSED PROBLEM AS BATTERY LIQUID LEAKING ON TO THE CIRCUIT BOARD OF THE SET.

Incident Date: 19861208 City: State: IL

A NEW MERCURY FLOAT SWITCH FOR A SUBMERSIBLE SUMP PUMP EXPLODED WHEN ITS POWER CORD WAS PLUGGED INTO A BASEMENT ELECTRIC WALL RECEPTACLE. PIECES OF PLASTIC AND EJECTED MERCURY BURNED THE FACE, NECK AND HAND OF A 30 YEAR OLD MAN.

Incident Date: 19861107 City: State: MD

THIS ACCIDENTAL FIRE WAS ATTRIBUTED TO THE USE OF A VACUUM CLEANER/ RECHARGER WITH UNIT, WITH THE RECHARGER PLUGGED INTO AN OUTLET IN GARAGE. IT HAD BEEN PLUGGED IN FOR ABOUT A YEAR AND HAD NEVER CAUSED ANY ELECTRICAL PROBLEMS UNTIL FIRE BROKE OUT IN THE VICINITY OF THE UNIT. THERE WAS EXTENSIVE DAMAGE TO GARAGE BUT NO INJURIES. THE UNIT WAS NOT RECOVERED.

Incident Date: 19861215 City: State: MO

22 MONTH OLD MALE ELECTROCUTED IN BATHTUB WHEN HE TOOK HAND HELD ELECTRIC HAIR DRYER INTO WATER FILLED FIBERGLASS TUB WITH HIM. CHILD LEFT UNATTENDED FOR SEVERAL MINUTES, MOTHER IN ANOTHER ROOM. HAIR DRYER WAS TURNED "OFF" BUT PLUGGED INTO WALL OUTLET. HAIR DRYER NORMALLY KEPT UNDER BATHROOM SINK AND PLUGGED IN.

Incident Date: 19861220 City: State: NH

VICTIM WAS ALONE IN MOTHER'S BEDROOM WATCHING TV SET. THE TV SET WAS PLUGGED INTO A 6 FOOT LONG NON-POLARIZED PLUG EXTENSION CORD. THE EXTENSION CORD WAS PLUGGED INTO NON-POLARIZED WALL OUTLET. THE VICTIM TRIED TO PULL THE TV SET PLUG OUT OF THE END OUTLET OF THE EXTENSION CORD EXPOSING ABOUT 1/2 INCH OF THE METAL PRONGS OF THE TV SET CORD. THE VICTIM'S LIPS CONTACTED AND RECEIVED AN ELECTRICAL BURN FROM THE BARE METAL TV SET PLUG PRONGS AND CRIED OUT. MOTHER CAME FROM ANOTHER ROOM AND TOOK HIM TO ER FOR TREATMENT AND RELEASE.

Incident Date: 19861112 City: State: PA

THE CORD SET OF AN 11 YEAR OLD, 4 SLICE TOASTER CAUGHT FIRE AFTER A 10 YEAR OLD FEMALE PLUGGED THE TOASTER INTO THE WALL OUTLET AND DEPRESSED THE CONTROL HANDLE. DAMAGE WAS CONTAINED TO THE CORD SET AND NO INJURIES WERE SUFFERED.

Incident Date: 19861221 City: State: CA

THE VICTIM WAS ATTEMPTING TO PLUG IN THE POWER CORD ON AN ELECTRIC HEATER AND SUFFERED 1ST DEGREE BURNS TO THE PALM OF HIS RIGHT HAND. THE VICTIM'S MOTHER SAID THE PLUG BROKE AS HE WAS PUSHING IT INTO THE OUTLET. THE HEATER WAS PURCHASED USED AND HAD BEEN DISCARDED AFTER THE ACCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19861224 City: State: CA

THE CORD OF AN ELECTRIC SHAVING SYSTEM, CURRENTLY UNDER RECALL, "EXPLODED" INTO FLAMES THE MOMENT THE VICTIM PLUGGED IT INTO A 110- VOLT OUTLET. THERE WAS NO INJURY OR PROPERTY DAMAGE.

Incident Date: 19861224 City: State: KS

4 YEAR OLD FEMALE PULLED HAND-HELD ELECTRIC HAIR DRYER INTO BATHTUB WITH HER WHILE LEFT UNATTENDED FOR ONLY A FEW SECONDS. HAIR DRYER WAS PLUGGED INTO ELECTRICAL WALL OUTLET, SWITCH OFF, AND SITTING ON THE BACK OF THE STOOL. MOTHER TOOK HAIR DRYER OUT OF TUB, REMOVED DAUGHTER AND GAVE HER CPR, DAUGHTER RECOVERED AT HOSPITAL. INJURY WAS BITTEN TONGUE.

Incident Date: 19870125 City: State: PA

RESPONDENT, WHO IS THE MOTHER OF THE NINE MONTH OLD VICTIM, STATED HER SON WAS CRAWLING ON THE FLOOR IN THE LIVING ROOM WHEN HE PUT AN EXTENSION CORD, PLUGGED INTO A WALL OUTLET AND CONNECTED TO A VCR, INTO HIS MONTH SEVERELY BURNING THE LEFT SIDE OF IT.

Incident Date: 19870218 City: State: MN

THE RESPONDENT USED AN EXTENSION CORD TO CONNECT A MICROWAVE OVEN TO AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET IN THEIR HOUSE. THEY NOTICED AN ODD SMELL IN THE HOUSE WHEN THEY WERE USING THE MICROWAVE OVEN. THEY DISCOVERED THAT THE EXTENSION CORD WAS OVERHEATING AND THE INSULATION ON THE CORD WAS PRODUCING THE ODOR. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19861115 City: State: KS

THE COMPLAINANT PLUGGED A NEW PORTABLE ELECTRIC RADIANT SPACE HEATER INTO A TROUBLE LIGHT. THE TROUBLE LIGHT WAS PLUGGED INTO A NEW EXTENSION CORD WHICH WAS PLUGGED INTO A WALL OUTLET. AFTER ABOUT 5-6 MINUTES OF HEATER OPERATION, THE FEMALE RECEPTACLE OF THE EXTENSION CORD MELTED AROUND THE MALE PLUG OF THE TROUBLE LIGHT. A CHEMICAL ODOR RESULTED, BUT NO FIRE OR INJURY OCCURRED.

Incident Date: 19870219 City: State: NJ

17 YR. OLD MALE USED A SMALL EXTENSION CORD, THAT WAS PURCHASED FOR christmas LIGHTS, TO SUPPLY A ELECTRIC HEATER, A TELEVISION, AND A STEREO SYSTEM. THE EXTENSION CORD WAS PLUGED IN A ELECTRICAL OUTLET NEXT TO HIS BED. HE WAS AWAKEN AT 1:57 A.M. BY SMOKE AND FIRE. HE ESCAPED WITH OUT INJURY. AN OVER LOADED EXTENSION CORD WAS PLACED AS THE CAUSE, RESULTING IN HEAVY FIRE DAMAGE TO HOUSE.

Incident Date: 19870316 City: State: MN

THE COMPLAINANT WAS VACUUMING THE UPSTAIRS HALLWAY OF HER HOME. SHE WAS USING A 15' 18-2 GAUGE EXTENSION CORD ALONG WITH THE CORD ON THE VACUUM TO PROVIDE ELECTRICITY TO 750 WATT MOTOR. AFTER 20 MINUTES USE SHE NOTICED THE FEMALE OUTLET ON THE EXTENSION CORD WAS MELTED WHERE THE VACUUM CORD (MALE BLADES) WAS PLUGGED IN. THERE WAS NO PROPERTY DAMAGE OR PERSONAL INJURY.

Incident Date: 19870126 City: State: HI

A 14 YEAR OLD GIRL WAS GOING TO IRON SOME CLOTHES. SHE PLUGGED IN THE IRON CORD INTO BEDROOM RECEPTACLE. SPARKS AND A BURNING SMELL SMELL CAME FROM THE BASE OF THE PLUG. HER MOTHER WHO WAS NEARBY IN THE KITCHEN NOTICED THE BURNING SMELL, WENT TO INVESTIGATE AND UN-PLUGGED THE CORD. THE IRON HAD BEEN GIVING TROUBLE INTERMITTENTLY (HEAD WOULD NOT COME ON, INDICATOR LIGHT WOULD GO OFF) THE LAST FEW TIMES IT WAS USED. AFTER THIS LATEST INCIDENT, IT WOULD NOT WORK AT ALL.

Incident Date: 19870304 City: State: PA

AN ELECTRICAL HAND HELD HAIRDRYER, WHILE CONNECTED TO AN OUTLET, FELL INTO A WATER FILLED BATHTUB IN WHICH A THREE YEAR OLD BOY WAS SITTING . THE CHILD DID NOT RECEIVE ANY INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19870310 City: State: MN

THIS INVESTIGATION CONCERNS A FIRE THAT STARTED IN A SECOND STORY BEDROOM OF A TWO STORY HOUSE. THE FIRE APPARENTLY STARTED IN THE AREA OF A WALL OUTLET WHERE A PORTABLE ELECTRIC HEATER WAS PLUGGED IN. A 46 YEAR OLD WOMAN WHO HAD BEEN SLEEPING ON THE SECOND FLOOR WAS AWAKENED BY A SMOKE DETECTOR. SHE ESCAPED UNBURNED, BUT WAS TREATED AND RELEASED AT A LOCAL HOSPITAL FOR SMOKE INHALATION.

Incident Date: 19860228 City: State: HI

A 27 YEAR OLD MAN SMELLED SMOKE IN HIS HOUSE, NOTICED SMOKE COMING OUT FROM UNDER A CLOSED BEDROOM DOOR, OPENED THE DOOR AND DISCOVERED FIRE IN THE BEDROOM. NO ONE WAS HURT IN THE FIRE WHICH CAUSED \$7,450 DAMAGE. ACCORDING TO THE FIRE INVESTIGATOR, CAUSE OF THE FIRE WAS A SHORT CIRCUIT OF THE ELECTRIC CORD CONNECTING THE FOOT CONTROL OF A SEWING MACHINE TO THE WALL OUTLET.



Incident Date: 19870307 City: State: TX

THE PRODUCT INVOLVED IN THIS INVESTIGATION IS A GAS SPACE HEATER FLEXIBLE METAL CONNECTOR THAT BROKE AT THE END OF THE GAS SUPPLY OUTLET LEADING FROM THE WALL TO THE HEATER. FLAMES FROM THE HEATER IGNITED COMBUSTIBLE MATERIALS AND CLAIMED THE LIVES OF FOUR (4) CHILDREN AND CAUSED ONE INDIVIDUAL TO SUSTAIN SECOND- AND THIRD- DEGREE BURNS.

Incident Date: 19870106 City: State: CA

THE COMPLAINANT PLACED A NITE LITE IN HER DAUGHTER'S BEDROOM. A PILLOW FELL OFF THE BED AND LANDED AGAINST THE NITE LITE. THE NITE LITE WAS PLUGGED INTO A DUPLEX ELECTRICAL OUTLET ON THE WALL NEAR THE BOTTOM OF THE FLOOR. THE PLASTIC NITE LITE COVER MELTED AND ALMOST IGNITED THE PILLOW. NO ONE WAS INJURED IN THIS INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19860811 City: State: MI

2 ELDERLY MALES WERE USING AN ELECTRIC AUGER BY A CREEK BY ONE OF THE USER'S HOME. THE AUGER WAS CONNECTED TO A BASEMENT OUTLET BY 3 EXTENSION CORDS. ONE OF THE EXTENSION CORDS WAS MIS-WIRED (A LIVE WIRE HAD BEEN WIRED TO A NEUTRAL TERMINAL) & THE WHITE WIRE (NEUTRAL LINE) WAS WIRED TO A LIVE TERMINAL. AN ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR BELIEVES THAT THE VICTIMS TRIED TO CONNECT THE MIS-WIRED EXTENSION CORD TO ANOTHER CORD AND BOTH MALES WERE ELECTROCUTED IN THE PROCESS.

Incident Date: 19870916 City: State: MI

A PHOTO SENSITIVE NIGHT LIGHT WAS ACCIDENTALLY BUMPED WITH A STUFFED TOY BY A TWO-YEAR OLD BOY CAUSING A MALFUNCTION IN THE UNIT WHICH RESULTED IN FLAMES SHOOTING UP THE WALL FOR ABOUT 24 INCHES. THE ENSUING FLAMES AND HEAT SCORCHED AND BLACKENED THE UNIT, THE FACE PLATE, THE RECEPTACLE & THE SURROUNDING WALL. THERE WERE NO INJURIES .

Incident Date: 19871211 City: EL CO State: PA

A 3 YEAR OLD GIRL WAS ELECTROCUTED BY A HAIR DRYER WHILE SHE WAS IN A BATHTUB AT HER HOME. THE HAIR DRYER WAS LOCATED ON A SHELF NEAR THE BATHTUB AND PLUGGED INTO A WALL OUTLET. THE VICTIM WAS LEFT UNATTENDED FOR A FEW MINUTES AND WAS DISCOVERED IN THE BATHTUB WITH THE HAIR DRYER.

Incident Date: 19880206 City: BATON ROUGE State: LA

THIS ON-SITE IDI INVOLVED A RESIDENTIAL FIRE THAT ORIGINATED IN THE KITCHEN. THERE ARE CONFLICTING ACCOUNTS OF WHAT PRODUCT STARTED THE FIRE. IT WAS EITHER AN ELECTRIC STOVE OR A WALL OUTLET THAT SHORTED. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19870801 City: NEW YORK State: NY

THE PLUG AND OUTER INSULATING COVER OF THE LINE CORD FOR A HAND HELD HAIR DRYER SEPARATED, EXPOSING INNER WIRING AND INSULATION. THE COMPLAINANT OBSERVED SPARKING AT THE PLUG/RECEPTACLE & DISCONTINUED USE OF THE APPLIANCE. NO INJURIES OCCURRED AS A RESULT OF THE INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19870401 City: FARMINGDALE State: NY

A SEPARATION OF THE LINE CORD/PLUG ASSEMBLY OF AN ELECTRIC STEAM IRON RESULTED IN SPARKING IN THE AREA OF THE PLUG. THE PLUG WAS PULLED OUT OF THE WALL OUTLET, AND THE SPARKING STOPPED. NO INJURIES, FIRE OR PROPERTY DAMAGE RESULTED.

Incident Date: 19880201 City: BUFFALO GROVE State: IL

A 58 YEAR OLD FEMALE RECEIVED AN ELECTRICAL SHOCK WHEN SHE PLUGGED A COFFEE MAKER INTO AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET. NO INJURY WAS REPORTED.

Incident Date: 19880101 City: HAZEL CREST State: IL

A FIRE DEPT. FIRE PREVENTION OFFICER REPORTED THAT A CONSUMER BROUGHT 2 REMOTE CONTROL EXTENSION CORDS INTO THE STATION COMPLAINING THAT THEY SHORTED OUT. THE CORDS CONSIST OF LAMP CORD TYPE CONDUCTORS WITH A PLUG/RECEPTACLE AT ONE END AND A SWITCH AT THE OTHER END. THE CORDS EXHIBIT MARKS CONSISTANT WITH SHORTING. NO INJURY OR PROPERTY DAMAGE OCCURED. THE CORDS WERE COLLECTED FROM THE FIRE DEPT. AS SAMPLE J-815-6110.

Incident Date: 19871230 City: LONG BEACH State: CA

A 3 YEAR OLD COFFEE MAKER FAIALED TO OPERATE AFTER IT WAS PLUGGED INTO AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET AND EMITTED A STRANGE ODOR. THERE WERE NO INJURIES OR FIRE ASSOCIATED WITH THIS INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19861231 City: GARDENA State: CA

AN 8 YEAR OLD STEAM IRON FAILED TO HEAT WHEN THE CORD SPARKED AFTER IT WAS PLUGGED INTO AN ELECTRIC OUTLET. THERE WERE NO INJURIES OR FIRE ASSOCIATED WITH THIS INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19870420 City: UNK State: HI

CONSUMER WAS USING AN ELECTRIC CLOTHERS DRYER WHEN IT STOPPED. HE CHECKED AND FOUND THAT THE CIRCUIT BREAKER SERVICING THE OUTLET FOR THE DRYER HAD TRIPPED. HE RE-SET THE BREAKER AND THE DRYER STARTED GOING AGAIN ONLY TO STOP AGAIN AFTER A FEW MINUTES. HE RECHECKED THE BREAKER AGAIN, FOUND IT WARM TO THE TOUCH WITH A BURNING SMELL. HE CALLED AN ELECTRICIAN WHO REPLACED THE BUS BAR AND TWO BREAKERS.

Incident Date: 19870504 City: State: MA

THE RECEPTACLE END OF A NINE (9) MONTH OLD EXTENSION CORD BEGAN TO SMOKE AND ARC APPROXIMATELY 10 SECONDS AFTER A HOT POT WAS PLUGGED INTO IT. NO INJURIES FROM THIS OCCURRENCE.

Incident Date: 19870120 City: State: MA

A LAMP CORD AND ELECTRICAL OUTLET CAUSED A HOUSE FIRE RESULTING IN THE DEATH OF A TEN YEAR OLD FEMALE. NEWSPAPERS STORED ON TOP OF THE LAMP CORD IGNITED, STARTING THE FIRE.

Incident Date: 19850915 City: State: MN

RESPONDENT WAS USING A 25 FT. OUTDOOR EXTENSION CORD REEL PLUGGED INTO A GROUNDED DUPLEX OUTLET IN HER ATTACHED GARAGE. A GROUNDED MALE PLUG FROM A MOTOR-HOME IN THE DRIVEWAY WAS PLUGGED INTO ONE OF THE FEMALE RECEPTACLES ON THE REEL. SMOKE STARTED COMING OUT OF THE FEMALE RECEPTACLE ON THE REEL AND IT MADE A CRACKING NOISE. THE CORD WAS UNPLUGGED & HAS NOT BEEN USED SINCE THE INCIDENT. NO INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE ON CURRENT DRAW. THERE WERE NO INJURIES OR DAMAGE TO PROPERTY.

Incident Date: 19870316 City: State: MN

THE RESPONDENT WAS WORKING AT THE DININGROOM TABLE IN HER HOME, USING A FLOOR LAMP TO PROVIDE EXTRA LIGHT. THE LAMP WAS PLUGGED INTO A 9 FT. POLARIZED EXTENSION CORD, WHICH WAS PLUGGED INTO A 3 WIRE DUPLEX OUTLET IN THE SAME ROOM. AFTER ABOUT 1/2 HOUR, SHE SMELLED SOMETHING BURNING AND THEN HEARD A POPPING NOISE AT THE OUTLET. SHE PULLED THE PLUG OUT OF THE OUTLET & ONE SPADE REMAINED STUCK INSIDE. THE MOLDED PLUG WAS PARTIALLY MELTED. NO INJURY OR PROPERTY DAMAGE EXCEPT TO THE EXT. CORD.

Incident Date: 19870605 City: State: MN

AN OLD ELECTRIC PORTABLE FAN APPEARS TO HAVE SHORTED OUT AND STARTED A FIRE IN THE BEDROOM OF A ONE STORY WOOD FRAME HOME. THE SMOKE ALARM ALERTED THE OCCUPANTS AND ALL ESCAPED WITHOUT INJURY. THE HOUSE WAS ESTIMATED TO BE A TOTAL LOSS. THE FAN WAS NOT IN USE AT THE TIME OF THE FIRE BUT WAS PLUGGED INTO A WALL OUTLET.

Incident Date: 19870516 City: State: NJ

A 4 YEAR OLD FEMALE WAS ELECTROCUTED WHEN SHE APPARENTLY DROPPED A HAIR DRYER INTO THE BATHTUB WITH HER. THE HAIR DRYER IS NORMALLY STORED ON A BENCH IN THE BATHROOM UNPLUGGED BUT IT IS SURMISED THE VICTIM PLUGGED IT INTO AN OUTLET NEAR THE MEDICINE CABINET HAVING SEEN HER MOTHER PERFORM THIS MANY TIMES IN THE PAST. SHE THEN APPARENTLY GOT INTO THE TUB WITH THE HAIR DRYER. THERE WERE NO WITNESSES TO THE INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19870606 City: State: CA

A WOMAN RECEIVED A SEVERE ELECTRICAL SHOCK FROM A NEWLY PURCHASED WASHING MACHINE. ALTHOUGH USED, THE MACHINE IS TWO YEARS OLD AND HAD BEEN INSPECTED PRIOR TO SALE. THE MACHINE & THE POWER RECEPTACLE TO WHICH IT WAS CONNECTED APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN PROPERLY GROUNDED. POINTS OF BODY CONTACT FOR THE SHOCK REMAIN UNCLEAR. THE DAMAGE PATTERN TO THE POWER CORD SUGGESTS THAT IT WAS EITHER PHYSICALLY ABUSED OR MANUFACTURED WITH DEFECTS.

Incident Date: 19870623 City: State: SD

A FIRE IN A HOTEL ROOM WAS ASSUMED TO HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY AN OUTLET, CLOCK RADIO CORD OR A LAMP CORD. THE BED IN THE ROOM WAS IGNITED FIRST. NO ONE WAS INJURED BECAUSE OF THE ACCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19870719 City: State: HI

A HOUSEWIFE WAS VACUUMING HER LIVING ROOM CARPET WHEN SUDDENLY SMOKE, FLAMES AND SPARKS CAME FROM A JUNCTION OF THE VACUUM CLEANER POWER CORD-WHERE A MALE PLUG & FEMALE RECEPTACLE JOINED. SHE UNPLUGGED THE CLEANER & STOPPED USING IT. DAMAGE SEEMS CONFINED TO THE JUNCTION AREA OF THE CORD. NO INJURY.

Incident Date: 19870722 City: State: MN

AT APPROXIMATELY 1:15 P.M., A FIRE STARTED IN THE LIVINGROOM OF A MOBILE HOME WHILE THE OCCUPANT WAS AT WORK. FIRE OFFICIALS DE-TERMINED THAT THE FIRE STARTED IN ONE CORNER OF THE ROOM WHERE A 22" SQUARE PORTABLE FAN WAS ON THE FLOOR NEXT TO A 13" BLACK & WHITE PORTABLE TV SET ON A CART. NEITHER APPLIANCE WAS REPORTEDLY ON AND BOTH WERE PLUGGED INTO THE SAME DUPLEX RECEPTACLE. THE 1967 MOBILE HOME WAS A TOTAL LOSS WITH DAMAGE ESTIMATED AT \$6,000. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19870410 City: State: OR

AN EXTENSION CORD WAS IDENTIFIED AS THE CAUSE OF A MINOR FIRE INCIDENT. THERE WERE NO INJURIES AND DAMAGE WAS CONFINED TO THE CORD AND OUTLET. THE AGE OF THE CORD WAS ESTIMATED TO BE 19 YEARS OLD.

Incident Date: 19870818 City: State: MN

THIS INVESTIGATION CONCERNS AN INCIDENT WHERE THE MOLDED PLUG END OF A COFFEE POT CORD SHORTED OUT CAUSING SOME SMOKE DAMAGE TO THE WALL ABOVE THE ELECTRICAL OUTLET WHERE IT HAD BEEN PLUGGED IN. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19870818 City: State: NJ

AN ELECTRICAL FIRE OCCURRED IN ONE OF THE WALL OUTLETS LOCATED IN THE BEDROOM OF A CONDOMINIUM APARTMENT. THE WALL OUTLET INVOLVED WAS APPROXIMATELY 45 YEARS OLD, AND OF THE TWO-PRONG VARIETY, WITHOUT A GROUNDING CONDUCTOR. AN EXTENSION CORD USED TO RUN AN AIR CONDITIONER WAS CONNECTED TO THE CIRCUIT. LIGHT FIRE DAMAGE WAS LIMITED TO THE OUTLET AND SURROUNDING WALL AREA.

Incident Date: 19870726 City: UNK State: WA

AT APPROXIMATELY 10:45 PM ON 7/26/87, A NON-INJURY FIRE OCCURRED AT A SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE. THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE IS THOUGHT TO HAVE BEEN CARBON ARCING IN AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET IN THE GARAGE.

Incident Date: 19870810 City: State: WI

IN ATTEMPTING TO LIGHT AN OUTDOOR PORTABLE GAS GRILL, VICTIM TURNED ON THE FLOW OF GAS AND PRESSED THE AUTOMATIC IGNITOR BUTTON. WHEN NO SPARK WAS PRODUCED, VICTIM THEN ATTEMPTED TO START THE GAS GRILL MANUALLY. VICTIM TURNED ON THE FLOW OF GAS AND PLACED THE BURNING END OF A FOLDED NEWSPAPER BENEATH THE LAVA ROCKS ADJACENT TO THE GAS OUTLET ON THE BOTTOM EXTERIOR OF GRILL. THEREUPON, IGNITION WAS IMMEDIATE, PRODUCING FLAMES UNDERNEATH THE GRILL AND ENCOMPASSING ITS SIDES.

Incident Date: 19870924 City: State: NJ

SMOKE EMANATED FROM A MICRO-WAVE OVEN WHEN IT WAS TURNED ON TO HEAT HOT DOGS. THE COMPLAINANT, WHO WAS HOME AT THE TIME, PULLED THE PLUG FROM THE OUTLET & NO DAMAGE WAS SUSTAINED TO THE UNIT OR TO THE WALL MOUNTED CABINET INTO WHICH IT WAS INSTALLED. NO FIRE RESULTED. THE MALFUNCTION IS BELIEVED TO BE WITH THE RELAY SWITCH AND/OR CAPACITOR.

Incident Date: 19870812 City: UNK State: AR

7 YEAR OLD BOY WAS SWIMMING IN CLUB POOL AND DIVING UNDER WATER TO RETRIEVE COINS, IT IS BELIEVED HE INSERTED HIS ARM INTO THE MAIN DRAIN WHICH WAS UNCOVERED. THE SUCTION PRESSURE PULLED HIS RIGHT WRIST/ARM INTO THE RETURN WATER OUTLET. HE WAS UNDER WATER APPROXIMATELY 10-12 MINUTES BEFORE BEING FREED. HE IS HOSPITALIZED IN COMATOSE CONDITION CURRENTLY.

Incident Date: 19871004 City: State: WA

A WOMAN, AFTER USING HER 4-MONTH OLD HAND-HELD HAIR DRYER, TRIED TO PULL THE PLUG FROM THE WALL OUTLET. IT WAS STUCK, HOT AND PARTIALLY MELTED. UPON REMOVAL, ONE OF THE POLARIZED PRONGS PULLED OUT PARTIALLY. DURING THE INVESTIGATION, 7 WEEKS LATER, IT WAS NOTED THAT THE REPLACEMENT, DIFFERENT BRAND HAIR DRYER PLUG WAS BEGINNING TO EXHIBIT THE SAME PROBLEM (SAMPLES OF FIRST DRYER AND OUTLET WERE COLLECTED).

Incident Date: 19871113 City: KEAU State: HI

PURCHASED WATERBED AND HEATER ABOUT 7 YEARS AGO. WATER BED & HEATER IN USE CONSTANTLY SINCE THEN. ABOUT A YEAR AGO, HEATER STOPPED WORKING AND WAS UNPLUGGED FROM THE WALL RECEPTACLE. ON NOVEMBER 13, 1987 WAS IN THE PROCESS OF MOVING THE WATER BED. DISCOVERED THAT THE CARPET UNDER THE HEATER WAS BURNED THROUGH TO THE CONCRETE FLOOR, THE WATER BED LINER ABOVE THE HEATER WAS BURNED THROUGH AND THE WATERBED WAS SCORCHED AND PARTIALLY MELTED. WATERBED DID NOT LEAK. HEATER SHOWED BURN DAMAGE. NO ONE WAS INJURED.

Incident Date: 19870701 City: N. MIAMI BEACH State: FL

ON/ABOUT JULY 1987 A 65-YEAR OLD FEMALE RECEIVED AN ELECTRICAL SHOCK WHEN SHE PLUGGED THE OVEN MEAT THERMOMETER INTO THE OVEN OUTLET JACK IN THE LOWER OVEN OF HER SPLIT-LEVEL, FREE-STANDING ELECTRIC OVEN-RANGE IN THE KITCHEN OF HER HOME AS SHE WAS PREPARING TO ROAST A TURKEY. THE VICTIM SUFFERED NO INJURY FOR WHICH MEDICAL TREATMENT WAS REQUIRED.

Incident Date: 19871001 City: State: ND

A COMPLAINANT STATED THAT A SOUND CONDITIONER THAT MAKES A SOUND LIKE A WATERFALL TRIPPED A CIRCUIT BREAKER AND CAUGHT FIRE WHEN PLUGGED INTO AN OUTLET. THE FIRE WENT OUT WHEN THE UNIT WAS UNPLUGGED. NO INJURY OCCURRED. ANOTHER SIMILAR UNIT PURCHASED BY THE CONSUMER ALSO CAUSED A CIRCUIT BREAKER TO TRIP, BUT NO FIRE OCCURRED.

Incident Date: 19871226 City: METAIRIE State: LA

THIS ON-SITE IDI INVOLVED A CORDLESS TELEPHONE WHOSE NICKEL CADMIUM BATTERY EXPLODED WHILE THE HANDSET IN WHICH IT WAS INSTALLED WAS LOCATED IN THE RECHARGING CRADLE. THE CRADLE WAS PLUGGED INTO A 110 VOLT WALL OUTLET. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19880105 City: DAVIDSONVILLE State: MD

THERE WERE NO INJURIES INVOLVED IN THIS ACCIDENT. WHILE ATTEMPTING TO REMOVE AN AC ADAPTER BATTERY CHARGER FROM A HOME KITCHEN ELECTRICAL RECEPTACLE, THE ADAPTER BEGAN SPARKING. TO STOP THE SPARKING ALL ELECTRICAL POWER TO THE HOUSE WAS SHUT OFF.

Incident Date: 19880202 City: COLOGNE State: MN

THE RESPONDENT PURCHASED A NEW 150,000 BTU KEROSENE SPACE HEATER FOR USE IN HIS GARAGE/WORKSHOP. WHEN THE RESPONDENT'S SON TRIED TO START IT ONE DAY ABOUT A MONTH AFTER PURCHASE, IGNITION DID NOT OCCUR IMMEDIATELY AND FUEL DRIPPED OUT THE OUTLET END. WHEN THE FUEL DID IGNITE, FLAMES SHOP OUT OF THE HOT AIR OUTLET. THE PROBLEM WAS SOLVED WHEN A FACTORY AUTHORIZED REPAIR CENTER CHANGED THE SPARK PLUG. THERE WERE NO INJURIES OR PROPERTY DAMAGE.

Incident Date: 19870801 City: CINCINNATI State: OH

THE CONSUMER WAS USING AN AC/DC FLOURESCENT WORK LIGHT THAT PLUGS INTO THE CIGARETTE PLUG OF A CAR. PRIOR TO USING THE ITEM IN A CAMPGROUND, THE CONSUMER HIT THE PLUG AGAINST AN OUTLET EQUIPPED WITH A CONDUIT. THIS OCCURRED AS AN ACCIDENT. WHEN THE CONSUMER LATER TRIED TO USE THE WORK LIGHT, THE PRODUCT BECAME HOT ENOUGH TO CAUSE SOME BLISTERING ON HIS HAND. NO MEDICAL ATTENTION WAS SOUGHT AND THE CONSUMER HAS SINCE RETURNED THE UNIT TO THE RETAIL STORE.

Incident Date: 19880211 City: KANSAS CITY State: KS

35 YEAR OLD MALE RECEIVED 120+ VOLT AC ELECTRICAL SHOCK WHEN HE ATTEMPTED TO REMOVE A TRANSFORMER FOR A PLUG-IN TYPE FLASHLIGHT FROM AN ELECTRICAL WALL OUTLET. EXAMINATION OF THE TRANSFORMER PLASTIC CASING DISCLOSED A BARE WIRE STICKING OUT 1/4" AT THE TOP AND CARRYING THE FULL CIRCUIT VOLTAGE. NO PERMANENT INJURY OCCURRED TO THE VICTIM. UNIT WAS NOT DAMAGED.

Incident Date: 19880122 City: SPOKANE State: WA

5 YEAR OLD ELECTRIC COFFEE MAKER CAUGHT FIRE DURING OPERATION. CONSUMER PULLED POWER CORD FROM OUTLET AND PUSHED APPLIANCE INTO WATER. NO INJURIES OCCURRED. FIRE BURNED HOLE IN PLASTIC HOUSING NEAR HEAT ELEMENT WHICH APPEARS TO HAVE BURNED.

Incident Date: 19880229 City: PLANO State: TX

THE VICTIM IS A HOME OWNER WHO DISCOVERED A FIRE IN THE DISHWASHER AROUND 11:30 P.M. ON FEBRUARY 29, 1988. THE FIRE WAS EXTINGUISHED BY UNPLUGGING THE UNIT FROM THE WALL OUTLET. NO INJURY OCCURRED.

Incident Date: 19880228 City: BRONX State: NY

AN ADULT FEMALE WAS IN THE KITCHEN OF HER APARTMENT MAKING TOAST IN HER ELECTRIC TOASTER THAT WAS STANDING ON TOP OF THE KITCHEN CABINET. WHILE THE TOASTER CORD WAS CONNECTED TO THE ELECTRICAL WALL OUTLET, SPARKS AND FLAMES CAME FORTH FROM THE CORD AT A POINT THAT WAS CLOSE TO THE PLUG. NO INJURY.

Incident Date: 19880205 City: WEST MILFORD State: NJ

THE ELECTRICAL CORD FOR A CALCULATOR'S ADAPTOR CAUGHT FIRE AND MELTED PARTIALLY IGNITING THE BEDDING CONTAINED ON A BED, WHICH WAS PRESSED AGAINST THE ADAPTER, AS IT WAS PLUGGED INTO A WALL OUTLET. NO INJURIES WERE SUSTAINED IN THE INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19871128 City: CHEVY CHASE State: MD

FIRE DEPARTMENT DETERMINED THAT THE RECHARGING DEVICE FOR A CORDLESS VACUUM WAS THE CAUSE OF A HOUSE FIRE. THE RECHARGING UNIT WAS PLUGGED INTO A KITCHEN WALL OUTLET.

Incident Date: 19871216 City: NEW YORK State: NY

A 25 YEAR OLD FEMALE WAS USING HER PORTABLE ELECTRIC HEATER IN HER BEDROOM. THE CORD'S PLUG STARTED TO SMOKE AND SPARK. SHE PULLED THE PLUG FROM THE ELECTRICAL WALL OUTLET. NO INJURIES OCCURRED.

Incident Date: 19880317 City: SLIDELL State: LA

THIS ON-SITE IDI INVOLVED A MICROWAVE OVEN WHOSE POWER CORD CAUGHT ON FIRE CAUSING THE MICROWAVE OVEN TO BURN AS WELL AS THE WALL OUTLET INTO WHICH IT WAS PLUGGED. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19841231 City: LOS ANGELES State: CA

A 12 YEAR OLD TOASTER FAILED TO OPERATE PROPERLY WHEN ITS CORD STARTED TO SPARK AND POP WHEN PLUGGED INTO A KITCHEN OUTLET. USE OF THE TOASTER WAS DISCONTINUED. THERE WERE NO INJURIES OR FIRES AS A RESULT OF THIS FAILURE.

Incident Date: 19841231 City: GARDENA State: CA

A 10 YEAR OLD ELECTRIC CAN OPENER FAILED TO OPERATE AFTER IT'S CORD SPARKED SEVERAL TIMES WHILE BEING PLUGGED INTO AN OUTLET. THERE WERE NO INJURIES OR FIRE ASSOCIATED WITH THIS INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19870515 City: NICASIO State: CA

THE COMPLAINANT REPORTED THAT FIVE YEAR OLD ELECTRIC TEA POT DISPLAYS SIGNS OF A SHORT. HE FILLED THE TEA POT WITH WATER AND HE INSERTED THE APPLIANCE PLUG INTO A RECEPTACLE WHEN SUDDENLY A SPARK OCCURRED AT THE RECEPTACLE. HE THEN REMOVED THE PLUG FROM THE RECEPTACLE. AFTER THE INCIDENT THE TEA POT WAS PLACED IN A KITCHEN CABINET. HE DID NOT WANT TO USE THE BROKEN TEA POT.

Incident Date: 19880315 City: BENNINGTON State: NE

A 6 PLUS YEAR OLD 25 INCH SOLID STATE COLOR CONSOLE TELEVISION STARTED SMOKING. THE OWNER UNPLUGGED AND REMOVED BACK AND THEN PLUGGED BACK INTO WALL OUTLET. SPARKS AND SMALL FLAMES CAME FROM BACK OF TELEVISION. FIRE DAMAGE WAS CONFINED TO THE TELEVISION WHICH WAS REPAIRED. NO INJURY WAS REPORTED.

Incident Date: 19860101 City: NOVATO State: CA

THE CONSUMER REPORTS THAT THE APPLIANCE CORD FOR HER ELECTRIC CLOTHES DRYER GETS "HOT" (IT GETS VERY "HOT" AT THE APPLIANCE CORD'S PLUG), EACH TIME THE CLOTHES DRYER IS USED. SHE ADDED THAT THIS CONDITION HAS EXISTED FOR ABOUT TWO YEARS. THE CONSUMER WILL USE A TOWEL TO UNPLUG THE APPLIANCE CORD OF THIS ELECTRIC CLOTHES DRYER FROM THE ELECTRICAL OUTLET, AFTER EACH USE, AS THE OVERHEATING PROBLEM CAUSES THE PLUG TO BECOME TOO HOT TO HOLD.

Incident Date: 19880401 City: MILPITAS State: CA

THE COMPLAINANT PURCHASED AN ELECTRIC HEATER ABOUT 6 MONTHS AGO. DURING NORMAL USE THE PLUG OVERHEATED AND THE PLASTIC PLUG SOFTENED. THIS IN TURN CAUSED THE METAL PRONGS TO BE STUCK IN THE RECEPTACLE WHEN THE PLUG IS PULLED.

Incident Date: 19880330 City: MIAMI State: FL

ON 3/30/88 AT APPROXIMATELY 7:15 A.M. A 39 YEAR OLD WOMAN RECEIVED A "SLIGHT" SHOCK WHEN SHE TOUCHED THE PLUG OF A "CORDLESS" STEAM IRON & THE APPLIANCE CORD "EXPLODED" OUT OF THE PLUG. SHE HAD JUST PLUGGED IN THE 3-MONTH-OLD IRON TO A GROUNDED OUTLET WHEN SHE HEARD A POP/ ARCING SOUND & TOUCHED THE PLUG JUST AS THE END OF THE CORD "EXPLODED " OUT OF THE PLUG. SPARKS SPEWED OUT OF THE PLUG, WHICH STAYED IN OUTLET, FOR ABOUT 1-1/2 FEET FOR A COUPLE SECONDS. NO INJURIES. DAMAGE APPARENTLY LIMITED TO IRON.

Incident Date: 19880401 City: VACAVILLE State: CA

THE MOLDED RUBBER OF AN ELECTRICAL PLUG OF A DETACHABLE CORD FROM A NEAR-NEW PORTABLE OVEN-BROILER SHOWS SIGNS OF DEFORMATION AFTER ONLY OF SHORT TIME OF USE; OVERHEATING IS THE PROBABLE CAUSE. BOTH THE PLUG AND WALL OUTLET ARE SUSPECT; BOTH WERE COLLECTED AS SAMPLES.

Incident Date: 19880201 City: SAN MATEO State: CA

THE DETACHABLE ELECTRIC CORD TO AN ELECTRIC SKILLET BEGAN TO BURN AT THE PLUG-RECEPTACLE CONNECTION WITHIN 5 MINUTES OF ITS FIRST USE. THE HOMEOWNER HAD REPLACED AND DISCARDED THE RECEPTACLE PRIOR TO THE COMPLAINT.

Incident Date: 19880331 City: HONOLULU State: HI

CONSUMER REPORTS THAT SHE HAS AN ELECTRIC CLOCK WHICH SHE USES ON HER KITCHEN COUNTER. THE TWO PRONGED PLUG OF THE CLOCK EXUDES A STICKEY GREENISH FLUID. FORTUNATELY THE PLUG IS USED SO THAT THE FLUID FLOWS DOWN AWAY FROM THE PLUG. IF IT WERE USED OTHERWISE, THE LIQUID WOULD FLOW INTO THE RECEPTACLE.

Incident Date: 19871212 City: ROSLYN HEIGHT State: NY

A 75 YEAR OLD FEMALE WAS IN HER KITCHEN MAKING TOAST WITH HER TOASTER . SUDDENLY, FLAMES CAME FORTH FROM THE TOASTER. THE FLAMES EXTINGUISHED WHEN SHE PULLED THE PLUG FROM THE ELECTRICAL OUTLET. NO OCCURRED.

Incident Date: 19880310 City: MT. PROSPECT State: IL

A 2 YEAR OLD PORTABLE, ELECTRIC, SPACE HEATER WAS USED ONLY IN A BATHROOM WHILE SOMEONE WAS TAKING A SHOWER. THIS WAS DONE FOR 10-20 MINUTES AT A TIME. THE WOMAN WENT TO PULL THE POWER CORD PLUG FROM A WALL OUTLET. SHE FOUND THE POWER CORD WAS HOT AND OVERHEATED. SHE TURNED OFF THE SWITCH TO THE BATHROOM, AND REMOVED THE PLUG AND HEATER FROM THE BATHROOM. THERE WAS NO DAMAGE OR INJURY.

Incident Date: 19880406 City: IPSWICH State: MA

INCIDENT INVOLVED A MOBILE/FLOOR TYPE VACUUM CLEANER THAT STARTED TO EMIT SMOKE, AROUND THE PLUG, WHEN THE COMPLAINANT PLUGGED THE APPLIANCE CORD INTO THE WALL RECEPTACLE. NO INJURIES OR PROPERTY DAMAGE INVOLVED IN THIS ACCIDENT.



Incident Date: 19880301 City: PITTSBURGH State: PA

THE APPLIANCE CORD ON AN ELECTRIC IRON EMITTED A BURNING ODOR AND SPARKS WHILE IT WAS BEING PREHEATED BY THE COMPLAINANT. THE COMPLAINANT UNPLUGGED THE IRON FROM THE WALL OUTLET AND THE CONDITION WAS TERMINATED. DAMAGE WAS LIMITED TO A HOLE BURNED THROUGH THE APPLIANCE CORD.

Incident Date: 19880401 City: ATLANTA State: GA

A 30 CUP ELECTRIC COFFEE MAKER SOMETIMES FAILED TO HEAT UNTIL THE RECEPTACLE ON THE DETACHABLE CORD WAS JIGGLED. WHEN CURRENT BEGAN TO FLOW THERE WAS ARCING IN THE RECEPTACLE. THE COFFEE MAKER WAS USED IN A GOVERNMENT OFFICE. THERE WAS NO INJURY OR DAMAGE.

Incident Date: 19880118 City: BREMERTON State: WA

IN-LINE RESISTOR BOX ON TOUCH LAMP IS THE PROBABLE CAUSE OF FIRE IN RESIDENCE. ORIGIN OF FIRE WAS WALL AROUND OUTLET SERVING RESISTOR BOX/LAMP. PRONGS ON RESISTOR FUSED INTO WALL OUTLET. CIRCUIT BREAKER TRIPPED. NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19861115 City: BALA CYNWYD State: PA

A WALL RECEPTACLE, WITH A TOASTER OVEN AND A REFRIGERATOR PLUGGED INTO IT, OVERHEATED, RESULTING IN DAMAGE TO THE TOASTER OVEN AND THE BACK OF THE COUNTERTOP.

Incident Date: 19880331 City: NEW ORLEANS State: LA

THIS ON-SITE IDI INVOLVED A WINDOW AIR CONDITIONER APPLIANCE CORD PLUG/OUTLET CONNECTION FIRE THAT OCCURRED AT A FIRE STATION. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19871101 City: DUNWOODY State: GA

THE CORD PORTION OF AN ELECTRIC COFFEE MAKER GETS HOT NEAR THE AREA WHERE IT PLUGS INTO THE RECEPTACLE. ALSO, THE INDICATOR LIGHT DOES NOT ALWAYS GO OFF WHEN THE UNIT IS IN THE OFF POSITION. NO INJURIES HAVE BEEN INVOLVED.

Incident Date: 19880228 City: HICKORY PLAINS State: AR

A 21 YR. OLD VICTIM WAS USING A BORROWED MODEL 100 SPRAY WASHER ON HIS EMPLOYER'S FARM TO WASH A PICK-UP TRUCK. HE WAS ELECTROCUTED. THE EMPLOYER HAD ATTACHED JUMPER-WIRES FROM THE 3 PRONG POLARIZED MALE PLUG TO THE FEMALE RECEPTACLE TO MAKE IT COMPATIBLE. VICTIM WAS PRONOUNCED D.O.A. BY MEDI-EVAC PHYSICIAN. PRODUCT HAS BEEN CHECKED BY AN ELECTRICIAN WITH NO DEFECTS OR CURRENT LEAKAGE BEING DETECTED.

Incident Date: 19880411 City: HONOLULU State: HI

A CONSUMER NOTICED THAT THE RED LIGHT INDICATING "ON" ON THE MULTI OUTLET POWER CORD ATTACHED TO FREEZER WAS FLICKERING. SHE GRASPED THE PLUG OF THE CORD TO MAKE SURE IT WAS SECURE. AS SHE DID SO, SHE GOT AN ELECTRIC SHOCK. HER HUSBAND, USING PROTECTIVE GLOVES, UNPLUGGED THE CORD AND REPLACED IT WITH A SIMILAR MULTI OUTLET POWER CORD.

Incident Date: 19871015 City: TULSA State: OK

AIR CONDITIONER APPLIANCE CORD OVERHEATED & FUSED INTO THE RECEPTACLE IN WHICH IT WAS PLUGGED (THE APPLIANCE CORD). THIS INCIDENT WAS DISCOVERED ON ABOUT OCTOBER 15, 1987, WHEN THE CONSUMER WAS PREPARING TO STORE THE UNIT. NO FIRE OR INJURY OCCURRED.

Incident Date: 19880512 City: AVONDALE State: LA

THIS ON-SITE IDI INVOLVED A HAIR DRYER THAT WAS PLUGGED INTO A BATH- ROOM CABINET OUTLET. THE HAIR DRYER'S PLUG WOULD GET HOT TO THE TOUCH WHEN IN USE. THERE WAS NO SMOKE, SPARKS, FIRE OR INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19880101 City: ABITA SPRINGS State: LA

A 12-YEAR OLD ELECTRIC BLENDER MALFUNCTIONED WHEN THE APPLIANCE CORD EMITTED SPARKS WHEN PLUGGED INTO AN ELECTRICAL WALL OUTLET. THE BLENDER WOULD NOT OPERATE FOLLOWING THIS MALFUNCTION. NO FIRE OR IN- JURY OCCURRED.

Incident Date: 19880517 City: METAIRIE State: LA

THIS ON-SITE IDI INVOLVED 2 ELECTRIC PORTABLE SPACE HEATERS THAT WHEN PLUGGED INTO THE SAME WALL OUTLET (ONE AT A TIME), THE CORD AND PLUG WOULD BECOME VERY WARM TO THE TOUCH INDICATING AN OVERHEATING PROBLEM . THERE WAS NEVER A FIRE OR INJURY.

Incident Date: 19880513 City: AIEA State: HI

CONSUMER WAS USING HER UPRIGHT VACUUM CLEANER. SUDDENLY, SPARKS AND SMOKE CAME OUT A HOLE IN THE CORD. TURNED OFF THE VACUUM, DISCONNECTED THE PLUG FROM THE RECEPTACLE. DISCONTINUED USING IT.

Incident Date: 19880424 City: HONOLULU State: HI

A HOUSEWIFE WAS USING HER ELECTRIC SKILLET WITH THE TEMPERATURE CONTROL AT THE HIGHEST. AFTER ABOUT 1/2 TO 3/4 HR OF COOKING SHE SMELLED SOMETHING BURNING (NOT THE FOOD) SHE LOOKED AROUND AND SAW SOME SMOKE COMING OUT OF THE OUTLET WHERE HE SKILLET WAS PLUGGED IN. SHE UNPLUGGED THE SKILLET, FOUND THAT THE PLUG WAS HOT, USED A DISH- CLOTH TO PROTECT HER HANDS. CONTINUED COOKING ON THE REGULAR RANGE.

Incident Date: 19880430 City: AIEA State: HI

CONSUMER REPORTS THAT HER 2 YEAR OLD TOASTER/OVEN HAS A PLUG WHICH SPARKS WHEN INSERTED INTO THE KITCHEN COUNTER RECEPTACLE. PLUG ALSO SPARKS WHEN BEING WITHDRAWN FROM THE RECEPTACLE.

Incident Date: 19880426 City: HONOLULU State: HI

HAS A 2 SLICE POP UP TOASTER. PLUG GETS HOT AND SOMETIMES IT HAS TO BE JIGGLED OR REVERSED IN THE RECEPTACLE TO GET IT (TOASTER) TO WORK.

Incident Date: 19880518 City: NEW ORLEANS State: LA

THIS ON-SITE IDI INVOLVED AN OIL FILLED ELECTRIC SPACE HEATER WHOSE PLUG OVERHEATED AND BEGAN TO BURN WHILE PLUGGED INTO AN APPROXIMATE 40 YEAR OLD WALL OUTLET. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19880518 City: SAN JOSE State: CA

THE 19-YEAR-OLD FEMALE VICTIM RECEIVED BURNS TO HER RIGHT HAND WHEN AN ELECTRICAL WALL OUTLET "FLAMED UP" AS SHE ATTEMPTED TO PLUG IN THE CORD OF AN ELECTRIC BLENDER.

Incident Date: 19880515 City: DELTONA State: FL

THE PLUG END OF AN ELECTRIC COFFEE MAKER CORD SPARKED WHEN THE PLUG WAS INSERTED INTO THE WALL RECEPTACLE. THE MOLDED PLUG HAD SOME VISIBLE CRACKS IN IT. THE COFFEE MAKER WAS BEING USED AT A CHURCH GATHERING. THERE WERE NO INJURIES IN THIS INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19880508 City: DALLAS State: TX

AT APPROXIMATELY 3:30 A.M. ON MAY 8, 1988 A BRICK/FRAME HOUSE CAUGHT ON FIRE. IT CLAIMED THE LIFE OF AN ELEVEN (11) MONTH OLD FEMALE. A SHORTAGE IN A COLOR TELEVISION AND WALL OUTLET WAS STATED TO BE THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE. ALL OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS ESCAPED WITHOUT INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19880530 City: WINTER PARK State: FL

THE POWER CORD OF A TOASTER WAS PLUGGED INTO A KITCHEN WALL OUTLET AND EMITTED SPARKS AT THE POINT WHERE THE CORD ENTERS ITS PLUG. WHEN THE COMPLAINANT ATTEMPTED TO REMOVE THE CORD FROM THE OUTLET, THE CORD SEPARATED FROM THE PLUG. NO INJURIES ARE REPORTED.

Incident Date: 19880601 City: ST. PAUL State: MN

THE COMPLAINANT WAS USING A USED 8/9 YEAR OLD ELECTRIC PERCOLATOR IN THE KITCHEN OF HER APARTMENT. SHE SAID EVERY TIME SHE WOULD PLUG IN THE MALE PRONGS OF THE APPLIANCE CORD INTO THE WALL OUTLET, THERE WAS ELECTRICAL ARCING. SHE NOTED THAT THE MALE PLUG BODY WAS SPLIT. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19880501 City: ST. PAUL State: MN

THE COMPLAINANT HAD A ELECTRIC DRIP STYLE COFFEE MAKER PLUGGED INTO THE WALL OUTLET BEHIND THEIR KITCHEN COUNTER. AFTER BREWING A POT OF COFFEE, HER SON NOTICED THAT THE APPLIANCE CORD WAS WARM. CLOSER EXAMINATION SHOWED THAT THE APPLIANCE CORD WAS SPLIT NEAR THE POINT IT ENTERS THE MALE PLUG. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19880617 City: METAIRIE State: LA

THIS IDI INVOLVED A RESIDENTIAL FIRE THAT WAS ALLEGEDLY CAUSED BY A FAULTY WALL OUTLET INTO WHICH A WINDOW A/C UNIT WAS PLUGGED. THE FIRE WAS CONFINED TO THE LIVING ROOM WHERE THE A/C AND OUTLET WERE LOCATED. THE 18 YEAR OLD VICTIM THAT WAS IN THE HOUSE AT THE TIME OF THE FIRE DIED AS A RESULT OF BURNS AND SMOKE INHALATION.

Incident Date: 19840707 City: MIAMI State: FL

ON AFTERNOON OF 7/7/84 THE PLASTIC 2-PRONG PLUG OF A DETACHABLE APPLIANCE CORD OF AN 8 YEAR OLD ELECTRIC COUNTER-TOP BROILER OVER-HEATED, MELTED & SPARKED AT CONNECTION RECEPTACLE IN THE ROTISSERIE UNIT OF THE BROILER. ONLY THE PLUG OF THE DETACHABLE, UNATTACHED APPLIANCE CORD WAS DAMAGED DURING INCIDENT. THERE WERE NO INJURIES. INCIDENT WAS NOT REPORTED TO FIRE DEPARTMENT. THERE WERE NO FIRE DEPT. REPORTS OF INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19880706 City: ST. PAUL State: MN

THIS INVESTIGATION INVOLVED AN APARTMENT FIRE THAT CAUSED \$5,000 DAMAGE. FIRE OFFICIALS FEEL THE FIRE WAS CAUSED BY A FAULTY ELECTRICAL WALL RECEPTACLE (OUTLET) THAT SHORTED OUT. THIS CAUSED ELECTRICAL ARCING WHICH IGNITED NEARBY COMBUSTIBLES. THERE WERE NO INJURIES DURING THIS INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19880705 City: HONOLULU State: HI

A HOUSEWIFE STARTED TO COOK RICE IN HER ELECTRIC RICE COOKER. SHE PLUGGED THE COOKER INTO THE RECEPTACLE, PUT IN THE POT OF WASHED RICE AND PRESSED THE BUTTON TO ACTIVATE THE COOKER. IN A FEW SECONDS SHE HEARD A FIZZING NOISE AND SAW SPARKS AND SMOKE COMING OUT OF THE CORD AT THE BASE OF THE PLUG. SHE GRABBED A DISHCLOTH, SMOTHERED THE BURNING SPOT AND UNPLUGGED THE RICE COOKER. NO DAMAGE EXCEPT TO THE CORD.

Incident Date: 19880916 City: SOMERVILLE State: MA

A 33 YEAR OLD FEMALE WAS ELECTROCUTED WHILE IN PROCESS OF DRYING HER HAIR WITH A PORTABLE ELECTRIC HAIR DRYER. INVESTIGATORS BELIEVE THAT THE FATAL SHOCK CAME FROM THE FLUORESCENT FIXTURE NEXT TO THE MEDICINE CABINET. THE HAIR DRYER HAD BEEN PLUGGED INTO THE RECEPTACLE ON THE FIXTURE.

Incident Date: 19880627 City: YAPHANK State: NY

SMOKE CAME FROM A LIGHTED MAKE-UP MIRROR THAT WAS ON A TABLE IN A BATHROOM OF A HOUSE, WHILE ITS CORD WAS "PLUGGED" INTO AN ELECTRICAL WALL OUTLET. THE MIRROR LIGHTS WERE "ON". NO INJURIES OCCURRED.

Incident Date: 19880627 City: CASHTON State: WI

A 62 YEAR OLD WOMAN WAS WASHING HER HAIR WHILE STANDING IN A PORCELIN BATHTUB. SHE PULLED A TOWEL ON A NEARBY TABLE TOWARD HER, KNOCKING A HAIR DRYER ON THE TOWEL INTO THE BATH WATER. SHE SUFFERED AN ELECTRIC SHOCK. SHE CALLED HER SON. HE TOOK THE HAIR DRYER OUT OF THE WATER, AND UNPLUGGED IT FROM ELECTRIC OUTLET IN THE MIRROR FIXTURE. THE DRYER WAS OFF. THE VICTIM WAS HOSPITALIZED OVERNIGHT. NO PERMANANT DAMAGE. THE DRYER WAS THROWN OUT.

Incident Date: 19880601 City: COLLEGE PARK State: GA

AS A COMPLAINANT PLUGGED AN ELECTRIC COFFEE MAKER INTO A RECEPTACLE IN THE KITCHEN AT HER HOME, FLAMES AND SPARKS CAME FROM THE AREA OF THE PLUG AND THE RECEPTACLE. NO INJURIES WERE INVOLVED.

Incident Date: 19880427 City: MARIETTA State: GA

AFTER THE COMPLAINANT OPERATED HER VACUUM CLEANER FOR APPROXIMATELY 10 MINUTES, THE CORD OVERHEATED, ARCING AND SMOKE WERE EMITTED FROM THE JUNCTURE OF THE RECEPTACLE OUTLET AND CORDS PLUG, & THE UNIT CUT OFF. THE INCIDENT OCCURRED IN THE FAMILY ROOM OF THE COMPLAINANT'S HOME. NO INJURIES WERE SUSTAINED.

Incident Date: 19880722 City: CHEEKTOWAGA State: NY

NO INJURIES OR DAMAGES ARE INVOLVED AS THE RESULT OF POSSIBLE ELECTRICAL PROBLEMS IN THE POWER CORDS OF TWO HAIR DRYERS. ONE HAIR DRYER OPERATED INTERMITTENTLY WHEN THE POWER CORD WAS WIGGLED, & THE OTHER WAS TAKEN OUT OF USE WHEN ELECTRICAL ARCING WAS OBSERVED. BOTH HAIR DRYERS WERE USED WITH A GROUND FAULT CIRCUIT INTERRUPTER WALL RECEPTACLE WHICH DID NOT TRIP WHEN THE PROBLEMS WITH THE HAIR DRYERS WERE NOTED.

Incident Date: 19880707 City: NEW YORK State: NY

A 37 YEAR OLD FEMALE IN-PATIENT IN A HOSPITAL PSYCHIATRIC WARD INTENTIONALLY SWALLOWED A CUPFULL OF TOILET BOWL CLEANER BEING USED TO CLEAN IN THE WARD AND IS BEING TREATED FOR A GASTRIC OUTLET OBSTRUCTION.

Incident Date: 19870901 City: FOREST PARK State: GA

AN ELECTRIC BROILER-FRYER FAILED TO OPERATE WHEN PLUGGED INTO THE RECEPTACLE. THE FAILURE POINT IS BELIEVED TO BE DEFECTIVE CORD AND ELECTRIC CONTROL MECHANISM ATTACHED TO THE CORD. THE ORIGINAL PLUG WHICH INSERTS INTO THE RECEPTACLE HAS BEEN REPLACED. NO INJURIES WERE INVOLVED.

Incident Date: 19880719 City: JACKSONVILLE State: FL

A 19 YEAR OLD MALE WAS ELECTROCUTED WHILE HANDLING A WEED CUTTER PLUGGED INTO A DEFECTIVE OUTDOOR ELECTRICAL RECEPTACLE AT HIS HOME. THE VICTIM WAS WORKING IN HIS GARDEN WITH THE WEED CUTTER WHICH WAS PLUGGED INTO AN EXTENSION CORD, THAT PLUGGED INTO THE OUTDOOR RECEPTACLE. THE NEUTRAL WIRE ON THE RECEPTACLE WAS "HOT".

Incident Date: 19880726 City: FURLONG State: PA

POWER BAR/SURGE SUPPRESSOR SHORTED IN ELECTRICAL STORM TRIPPING HOME CIRCUIT BREAKER. COMPLAINANT'S HUSBAND LOOKED INSIDE & OBSERVED THAT NOT ALL OUTLETS WERE GROUNDED. CONSIDERS PRODUCT HAZARDOUS.

Incident Date: 19880808 City: TEANECK State: NJ

A NINE YEAR OLD FEMALE WAS UNWRAPPING AN ELECTRICAL CORD FROM A RADIO ON A KITCHEN COUNTER. AS SHE DID THIS SPARKING OCCURRED WHICH RESULTED IN A MINOR BURN ON HER RIGHT HAND AND SCORCHING OF THE RADIO, A TOASTER OVEN, AND ELECTRICAL OUTLET.

Incident Date: 19880601 City: MARIETTA State: GA

COMPLAINANT REPORTED THAT SPARKS EMANATED FROM THE PLUG OF THE ELECTRICAL CORD ATTACHED TO HER VACUUM CLEANER WHILE THE PRODUCT WAS PLUGGED INTO AN OUTLET IN THE LIVING ROOM OF HER HOME. NO INJURIES WERE INVOLVED IN THE INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19880801 City: WARREN State: MI

A 9 YEAR OLD MALE PLUGGED IN AN ELECTRIC LAMP IN HIS GARAGE OUTLET & THEN ATTEMPTED TO SECURE THE LAMP INTO THE GROUND VIA A STAKE (LAMP IS EQUIPPED WITH THIS FEATURE). WHEN HE DID THIS, HE PUSHED THE STAKE INTO THE GROUND AND MADE CONTACT WITH UNPROTECTED WIRES THAT LEAD FROM A BACKYARD POOL TO THE GARAGE. THE VICTIM WAS ELECTROCUTED . THE POLICE DEPARTMENT EXAMINED THE LAMP AND DETERMINED THAT NO PRODUCT DEFECT EXISTED WITH THE PRODUCT.

Incident Date: 19880806 City: TRENTON State: NJ

AN APPLIANCE CORD TO AN AIR CONDITIONER MOUNTED IN A BEDROOM WALL OF A DUPLEX SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING SUDDENLY EMITTED FLAMES SCORCHING THE WALL PANELING. THE 15 AMP CIRCUIT BREAKER TRIPPED & THE FLAMES SELF EXTINGUISHED. DAMAGE WAS CONFINED TO THE AREA AROUND THE WALL RECEPTACLE. REPORTEDLY THE FLAMES WERE "TO" FROM THE PLUG END OF THE CORD. NO INJURIES RESULTED. A CORD REMNANT AND THE RECEPTACLE WERE COLLECTED AS A SAMPLE.

Incident Date: 19880730 City: HADLEY State: MI

A PORTABLE FAN AND A RADIO WERE PLUGGED INT THE SAME OUTLET IN THE CONSUMER'S HOME. WHILE THE FAN WAS PLUGGED IN FOR AN UNKNOWN PERIOD OF TIME, THERE WAS A RESULTING FIRE AROUND THE UTLET AREA. THERE WERE NO INJURIES AND DOLLAR LOSS WAS ESTIMATED AT \$6,000. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT STATED THAT THERE WAS AN ELECTRICAL OVERLOAD, BUT CANNOT BE CERTAIN THAT THE FIRE WAS DUE TO THE FAN. THE CONSUMER STATED THAT THE FAN BEGAN HUMMING PREVIOUSLY BEFORE THE DATE OF THE INCIDENT .

Incident Date: 19880729 City: SAN JOSE State: CA

THE COMPLAINANT PURCHASED A RECHARGEABLE FLASHLIGHT-POWER INDICATOR. FOLLOWING THE INSTRUCTIONS, THE UNIT WAS PLUGGED INTO A WALL ELECTRICAL OUTLET FOR APPROXIMATELY 10 HOURS. WHEN THE COMPLAINANT A ROSE IN THE MORNING THE CIRCUIT BREAKER FOR THE WALL OUTLET HAD TRIPPED AND THERE WERE BURN STREAKS ON THE WALL OUTLET AND THE RECHARGEABLE DEVICE. THE DEVICE IS NOT USABLE AND THE WALL WILL REQUIRE PAINTING.

Incident Date: 19880829 City: LORAIN State: OH

AN EMERGENCY POWER FAILURE LIGHT OVERHEATED AND BEGAN TO EMIT SMOKE WHILE CONNECTED TO THE HOME POWER OUTLET. NO DAMAGE TO OTHER THAN THE LIGHT ITSELF, NO INJURY. INCIDENT WAS REPORTED TO THE LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENT WHO REFERED IT TO THE COMMISSION.

Incident Date: 19880916 City: CRESCENT State: OK

A CONSUMER PLUGGED A RECHARGEABLE FLASHLIGHT IN A WALL OUTLET FOR RECHARGING. THE FLASHLIGHT HAD BEEN PLUGGED IN FOR APPROXIMATELY 12 HOURS WHEN THE CONSUMER NOTICED SMOKE COMING FROM THE FLASHLIGHT AND A BURNING SMELL. THE PRODUCT WAS IMMEDIATELY UNPLUGGED. THERE WAS NO PROPERTY OR PHYSICAL DAMAGE SUSTAINED.

Incident Date: 19880101 City: BELLEVUE State: WA

A PERSON WHO REFUSED TO IDENTIFY HERSELF CONTACTED A LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENT TO COMPLAIN ABOUT A SAFETY FURNACE (PORTABLE ELECTRIC HEATER) PURCHASED AT A TRUE VALUE HARDWARD STORE. THE CALLER TOLD THE FIRE MARSHAL THAT THE CORD BECAME HOT AND HAD TO BE UNPLUGGED FROM THE ELECTRICAL OUTLET.

Incident Date: 19880331 City: TORRANCE State: CA

A 37 YEAR OLD FEMALE WAS FOUND NUDE IN HER BATHTUB IN 1/2 INCH OF WATER. A PORTABLE ELECTRIC HAIR DRYER, STILL PLUGGED INTO A WALL OUTLET, WAS FOUND IN THE TUB WITH THE VICTIM. THE VICTIM WAS ELECTROCUTED, HER DEATH WAS ATTRIBUTED TO SELF-DESTRUCTIVE BEHAVIOR.

Incident Date: 19880901 City: YREKA State: CA

CONSUMER USES NUMEROUS EXTENSION CORDS WITH MULTIPLE RECEPTACLES IN HER HOME. SHE HAS EXAMINED THE INTERNAL WIRING OF TWO MODELS. THESE HAVE GROUND WIRES THAT TERMINATE ON THE INSIDE OF THE METAL CASE CONTAINING THREE DUPLEX RECEPTACLES. THIS IS CONSIDERED INADEQUATE GROUNDING BY THE CONSUMER. NO INCIDENT OCCURRED.

Incident Date: 19881023 City: JOLIET State: IL

A COMBINATION AIR-CONDITIONING/HEATING UNIT WAS THE ORIGIN OF A FIRE IN A NURSING HOME. EXAMINATION OF THE UNIT BY A CONSULTING ENGINEER FOUND THAT A CONNECTION OR SPLICE HAD BEEN MADE UP IN THE UNIT'S POWER CORD TO A PIGTAIL IN A CORD TO THE RECEPTACLE THE UNIT WAS PLUGGED INTO. THE SPLICE WAS POORLY MADE AND EVENTUALLY OVERHEATED IGNITING PLASTIC TRIM ON THE FRONT OF THE UNIT. NO INJURIES OCCURED.

Incident Date: 19881222 City: BELLWOOD State: IL

AN ELECTRIC MALFUNCTION IN AN ELECTRIC WALL OUTLET OR A TELEVISION SET CAUSED A BASEMENT FIRE IN A BRICK BUNGALOW HOME. WALL PANELING CAUGHT FIRE, GIVING OFF LOTS OF SMOKE. THE CEILING CAUGHT FIRE, SENDING SMOKE UPSTAIRS. 3 CHILDREN (14 MO.,3 YRS, 4 YRS) DIED OF SMOKE INHALATION. THE GRAND FATHER ESCAPED. DAMAGE TO THE HOUSE AND CONTENTS WAS ABOUT \$70,000.

Incident Date: 19881215 City: SAN FRANCISCO State: CA

THE COMPLAINANT SAW A 1' HIGH FLAME COMING FROM HER STEREO TURNER/ AMPLIFIER. SHE THEN REMOVED THE POWER CORD FROM THE WALL OUTLET AND PLACED AN ALBUM COVER OVER THE TUNER/AMPLIFIER TO EXTINGUISH THE FLAME. A VISUAL EXAMINATION OF THE AMPLIFIER THROUGH THE TOP METAL CASE (VENTILATING SCREEN) REVEALED A BURNT OUT RESISTOR. THE INCIDENT OCCURRED IN THE COMPLAINANT'S APARTMENT.

Incident Date: 19881224 City: DE PERE State: WI

A PLASMA F/X LIGHT BURST INTO FLAMES AND THREW OFF SPARKS WHEN IT WAS TURNED ON. NO INJURIES OCCURED, HOWEVER, THE RECEPTACLE AND SURROUNDING KITCHEN AREA WAS BURNT.

Incident Date: 19890113 City: WEST WARWICK State: RI

A ONE WEEK OLD ELECTRIC BLANKET WHICH WAS PLUGGED INTO AN ELECTRICAL RECEPTACLE WITH IT'S OFF-ON SWITCH IN THE OFF POSITION, BEGAN TO SMOLDER AND BURNED AN 8" DIAMETER HOLE IN A BOX SPRING AND MATTRESS. NO INJURIES RESULTED FROM THIS ACCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19890222 City: ABERDEEN State: SD

THE 6 YEAR OLD FEMALE VICTIM WAS ALONE IN BATHROOM TAKING A BATH IN A BATHTUB FILLED WITH 3 TO 4 INCHES OF WATER. WHILE STILL WET SHE REACHED OUT TO TAKE A GUN TYPE ELECTRIC DRYER IN HER HAND (DRYER WAS PLUGGED INTO ELECTRICAL OUTLET ABOVE SINK-HAD NON POLARIZED 2 PRONG PLUG). SHE RECEIVED ELECTRICAL SHOCK FROM THE HAIR DRYER IN HER HAND THROUGH HER BODY AND OUT FROM THE TOP OF HER RIGHT FOOT. HER MOTHER WENT TO THE BATHROOM TO REMOVE THE VICTIM FROM THE BATHTUB & RECEIVED A SHOCK WHILE REMOVING THE VICTIM FROM THE TUB. EMT'S WERE CALLED ON 911 PHONE AND TOOK VICTIM TO HOSPITAL.

Incident Date: 19881229 City: SPRINGFIELD State: TN

COMPLAINANT RECEIVED A SMALL, DESK AQUARIUM AS A GIFT. APPROXIMATELY TWO HOURS AFTER INITIAL SET UP THE COMPLAINANT SMELLED SMOKE AND DISCOVERED THE POWER CORD HAD BURNT THROUGH, THE LIGHT FIXTURE FOR THE AQUARIUM HAD MELTED, AND THE ELECTRICAL OUTLET WHERE THE AQUARIUM WAS PLUGGED IN HAD MELTED.

Incident Date: 19890117 City: ANCHORAGE State: AK

ELECTRONIC, CORDLESS STEAM IRON WITH AUTOMATIC SHUT-OFF OVERHEATED WHEN IRON WAS LEFT PLUGGED INTO POWER BASE WHICH WAS PLUGGED INTO WALL OUTLET. POWER BASE WAS TURNED OFF. SOLEPLATE OF IRON IS BLISTERED AND WARPED FROM EXCESSIVE HEAT.

Incident Date: 19890126 City: BALTIMORE State: MD

WHILE ATTEMPTING TO RECONNECT THE POWER SUPPLY PLUG OF THE THERMOSTAT-ACTIVATED FAN CONTROLLER INTO AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET, COMPLAINANT CLAIMS THAT ELECTRIC CURRENT ARCHED FROM HIS RIGHT HAND FOREFINGER TO THE STOVE-STAT POWER PLUG, GIVING THE COMPLAINANT A SEVERE SHOCK.

Incident Date: 19890209 City: TEANECK State: NJ

A FIRE ORIGINATED IN THE ELECTRICAL WALL OUTLET OF A 2ND FLOOR BED- ROOM OF A HOUSE. A PORTABLE ELECTRIC BASEBOARD HEATER WAS PLUGGED INTO THE ELECTRICAL WALL RECEPTACLE OUTLET. TWO ADULT MALES WERE IN THE FIRST FLOOR LIVING ROOM. THE FIRE WAS DUE TO AN ARCING GROUND FAULT IN THE ELECTRICAL WALL RECEPTACLE OUTLET. NO INJURIES OCCURRED .

Incident Date: 19890225 City: ALBANY State: LA

A FIRE IN TEN-YEAR-OLD SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING ALMOST TOTALLY DESTROYED THE HOUSE. THE FIRE STARTED IN A CORNER OF THE LIVING ROOM NEAR A WALL RECEPTACLE AND TABLE LAMP. BOTH WERE TOTALLY DESTROYED; THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19890101 City: NEW FAIRFIELD State: CT

A TELEVISION, VCR, AND CABLE BOX WERE PLUGGED IN TO A SURGE PROTECTOR THAT WAS PURCHASED IN 11/88. THE TV BEGAN TURNING OFF AND ON, AND THE COMPLAINANT NOTICED SMOKE COMING FROM THE OUTLET. THERE WERE NO INJURIES, AND NO DAMAGES OTHER THAN TO THE TV CORD AND PLUG.



Incident Date: 19890420 City: NORCROSS State: GA

THIS WAS A NON-INJURY SITUATION INVOLVING A RECHARGEABLE FLASHLIGHT THAT APPARENTLY SHORTED OUT AND EMITTED SMOKE FROM ITS CIRCUIT BOARD WHILE PLUGGED INTO A WALL OUTLET. THE INCIDENT HAPPENED IN AN OFFICE BUILDING AFTER AN EMPLOYEE BACKED HIS CHAIR AGAINST THE RECHARGEABLE FLASHLIGHT.

Incident Date: 19890118 City: MCCOLL State: SC

AN 11 MONTH OLD MALE DIED OF SMOKE INHALTION AND THERMAL BURNS WHEN AN ELECTRICAL RECEPTACLE FIRE IGNITED HIS CRIB BEDDING. THE FIRE OCCURRED IN THE VICTIM'S BEDROOM. HIS 29 YEAR OLD MOTHER AND 32 YEAR OLD FATHER RECEIVED 1ST AND 2ND DEGREE BURNS TO THEIR HANDS AND FEET WHILE RESCUING THE VICTIM.

Incident Date: 19890623 City: HOUSTON State: TX

A MOTHER OF AN ELEVEN MONTH OLD FEMALE SENT IN A CONSUMER COMPLAINT STATING SHE PURCHASED A CHILD'S ELECTRICAL PROTECTION KIT CONTAINING ELECTRICAL RECEPTACLE SHOCK GUARDS THAT WERE EASILY REMOVED BY HER DAUGHTER. NO ACCIDENT OR INJURED OCCURED.

Incident Date: 19881115 City: LACROSSE State: WI

IN NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER, 1988, TWO MINOR FIRE INCIDENTS OCCURRED IN AN ENGINEERING OFFICE WHERE PERSONAL COMPUTER EQUIPMENT WAS PLUGGED INTO 120 VOLT MULTI-OUTLET STRIPS EQUIPPED WITH CIRCUIT BREAKERS. IN BOTH CASES, THE OUTLET STRIPS MELTED, BUT THERE WAS NO OTHER DAMAGE. UNDERWRITERS LABORATORIES EXAMINED ONE OF THE UNITS AND REPORTED THAT CONSTRUCTION HAD BEEN ALTERED BY THE MANUFACTURER WITHOUT THEIR CONCURRENCE.

Incident Date: 19890706 City: CHICAGO State: IL

A NEW WALL-MOUNTED, 3 SPEED, OSCILLATING, ELECTRIC FAN WITH A 16" PROPELLER WAS USED FOR 6 MONTHS TO CIRCULATE THE AIR IN A WAREHOUSE/ ASSEMBLY ROOM. IT WAS USED ON TWO SHIFTS DAILY. IT WAS MOUNT ON A PILLAR, PLUGGED INTO A WALL OUTLET. AT 1631 ON 7-6-89, AN EMPLOYEE NOTICED THE FAN BURNING. COMPANY EMPLOYEES PUT OUT THE FIRE, NOTHING BUT THE FAN WAS DAMAGED. NO ONE WAS INJURED. THIS UNIT AND A NEW, SIMILAR UNIT WAS TAKEN AS SAMPLE K-830-2254.

Incident Date: 19890712 City: BATON ROUGE State: LA

THIS TELEPHONE/MAIL IDI INVOLVED AN ELECTRICAL FIRE AT A RETAIL FAST FOOD ESTABLISHMENT THAT WAS ALLEGEDLY CAUSED BY A SHORT WHERE THE WINDOW A/C UNIT PLUGGED INTO A GROUNDED WALL OUTLET. THE BUILDING WAS UNOCCUPIED AT THE TIME OF THE FIRE AND THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19890725 City: WASHINGTON State: DC

A PLASTIC FILTER TUBE FROM A FISH TANK IN A YOUTH ACADEMY WAS LEAKING WATER ON AN ELECTRICAL EXTENSION BOX. A 6 YEAR OLD MALE CHASED A BALL THAT WENT UNDER A CAST IRON RADIATOR NEAR THESE PRODUCTS. HIS FACE TOUCHED THE RADIATOR WHILE HIS ARM TOUCHED THE EXTENSION OUTLET BOX. HIS BODY COMPLETED AN ELECTRICAL CIRCUIT AND HE DIED OF ELECTROCUTION.

Incident Date: 19890719 City: NATCHITOCHEs State: LA

THIS TELEPHONE IDI INVOLVED A RESIDENTIAL FIRE THAT WAS SUSPECTED OF BEING CAUSED BY AN ELECTRIC IRON THAT WAS LEFT PLUGGED INTO A WALL OUTLET. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19890801 City: ROME State: NY

AN ELECTRIC COFFEE MAKER THAT WAS STANDING ON A CART IN A SCHOOL STORAGE ROOM CAUGHT FIRE WHILE ITS CORD WAS PLUGGED INTO AN ELECTRIC WALL OUTLET. THE FIRE WAS CAUSED BY A "SHORT CIRCUIT" IN THE COFFEE MAKER WHILE IT WAS MAKING COFFEE. THERE WERE NO INJURIES TO THE FOUR ADULTS IN THE ADJACENT OFFICE.

Incident Date: 19890730 City: ST. LOUIS State: MO

A MAN HAD AWAKENED FROM HIS SLEEP, SMELLED SMOKE, AND NOTICED THAT IT WAS COMING FROM HIS SONS' BEDROOM. UPON ENTERING HIS SONS' BEDROOM, HE OBSERVED THE SMOKE COMING FROM A MULTIPLE POWER STRIP WITH AN AIR CONDITIONER PLUGGED INTO IT. HE UNPLUGGED THE SEVEN OUTLET POWER STRIP FROM THE WALL AND TOOK HIS SON, WHO WAS SLEEP DOWNSTAIRS.

Incident Date: 19890725 City: FALLSINGTON State: PA

WHILE SKATEBOARDING IN HER FAMILY'S GARAGE, AN 9 YEAR OLD FEMALE RECEIVED A FATAL ELECTRICAL SHOCK WHEN SHE RAN OVER SEVERAL THREE PRONG APPLIANCE CORDS WHICH WERE CONNECTED TO A TWO PRONG CORD ATTACHED TO A MULTI-PLUG OUTLET. THE MULTI-PLUG SWITCH WAS FOUND TRIPPED.

Incident Date: 19890824 City: GLENWOOD State: AR

THE 12 MONTH OLD MALE VICTIM INCURRED 2ND DEGREE BURNS ON HIS LEFT LEG AND SUFFERED FROM SMOKE INHALATION WHEN A FIRE STARTED IN AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET BESIDE HIS BED, THE VICTIM WAS TAKEN TO THE HOSPITAL, TREATED FOR THE BURN AND GIVEN OXYGEN BECAUSE OF THE SMOKE INHALATION AND WAS RELEASED. HE HAS FULLY RECOVERED.

Incident Date: 19890911 City: MADISON State: WI

VICTIM WAS OPERATING HIS ELECTRIC WALK BEHIND ROTARY MOWER WHICH WAS CONNECTED BY A 100 FOOT LONG EXTENSION CORD IN TO THE OUTLET (ELECTRICAL) IN THE GARAGE. HE WAS CUTTING GRASS IN THE REAR YARD WHICH HAD A HILLY SLOPE WITH BOULDERS AND BUSHES. HE HAD PUSHED THE WALK-BEHIND MOWER TO THE TOP OF THE HILLY SLOPE AND WAS THEN PULLING THE MOWER BACKWARD DOWN THE SLOPE. THE REAR WHEEL OF THE MOWER HIT A BOULDER IN THE LAWN AND RAISED THE ENTIRE MOWER DECK UPWARD EXPOSING THE MOVING BLADE. THE MOWER DECK THEN CAME DOWN WARD ONTO THE TOP OF VICTIM'S RIGHT FOOT RESULTING IN A FRACTURE TO THE VICTIM'S RIGHT BIG TOE.

Incident Date: 19890706 City: WINONA State: MN

A 12 YR OLD FEMALE GOT HER SHOULDER LENGTH HAIR ENTANGLED IN THE WATER INTAKE SCREEN OF A PORTABLE WHIRLPOOL BATH WHEN SHE LEANED BACK IN THE TUB NEXT TO THE DEVICE. IN HER STRUGGLE TO GET LOOSE, SHE DISLODGED THE DEVICE FROM THE SIDE OF THE TUB AND IT FELL TO THE FLOOR, PULLING HER OUT OF THE TUB. SHE CRAWLED TO THE WALL OUTLET AND PULLED THE PLUG. HER HAIR HAD TO BE CUT TO DISENGAGE HER FROM THE DEVICE. THERE WAS NO INJURY.

Incident Date: 19890930 City: BALTIMORE State: MD

THE VICTIM, A 32 YR. OLD FEMALE, WAS USING LIQUID SANDPAPER AND STEEL WOOL TO WIPE DOWN THE KITCHEN WALLS WHEN SOME OF THE LIQUID SANDPAPER DRIPPED INTO THE ELECTRICAL OUTLET ON THE WALL CAUSING A FLASH FIRE/ EXPLOSION. VICTIM WAS TREATED AT THE REPORTING HOSPITAL FOR SMOKE INHALATION AND WAS RELEASED.

Incident Date: 19891012 City: PHILA State: PA

A 49 YEAR OLD FEMALE RECEIVED A NON-FATAL ELECTRIC SHOCK FROM A TOASTER OVEN WHILE SHE WAS WIPING IT WITH A DAMP CLOTH, USING HER RIGHT HAND. THE TOASTER OVEN WAS PLUGGED INTO A WALL RECEPTACLE. THE VICTIM HAD HER LEFT HAND LAYING ON A GAS STOVE LOCATED NEXT TO THE TOASTER OVEN.

Incident Date: 19891004 City: CHICAGO State: IL

VICTIM WAS IN HOTEL RESIDENCE APARTMENT AND HAD OSCILLATING FAN PLUGGED INTO ELECTRICAL OUTLET. FAN WAS RUNNING AT HIGH SPEED SETTING AND WAS SET ON A TABLE. A SPARK CAME FROM THE FAN AND IGNITED HER HAIR, SHE TRIED TO PUT OUT BURNING HAIR WITH WATER. FIRE DEPARTMENT PARAMEDICS (AMBULANCE) TOOK VICTIM TO HOSPITAL. SHE WAS HOSPITALIZED, BUT IS NOW OUT AND RECOVERING OK. NO FIRE TRUCKS RESPONDED TO CALL AND NO PROPERTY DAMAGE WAS DONE.

Incident Date: 19891011 City: N. FT. MYERS State: FL

A 42-YEAR OLD MALE DIED AND HIS FIANCEE RECEIVED MINOR PHYSICAL INJURIES ON 10/11/89 AT APPROXIMATELY 9:00 AM WHEN THEY RECEIVED ELECTRIC SHOCKS WHEN THEY TOUCHED THE CHARGED FRAME OF A CAMPER TRAILER. THIS WAS CAUSED BY A SHORT IN AN OLD AIR CONDITIONER BOLTED /INSTALLED IN A WINDOW OF THE TRAILER. ELECTRICITY TO THE TRAILER AND AIR CONDITIONER WAS PROVIDED BY AN EXTENSION CORD CONNECTED TO THE TRAILER AND AN UNGROUNDED 110-VOLT ELECTRICAL OUTLET IN AN ADJACENT GARAGE.

Incident Date: 19891013 City: PHILA State: PA

A RECONDITIONED WASHER CAUSED AN ELECTRIC SHOCK. THE WASHER HAD A THREE PRONGED PLUG WHILE THE APARTMENT HAD A TWO PRONGED OUTLET, THUS NO GROUND WIRE WAS IN USE.

Incident Date: 19891014 City: ROBINSON State: IL

A 65 YEAR OLD FEMALE VICTIM DIED FROM ELECTROCUTION WHEN HER PORTABLE ELECTRIC SPACE HEATER FELL INTO HER BATH WATER WHILE SHE WAS BATHING. VICTIM HAD PLACED THE HEATER ON THE ALUMINUM SHOWER DOOR TRACK OF HER BATH TUB AND POSITIONED THE SHOWER DOOR AGAINST IT TO HOLD IT IN PLACE WHILE SHE ATTEMPTED TO TAKE A BATH. THE VICTIM WAS FOUND BY HER SON, FLOATING IN THE BATH WATER FACE DOWN ALONG WITH THE HEATER. THE HEATER WAS STILL PLUGGED INTO A WALL OUTLET AND IN THE "ON" POSITION.

Incident Date: 19890828 City: ROCKWELL State: NC

A 53-YEAR-OLD WOMAN WAS ELECTROCUTED IN HER BACKYARD WHEN SHE TOUCHED ELECTRICALLY CHARGED GUY WIRES FROM AN ANTENNA. THE GUY WIRES WERE ELECTRICALLY CHARGED BECAUSE OF DAMAGE TO A GROUND WIRE IN A RECEPTACLE STRIP. THE CURRENT WAS COMING FROM A BASE STATION AMPLIFIER.

Incident Date: 19891113 City: SKANEATELES State: NY

THE COMPLAINANT INVESTIGATED INVOLVES A ELECTRIC TOASTER OVEN BROILER THAT SHORTED OUT AT THE RECEPTACLE PLUG WHILE BEING PLUGGED INTO THE WALL RECEPTACLE. THE COMPLAINANT WAS ATTEMPTING TO PLUG IN THE POLARIZED RECEPTACLE PLUG WHEN THE REAR OF THE PLUG BEGINS TO SPARK AND SMOLDER. THE ELECTRICAL SHORT CAUSED THE GROUND FAULT CIRCUIT INTERRUPTER TO TRIP AND TURN OFF THE ELECTRIC POWER IN THE RECEPTACLE . NO INJURIES WERE CAUSED BY THE INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19891025 City: BIG FLATS State: WI

AN ACCUMULATION OF SEWER GAS IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN THE FUEL WHICH CAUSED AN EXPLOSION IN A BASEMENT OF A RESIDENCE. THE BASEMENT WAS BELOW A LEAN-TO ATTACHED TO A TRAILER HOME WHICH HAD BEEN CLOSED UP FOR A PERIOD OF TIME. THE GAS IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN IGNITED BY A SPARK WHICH OCCURRED AS A 40 YEAR OLD MALE IN THE BASEMENT PLUGGED AN ELECTRIC WATER PUMP INTO AN OUTLET. THE EXPLOSION LEFT THE 40 YEAR OLD MALE IN CRITICAL CONDITION. NEWSPAPER ACCOUNTS TELLING OF AN LP EXPLOSION ARE FAULTY.

Incident Date: 19891110 City: NOXEN State: PA

A TRAILER, HOUSE TYPE WAS COMPLETELY DESTROYED DURING A FIRE WHICH APPARENTLY STARTED NEAR A DISHWASHER, BELIEVED TO HAVE HAD FAULTY WIRING LEADING FROM THE ELECTRICAL OUTLET. NO MAKE, MODEL NOR SERIAL NUMBER OF THE DISHWASHER WAS OBTAINED DURING THE INVESTIGATION BY THE STATE POLICE. NO DEATHS NOR INJURIES ARE ASSOCIATED WITH THIS INVESTIGATION.

Incident Date: 19891212 City: MONTICELLO State: MN

A FIRE OCCURRED AT A DUPLEX OUTLET IN THE LIVINGROOM OF A 70 YEAR OLD FARMHOUSE AT 5:30 AM. A 1500 WATT OIL FILLED ELECTRIC PORTABLE HEATER WAS PLUGGED INTO THE OUTLET AND HAD BEEN OPERATING CONTINUOUSLY AT MAX. SETTINGS FOR 23 HOURS. THE RECEPTACLE AND HEATER POWER PLUG WERE PARTIALLY MELTED. THERE WERE NO INJURIES AND PROPERTY DAMAGE IS ESTIMATED AT ABOUT \$25.00. THE HEATER AND THE RECEPTACLE WERE COLLECTED AS L-830-8512.

Incident Date: 19891214 City: ROANOKE State: VA

FOUR ELDERLY RESIDENTS DIED AND 12 OTHERS WERE SERIOUSLY INJURED IN A FIRE THAT TOOK PLACE AT A SIX STORY BUILDING THAT HOUSED SENIOR IMPAIRED CITIZENS. THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE WAS ATTRIBUTED TO OVER- LOADED EXTENSION CORDS AND OUTLETS IN THE ROOM OF ONE OF THE FACILITY RESIDENTS.

Incident Date: 19891215 City: IOWA CITY State: IA

A WOMAN WAS USING A HAIRDRYER ABOUT 3 YEARS OLD IN THE BATHROOM. SPARKS BEGAN TO COME OUT OF THE DRYER'S BODY. THE WOMAN PUT THE DRYER ON THE VANITY TABLE, AND WENT TO PULL THE PLUG FROM THE WALL OUTLET. THE HAIRDRYER THEN BURST INTO FLAMES, STARTING THE WALL ON FIRE. THE OWNERS POURED WATER ON THE FIRE, AND PUT IT OUT. NO ONE WAS INJURED. NO FIREMEN WERE CALLED.

Incident Date: 19891216 City: MIAMI State: FL

ON 12/16/89 A 5-YEAR OLD FEMALE CHILD WAS TAKING A BATH UNATTENDED IN THE BATHTUB/SHOWER IN A BATHROOM AT HER HOUSE. WHEN THE MAID CAME LATER TO CHECK ON THE CHILD, SHE FOUND THE VICTIM UNDERWATER AND UNRESPONSIVE WITH AN ELECTRIC HAND-HELD HAIRDRYER IN THE TUB THAT WAS PLUGGED INTO A WALL OUTLET ON A WALL NEXT TO THE SINK ACROSS THE ROOM . MEDICAL EXAMINER'S REVIEW DETERMINED THE CAUSE OF DEATH TO BE ACCIDENTAL ELECTROCUTION.

Incident Date: 19890822 City: WICHITA State: KS

46 YEAR OLD MALE RECEIVED ELECTRICAL SHOCK FROM METAL CASED 15-20 YEAR OLD ELECTRIC DRILL PLUGGED INTO AN ELECTRICAL PORTABLE OUTLET CENTER. NO PERMANENT INJURY OCCURRED. VICTIM IS AN ELECTRICAL ENGINEER. HE CHECKED THE OUTLET CENTER WITH A VOLT-OHM METER AND DETERMINED GROUND AND "HOT" WIRES HAD BEEN REVERSED MAKING THE DRILL CASE ELECTRICALLY CHARGED.

Incident Date: 19891203 City: BIGLERVILLE State: PA

A FIRE ORIGINATING IN AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET OR THE RANGE PLUGGED INTO IT CAUSED \$80,000 IN DAMAGES TO A HOUSE. NO ONE WAS INJURED IN THE FIRE.

Incident Date: 19891205 City: WEST ST. PAUL State: MN

THE COMPLAINANT PURCHASED A NEW 5 LIGHT ELECTRIC CANDOLIER christmas ORNAMENT FOR HER HOME. WHEN SHE BROUGHT IT HOME SHE PLUGGED IT INTO AN ELECTRIC OUTLET TO CHECK THE LIGHTS OUT. WHEN SHE PLUGGED IT IN, IT SHORTED OUT AS THE APPLIANCE CORD SPARKED, SMOKED AND IGNITED A PAPER BAG BENEATH IT. THE COMPLAINANT BURNED HER THUMB AND INDEX FINGER PUTTING THE FIRE OUT. THERE WAS ABOUT \$500.00 DAMAGE TO THE HOME.

Incident Date: 19881225 City: SWOYERSVILLE State: PA

A 42 YEAR OLD MALE RECEIVED A FATAL ELECTRIC SHOCK WHEN HE REMOVED THE TOP OF HIS MICROWAVE OVEN AND ATTEMPTED TO REPAIR IT WITH A SCREWDRIVER. THE UNIT WAS STILL PLUGGED INTO A WALL RECEPTACLE.

Incident Date: 19900121 City: NEW HYDE PARK State: NY

A MICROWAVE OVEN THAT WAS STANDING ON TOP OF A REFRIGERATOR IN A KITCHEN SPONTANEOUSLY "TURNED ON". THE CORD WAS PLUGGED INTO AN ELECTRICAL WALL OUTLET. THE MICROWAVE OVEN WAS NOT BEING USED FOR COOKING AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT. THE HUSBAND AND WIFE WERE ELSEWHERE IN THE APARTMENT. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19891215 City: CHERRY HILL State: NJ

A TRANSFORMER TO A NEON LIGHT MOUNTED ON A FRAMED PRINT APPARENTLY MALFUNCTIONED SETTING COMBUSTIBLES ON FIRE AND CAUSING APPROXIMATELY \$45,000 IN DAMAGES TO A TOWNHOUSE AND CONTENTS. THE PRINT WAS OF A DINER BAR SCENE WITH THE NEON LIGHT OUTLINING THE BAR TOP. THE LIGHT WAS PLUGGED INTO A WALL RECEPTACLE BUT THE SWITCH WAS IN THE OFF MODE . THE COMPLAINANT HAD JUST RETURNED HOME AND OPENED THE FRONT DOOR WHEN THE FIRE FLASHED FROM THE AREA OF THE PRINT. NO INJURIES RESULTED.

Incident Date: 19900219 City: EUCLID State: OH

COMPLAINANT SAID SHE WALKED INTO HER BEDROOM AND SMELLED SMOKE. SHE TRACED THE SMOKE TO A COMBINATION EMERGENCY/NIGHT LIGHT THAT WAS PLUGGED INTO A WALL OUTLET. SHE UNPLUGGED IT. THERE WAS NO FIRE AND NO INJURY. DAMAGE WAS LIMITED TO THE LIGHT.

Incident Date: 19900210 City: PHOENIX State: AZ

A PORTABLE ELECTRIC HEATER THAT HAD BEEN USED 2 OR 3 TIMES FOR TOTAL OF 4-1/2 HOURS STARTED TO SMOKE. THE CORD WAS DISCONNECTED FROM THE WALL OUTLET BEFORE IT BURST INTO FLAMES. NO ONE WAS INJURED.

Incident Date: 19900228 City: INVER GROVE HE State: MN

AN EARLY MORNING FIRE OCCURRED IN THE MAIN BUILDING OF A COMMUNITY COLLEGE, RESULTING IN APPROX. \$2 MILLION DAMAGE. THE FIRE STARTED IN A CONFERENCE ROOM ALCOVE WHERE A COUNTERTOP REFRIGERATOR AND AN ELECTRIC HOT POT WERE BOTH PLUGGED INTO A GROUNDED DUPLEX OUTLET. FIRE OFFICIALS ATTRIBUTED THE PROBABLE CAUSE OF THE FIRE TO A DEFECT IN THE HOT POT, WHICH HAD BEEN LEFT PLUGGED IN THE NIGHT BEFORE. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19891222 City: BATTLEGROUNDS State: WA

THE PLUG OF A christmas LIGHT SET MELTED AND STUCK TO THE RECEPTACLE END OF AN ADJACENT LIGHT SET. THE DAMAGE WAS CONFINED TO THE RECEPTACLE AND PLUG. THERE WERE NO INJURIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE EVENT.

Incident Date: 19900423 City: BETHPAGE State: NY

A 36 YR OLD MALE WAS USING A BRAND NEW ELECTRIC BELT SANDER OUTSIDE ON HIS PATIO. THE SANDER WAS PLUGGED INTO AN OUTDOOR OUTLET. AFTER APPROXIMATELY 30 SECONDS OF USE THE 36 YR OLD MALE PUSHED THE TRIGGER -LOCK BUTTON AND RECEIVED A SHOCK ON HIS RIGHT THUMB. HE RECEIVED A SMALL BURN ON HIS THUMB THAT DID NOT REQUIRE MEDICAL ATTENTION.

Incident Date: 19900417 City: IRVINGTON State: NJ

A 21 MO OLD MALE WAS DOA FROM SMOKE INHALATION WHEN AN ELECTRICAL CORD TO A PORTABLE OIL-FILLED ELECTRIC HEATER SHORTED OUT SETTING NEARBY COMBUSTIBLES ON FIRE. THE DWELLING, A CONVERTED CARRIAGE HOUSE, HAD NO CENTRAL HEATING SYSTEM AND THE OCCUPANTS DEPENDED UPON 3 PORTABLE HEATERS AND THE OVEN FOR HEAT. THE MOTHER OF THE VICTIM HAD CHANGED THE PLUG ON THE INVOLVED HEATER ABOUT ABOUT 2 WKS. PRIOR TO THE FIRE. THE SHORT WAS ATTRIBUTED TO THE CONSTANT PULLING AND JERKING ON THE CORD FROM THE OUTLET BY THE CHILDREN.

Incident Date: 19910607 City: BROOKLAWN State: NJ

FIRE ATTRIBUTED TO A MALFUNCTIONING 4 SLICE ELECTRIC TOASTER CAUSED AN ESTIMATED \$35,000 IN DAMAGE TO A SINGLE FAMILY TWO STORY WOOD FRAME DWELLING. THE TOASTER WAS ON THE KITCHEN COUNTER PLUGGED INTO A DUPLEX WALL OUTLET BUT REPORTEDLY NOT IN USE AT THE TIME. THE TOASTER WAS EXAMINED BY A PRIVATE LABORATORY AND THEY REPORT FINDING NO DEFECT OR ELECTRICAL MALFUNCTION. THEY ATTRIBUTE THE FIRE TO COMBUSTIBLES BEING TOO CLOSE TO THE TOASTER.

Incident Date: 19911122 City: QUEENS State: NY

TWO (2) FEMALE CHILDREN, THREE (3) MALE CHILDREN AND A 67 YEAR OLD MALE DIED IN A HOUSE FIRE. CAUSE OF FIRE NOT FULLY ASCERTAINED, PROBABLY HEAT FROM ELECTRICAL WIRING. FIRE ORIGINATED ON THE FIRST FLOOR IN THE FRONT PORCH IN A WALL ELECTRICAL DUPLEX OUTLET, EXTENDED TO STUFFED COUCH.

Incident Date: 19911114 City: RIVERDALE State: GA

A HOMEOWNER FEELS THAT AN AIR FRESHNER PLUGGED INTO AN OUTLET IN HER LIVING ROOM CAUGHT FIRE CAUSING EXTENSIVE DAMAGE TO HER HOME. NO INJURIES WERE INVOLVED. A FIRE INVESTIGATOR INDICATED IN HIS OPINION THE MOST PROBABLE CAUSE OF THE FIRE IS THE MISUSE OF SMOKING MATERIALS.

Incident Date: 19920222 City: LAWRENCE State: KS

A COPIER MACHINE UNPLUGGED DURING AN OFFICE MOVE, RESULTING IN SPARKS FROM ELECTRICAL OUTLET AND BLOWN FUSE. WHEN ELECTRICITY WAS TURNED ON FIRE SHOT OUT OF ELECTRICAL RECIPTACLE. NO FIRE TO COPIER OR BUILDING. FIRE DEPARTMENT DISCONNECTED OUTLET AND CHECKED FOR ANY EXTENSIONS.

Incident Date: 19921227 City: ALBUQUERQUE State: NM

A UNIVERSAL ADAPTOR FOR CONVERTING HOUSEHOLD CURRENT TO BATTERY POWERED APPLIANCE OVERHEATED. THE FAMILY NOTICED AN ODOR SIMILAR TO AN ELECTRIC FIRE, AND FOUND THE ADAPTOR VERY HOT TO THE TOUCH. NO DAMAGE OR INJURY WAS CAUSED. THE ADAPTOR HAD BEEN PURCHASED TWO DAYS EARLIER. NOTHING WAS ATTACHED TO THE ADAPTOR, ALTHOUGH IT WAS PLUGGED INTO AN OUTLET.

Incident Date: 19890711 City: MT. LAUREL State: NJ

A 49 YEAR OLD MALE WAS ELECTROCUTED WHILE ATTEMPTING TO SAW A PVC DRAIN PIPE IN A TRENCH PARTIALLY FILLED WITH WATER. THE INCIDENT OCCURRED ON RENTAL PROPERTY THE VICTIM OWNED. THE VICTIM WAS USING AN ELECTRIC RECIPROCATING SAW WHICH HAD THE GROUND PRONG REMOVED AND THE HOLE TAPED OVER. TWO EXTENSION CORDS CONNECTED THE SAW TO AN OUTLET INSIDE THE DWELLING. THE VICTIM WAS APPARENTLY STANDING IN OR WAS IN CONTACT WITH THE WATER IN THE TRENCH WHEN THE INCIDENT OCCURRED.

Incident Date: 19900519 City: LONGWOOD State: FL

A 61 YEAR OLD MALE PLUGGED THE POWER CORD OF AN ORBITAL FINISHING SANDER INTO A KITCHEN WALL ELECTRICAL OUTLET. WHEN HE TURNED THE SANDER "ON", IT HUMMED AND THEN EXPLODED WITH PIECES OF THE SANDER RIPPING THROUGH ITS METAL HOUSING. NO INJURIES WERE SUSTIANED.

Incident Date: 19900212 City: ST CLOUD State: MN

EARLY ON A MONDAY MORNING, A SUPERVISOR ARRIVING FOR WORK AT A CITY GARAGE/OFFICE, DETECTED A STRONG ODOR OF NATURAL GAS AS SOON AS HE OPENED THE DOOR. THE SOURCE OF THE GAS WAS THE CONTROL VALVE ON A 7 YEAR OLD WALL HEATER, ONE OF FIVE IN THE OFFICES OF THE BUILDING. UPON REMOVAL, IT WAS DISCOVERED THAT A PLUG IN A PORT ON THE OUTLET SIDE OF THE VALVE HAD FALLEN OUT, ALLOWING GAS TO ESCAPE INTO THE BUILDING. THERE WAS NO EXPLOSION OR INJURY. THE VALVES WERE REPLACED.

Incident Date: 19901220 City: DOUGLASVILLE State: GA

A COMPLAINANT REPORTED THAT HIS WIFE HAD PLUGGED A PORTABLE ELECTRIC HEATER INTO A STANDARD OUTLET OF THE BATHROOM IN THEIR HOME. AFTER APPROXIMATELY 15 MINUTES, SHE SUDDENLY SAW FLAMES EMANATING FROM THE REAR OF THE HEATER. SHE UNPLUGGED THE HEATER AND FOUND THAT THE MOLDED 2-PRONG PLUG WAS CHARRED IN THE INCIDENT. NO INJURIES WERE INCURRED IN THE INCIDENT, AND THERE WAS NO DAMAGE TO THE HOME.

Incident Date: 19910125 City: MILLTOWN State: NJ

A COFFEE MAKER PURCHASED THE DAY BEFORE THIS INCIDENT WAS BEING PLUGGED INTO A DUPLEX WALL RECEPTACLE IN THE KITCHEN WHEN THE COMPLAINANT RECEIVED AN ELECTRICAL SHOCK. SPARKS AND POPPING SOUNDS EMANATED FROM THE SWITCH. HE HAD PURCHASED TWO IDENTICAL COFFEE-MAKERS AT THE SAME TIME SO HE PLUGGED IN THE OTHER UNIT. SPARKS AND POPPING SOUNDS ALSO EMANATED FROM THE SWITCH OF THE OTHER UNIT BUT HE RECEIVED NO SHOCK. COMPLAINANT BELIEVES THE COFFEEMAKERS POSE A SAFETY HAZARD.

Incident Date: 19910512 City: RIVIERA BEACH State: FL

A FIRE THAT DESTROYED A MOBILE HOME APPEARED TO BE CAUSE BY A LOOSE ALUMINUM CONTACT WIRE THAT SHORTED INSIDE A WALL OUTLET. NO INJURIES WERE SUSTAINED IN THE ACCIDENT. A SMOKE DETECTOR INSIDE THE MOBILE HOME WAS PREVIOUSLY RENDERED INOPERABLE BY REMOVING THE BATTERY, DUE TO OVER-SENSITIVITY.

Incident Date: 19900610 City: TAPPAHANNOCK State: VA

A 25 YEAR OLD MALE WAS ELECTROCUTED USING A RENTED FLOOR CLEANING PRODUCT TO CLEAN THE BASEMENT OF HIS MOTHER-IN-LAW'S HOME. INVESTIGATION DETERMINED THE HOME WAS IMPROPERLY WIRED ELECTRICALLY AND THAT THE PRODUCT, OPERATING FROM AN UNGROUNDED METAL RECEPTACLE, CAUSED THE CURRENT TO PASS FROM THE RECEPTACLE TO THE PRODUCT'S METAL CASING AND TO VICTIM, CAUSING FATAL ELECTRICAL SHOCK.

Incident Date: 19900701 City: LULING State: LA

THIS TELEPHONE/MAIL IDI INVOLVED THE ELECTROCUTION OF A 55 YEAR OLD MALE AS HE USED AN ELECTRIC DRILL IN HIS FRONT YARD. THE VICTIM HAD BEEN SWEATING HEAVILY AT THE TIME OF THE EVENT AND HAD THE DRILL PLUGGED INTO A GROUNDED EXTENSION CORD WHICH WAS PLUGGED INTO A GROUNDED OUTDOOR OUTLET.

Incident Date: 19900720 City: LAFAYETTE State: LA

THIS ON-SITE IDI INVOLVED THE SMOKE INHALATION DEATH OF A 21 YEAR OLD MALE AND MULTIPLE INJURIES TO HIS 61 YEAR OLD MOTHER WHEN THEIR MOBILE HOME CAUGHT ON FIRE DUE TO AN EXTENSION CORD SHORTING OUT AND IGNITING COMBUSTIBLES. THE EXTENSION CORD WAS PLUGGED INTO A KITCHEN OUTLET AND A CHEST TYPE FREEZER WAS PLUGGED INTO THE EXTENSION CORD.

Incident Date: 19900727 City: GRASS VALLEY State: CA

WHEN THREE SOLID-STATE ELECTRIC TIMERS WERE REMOVED FROM THEIR OUTLET BOXES BY A CONSUMER, HE FOUND THAT EACH A BURNED SPOT IN THE PLASTIC CASE. THE UNITS ARE ABOUT 3 TO 5 YEARS OLD AND HAVE BEEN USED EVERY DAY. THE CAUSE APPEARS TO BE DUE TO AN INTERNAL COMPONENT (A RESISTOR) WHICH OVERHEATED. NONE OF THE TIMERS FAILED; THERE WAS NO PROPERTY DAMAGE OR INJURY. THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE "MALFUNCTION" ARE UNCLEAR.

Incident Date: 19900624 City: TEXAS CITY State: TX

A SHORT CIRCUIT DEVELOPED IN THE AREA OF AN AIR CONDITIONER'S CORD AND IT'S WALL RECEPTACLE IN A HOUSE. A FIRE STARTED IN THE WALL WHICH CAUSED FIRE DAMAGE. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.



Incident Date: 19900811 City: SALTON CITY State: CA

A 6 YEAR OLD GIRL WAS ELECTROCUTED WHEN SHE APPARENTLY MADE ELECTRICAL CONTACT WITH AN AIR CONDITIONER. THE AIR CONDITIONER WAS INSTALLED ON THE OUTSIDE OF A MOTEL UNIT, RESTING ON BOARDS PLACED ON THE GROUND. IT WAS APPROXIMATELY 4 INCHES FROM THE GROUND. THE VICTIM WAS USING WATER FROM A HOSE IN THE VICINITY OF THE AIR CONDITIONER. THE RECEPTACLE FOR THE AIR CONDITIONER PLUG WAS FOUND TO HAVE NO GROUND.

Incident Date: 19900727 City: LAWRENCEVILLE State: NJ

A FIRE IN A ROOM OF A NURSING HOME WAS ATTRIBUTED TO WATER CONDENSATE DRIPPING FROM AN AIR CONDITIONER ONTO A 220 VOLT WALL RECEPTACLE MOUNTED DIRECTLY BELOW THE AIR CONDITIONER. THE RECEPTACLE SHORTED OUT SETTING NEARBY DRAPES AND WOOD MEMBERS ON FIRE. THE CONDENSATE DRIPPING WAS NOTED ON A FIRE DEPT. RESPONSE SEVERAL WEEKS PREVIOUSLY WHEN SMOKE FROM A RECEPTACLE IN ANOTHER ROOM WAS OBSERVED. AT THAT TIME THE NURSING HOME WAS DIRECTED TO RELOCATE ALL 220 VOLT RECEPTACLES AND WAS IN THE PROCESS OF CHANGING THEM WHEN THE FIRE OCCURRED. NO INJURIES OCCURRED.

Incident Date: 19900824 City: NEW ORLEANS State: LA

THIS ON-SITE IDI INVOLVED AN ELECTRIC ROOM DEODORIZER THAT WAS PLUGGED INTO A WALL OUTLET AND THERE WAS A SHORT AT THE POINT WHERE THE PRODUCT PLUGGED INTO THE WALL OUTLET. THERE WERE NO INJURIES AND THE HEAT DAMAGE WAS CONFINED TO THE PRODUCT/WALL OUTLET CONNECTION.

Incident Date: 19900823 City: ATTICA State: KS

THIS INCIDENT INVOLVED A NIGHT LIGHT WHICH PRODUCED "SPARKS" AND TRIPPED A CIRCUIT BREAKER WHEN INITIALLY PLUGGED INTO A HOME WALL OUTLET. NO INJURY RESULTED AND NO FIRE OR PROPERTY DAMAGE OCCURRED.

Incident Date: 19900604 City: SHORT HILLS State: NJ

A WOMAN WAS ALONE IN THE KITCHEN OF HER HOUSE MAKING COFFEE ON HER ELECTRIC COFFEE MAKER THAT WAS ON THE KITCHEN COUNTER. THE COFFEE MAKER SUDDENLY CAUGHT FIRE AND THE WOMEN DISCONNECTED THE COFFEE MAKER'S CORD FROM THE ELECTRIC WALL OUTLET WHICH EXTINGUISHED THE FIRE. NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19900831 City: KENT State: WA

AN ELECTRIC AIR FRESHNER PRODUCT CAUGHT FIRE APPROXIMATELY 2-1/2 HOURS AFTER BEING PLUGGED INTO A WALL OUTLET. THE PLASTIC CASE WHICH CONTAINED THE WARMER UNIT IS HEAT DAMAGED. NO OTHER FIRE DAMAGE OCCURRED.

Incident Date: 19900904 City: PEORIA State: IL

A RECHARGEABLE FLASHLIGHT WAS KEPT PLUGGED IN A WALL OUTLET FROM 12- 26-88 TILL 8-29-90, WHEN IT WAS USED FOR A FEW HOURS. FOUR DAYS AFTER BEING RETURNED TO THE OUTLET, IT OVERHEATED, CAUSING SMOKE IN THE BEDROOM. THE OWNER TOOK THE UNIT OUT OF THE OUTLET. THE UNIT WAS SLIGHTLY MELTED. NOTHING WAS DAMAGED. NO ONE WAS INJURED. THE UNIT WAS COLLECTED AS SAMPLE L-830-6851.

Incident Date: 19900911 City: GLOUCESTER State: MA

A HOUSEFIRE WHICH CAUSED APPROXIMATELY \$75,000.00 DAMAGE HAS BEEN ATTRIBUTED TO AN ELECTRIC COFFEEMAKER, WHICH WAS PLUGGED INTO AN ELECTRICAL RECEPTACLE WITH ITS "ON-OFF" SWITCH IN THE "OFF" SETTING.

Incident Date: 19901001 City: TRENTON State: NJ

A 2 MONTH OLD MICROWAVE OVEN LOCATED ON A KITCHEN COUNTERTOP APPARENTLY MALFUNCTIONED CAUSING A FIRE WHICH CAUSED EXTENSIVE FIRE DAMAGE TO THE KITCHEN AND SMOKE DAMAGE THROUGHOUT THE HOUSE. THE MICROWAVE OVEN WAS NOT IN USE AT THE TIME BUT WAS ALWAYS PLUGGED INTO A WALL OUTLET WITH A GAS STOVE. FIRE PERSONNEL RULED OUT THE WALL RECEPTACLE AS A SOURCE. NOTHING WAS REPORTEDLY IN THE MICROWAVE OVEN AT THE TIME ALTHOUGH THE FIRE INVESTIGATOR HAS NOT RULED OUT THAT SOMETHING WAS IN THE OVEN AND IT WAS LEFT ON.

Incident Date: 19880510 City: CAMBRIDGE State: MD

ACCIDENT INVOLVED A HOMEMADE ELECTRIC FENCE INSTALLED BY LANDLORD OF VICTIM, A 73 YEAR OLD FEMALE WHO LIVED ON LANDLORD'S PROPERTY. FENCE WAS INSTALLED TO KEEP DOGS OFF LANDLORD'S PROPERTY AND WHEN A DOG OWNED BY VICTIM WAS IMMOBILIZED BY CHARGED WIRE, VICTIM GRABBED DOG AND WAS ELECTROCUTED. THE BARE WIRE WAS PLUGGED INTO A 110 V. OUTLET .

Incident Date: 19901106 City: SAN FRANCISCO State: CA

THE COMPLAINANT REPORTS THAT THE FIRST TIME THAT THE DECORATIVE LIGHTING (WHICH CAME INCLUDED WITH A 2 FOOT TALL ARTIFICIAL christmas TREE) WAS PLUGGED INTO AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET, HE NOTICED THE SMELL OF MELTING PLASTIC WITHIN ABOUT ONE MINUTE. THE DECORATIVE LIGHTS WERE LEFT PLUGGED INTO THE ELECTRICAL OUTLET, AND THE christmas TREE THEN ALSO BEGAN TO SMOKE AND SOME OF ITS LIGHTS WENT OUT. WITHIN ABOUT 5 MINUTES, THE DECORATIVE LIGHTS QUIT WORKING. NO FIRE RESULTED.

Incident Date: 19901021 City: NORTH TONAWA State: NY

NO INJURIES WERE SUSTAINED IN A FIRE WHICH CAUSED AN ESTIMATED \$54,200 DAMAGE. AN ELECTRIC RADIATOR-TYPE OIL FILLED SPACE HEATER, PLUGGED INTO AN ELECTRICAL POWER STRIP AND THEN INTO A DUPLEX WALL RECEPTACLE, HAD BEEN IN USE ABOUT FOUR HOURS BEFORE THE FIRE WAS DISCOVERED WITH ITS POINT OF ORIGIN AT THE DUPLEX WALL RECEPTACLE. FIRE INVESTIGATORS SPECULATE CONTINUOUS LOW CURRENT FLOW HAD CAUSED OVERHEATING IN THE WALL RECEPTACLE. THE VICTIM SAID HE HAD TURNED OFF THE APPLIANCE AND LIGHTS WHEN HE WENT TO BED.

Incident Date: 19901117 City: COOPERSBURG State: PA

WHILE IN USE, THE PLUG OF A FOUR YEAR OLD OIL FILLED SPACE HEATER OVERHEATED, LEAVING BURN MARKS ON THE WALL RECEPTACLE. NO FLAMES OR SMOKE WERE EVIDENT. THERE WERE NO OTHER DAMAGES OR INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19901210 City: CHALMETTE State: LA

THIS TELEPHONE/MAIL IDI INVOLVED A RESIDENTIAL TRAILER FIRE THAT WAS CAUSED BY A SHORT IN A WIRE OUTLET INTO WHICH CHRISTIMAS THREE LIGHTS WERE PLUGGED. A 1 YEAR OLD FEMALE DIED IN THE FIRE.

Incident Date: 19901212 City: IROQUOIS POINT State: HI

A YOUNG HOUSEWIFE AWOKE AT 3:30 AM IN HER BEDROOM TO THE SMELL OF SMOKE. NO DISCOVERED SMOKE AND FIRE COMING FROM BETWEEN THE TOASTER OVEN ON THE KITCHEN COUNTER AND THE WALL. SHE GOT 2 YOUNG CHILDREN OUT OF THE HOUSE THEN RETURNED AND DOUSED THE FIRE WITH WATER FROM THE KITCHEN FAUCET. A FAN PLUG SHARED THE TWIN RECEPTACLE WITH THE TOASTER OVEN PLUG. THE FIRE ORIGINATED BY A SHORT IN THE FAN PLUG.

Incident Date: 19890617 City: GLENDALE State: CA

4 YEAR OLD FEMALE VICTIM DIED DUE TO ELECTROCUTION WHEN HAIR DRYER THAT WAS PLUGGED INTO OUTLET FELL INTO WATER IN BATHTUB. VICTIM AND YOUNGER SISTER WERE PLAYING IN BATHTUB.

Incident Date: 19900901 City: BETHESDA State: MD

THERE WERE NO INJURIES, INVOLVED IN THIS ACCIDENT. WHILE THIS TABLE TOP RANGE WAS POSITIONED ON THE TOP OF A CLOTHES DRYER AND IN THE "OFF" POSITION, IT SPARKED. THIS WAS IN THE BASEMENT OF A SINGLE FAMILY HOME. THE UNIT WAS CONNECTED TO AN A.C. OUTLET, AT THE TIME.

Incident Date: 19910107 City: NAPA State: CA

A 2 YEAR OLD BOY'S MOTHER FOUND THE BOY LYING UNRESPONSIVE ON THE KITCHEN COUNTER TOP, NEXT TO A STAINLESS STEEL KITCHEN SINK AND AN OLD ELECTRIC TOASTER (WHICH WAS PLUGGED IN A NEARBY OUTLET). THE BOY DIED AND THE CAUSE OF DEATH WAS RULED TO BE ELECTROCUTION. THE MOTHER WAS PREPARING THE BOY TO WASH HIS HANDS, WHEN SHE LEFT FOR A SHORT TIME TO ANSWER THE TELEPHONE. INVESTIGATING OFFICIALS COULD NOT FIND ANY POSSIBLE ELECTRIC SHOCK GROUND FAULT PATHS, EXCEPT THROUGH THE TOASTER.

Incident Date: 19910105 City: ST. PAUL State: MN

A FIRE STARTED IN THE BEDROOM OF AN APARTMENT IN THE AREA WHERE AN EXTENSION CORD WAS BEING USED BETWEEN AN OIL-FILLED ELECTRIC HEATER AND AN ELECTRIC OUTLET. OTHER APPLIANCES WERE PLUGGED INTO THE EXTENSION CORD AND CLOTHING AND OTHER COMBUSTIBLES WERE PILED ON TOP OF THE CORD. FIRE INVESTIGATOR BELIEVES EXTENSION CORD WAS OVER- HEATED OR SHORTED BECAUSE OF DAMAGE TO INSULATION. THERE WERE NO INJURIES AND PROPERTY DAMAGE WAS ESTIMATED AT \$25,000.

Incident Date: 19910121 City: WHIPPANY State: NJ

A 24 YEAR OLD FEMALE WAS AT WORK, SEATED AT HER DESK IN HER OFFICE. HER FEET WERE ON A PORTABLE ELECTRIC CARPETED FOOT WARMER THAT WAS ON THE FLOOR UNDER HER DESK. THE FOOT WARMER WAS "ON" AND ITS CORD WAS PLUGGED INTO AN ELECTRIC WALL OUTLET. THE FOOT WARMER STARTED TO SMOKE AND THE WOMAN UNPLUGGED THE CORD FROM THE OUTLET. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19910101 City: LAKE CHARLES State: LA

THIS ON-SITE IDI INVOLVED A RESIDENTIAL FIRE THAT WAS CAUSED BY A SHORT IN THE BRANCH CIRCUITRY THAT LED TO A WALL OUTLET INTO WHICH A CLOTHES DRYER WAS PLUGGED. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19901229 City: POUGHUAG State: NY

AN OIL FILLED ELECTRIC HEATER WAS IN THE OFF POSITION. WHEN A CONSUMER PLUGGED IT INTO AN ELECTRIC OUTLET, FLAME EMERGED FROM THE CORD ABOUT 4 INCHES FROM THE HEATER. THE CARPET BELOW THE CORD WAS SCORCHED WITH A 1/2 INCH HOLE BURNT THROUGH. NO INJURIES WERE INCURRED.

Incident Date: 19910205 City: NEW YORK State: NY

A 45 YEAR OLD MALE RECEIVED ELECTRICAL BURNS TO HIS LEFT HAND WHILE UNPLUGGING THE POWER PLUG OF A TABLE LAMP FROM AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET IN HIS HOME. THE VICTIM WAS HOSPITALIZED OVERNIGHT AS A PRECAUTION FROM POSSIBLE ELECTRICAL SHOCK & RELATED COMPLICATIONS.

Incident Date: 19901101 City: BRISBANE State: CA

AN AC MULTI-VOLT ADAPTER, WHICH WAS CONNECTED TO A TOY, WAS INOPERABLE WHEN COMPLAINANT TRIED TO TURN THE TOY ON. UPON INSPECTING THE ADAPTER, COMPLAINANT NOTED THAT IT HAD MELTED IN PART DUE TO POSSIBLE OVERHEATING WHILE IT HAD BEEN PLUGGED INTO THE WALL OUTLET FOR SEVERAL DAYS. THERE WAS NO DAMAGE TO PROPERTY, AND NO INJURIES AS A RESULT OF INCIDENT. THE DAMAGED ADAPTER WAS COLLECTED AS SAMPLE M-860-2137 AND SENT TO CACA FOR EVALUATION.

Incident Date: 19910121 City: LAKEWOOD TWP. State: MN

THIS INVESTIGATION INVOLVED A FIRE THAT DESTROYED A HOUSE TRAILER. FIRE OFFICIALS FEEL THE FIRE ORIGINATED IN THE WIRING AND/OR WALL OUTLET BEHIND A GAS STOVE IN THE KITCHEN. ONE OF THE FAMILY MEMBERS SUSTAINED 2ND DEGREE BURNS TO HIS FEET, HANDS AND FACE DURING THE FIRE.

Incident Date: 19901214 City: ALEXANDRIA State: SD

FOUR CHILDREN DIED OF SMOKE INHALATION IN A HOUSE WHILE THE PARENTS WERE AWAY. A PLASTIC LIGHT RECEPTACLE MAY HAVE HAD A LIGHT BULB WITH TOO MUCH WATTAGE IN IT, CATCHING THE PLASTIC ON FIRE. HOT BURNING PLASTIC MAY HAVE FALLEN ON CLOTHES IN THE HALLWAY AND CAUGHT THE CLOTHES ON FIRE. MANUFACTURER OF THE RECEPTACLE COULD NOT BE DETERMINED BY THE FIRE MARSHAL.

Incident Date: 19910207 City: CANANDIAGUA State: NY

COMPLAINANT STATED THAT SHE ENTERED HER HOME AT AROUND 1630 HRS. & SMELLED SOMETHING HOT COMING FROM HER UPSTAIRS BEDROOM. SHE DETERMINED THAT THE SMELL WAS COMING FROM AN ELECTRIC IRON THAT WAS PLUGGED INTO THE WALL RECEPTACLE BUT WAS IN THE OFF POSITION. COMPLAINANT LEFT THE ROOM FOR ABOUT 15 MINUTES THEN HEARD THE SMOKE ALARM ACTIVATING. SHE WENT UPSTAIRS TO FIND THE IRON IN A, "MELT DOWN" STATE WITH DROPS OF MOLTEN METAL COMING FROM THE IRON. NO INJURIES RESULTED FROM THIS INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19910124 City: TERRY TOWN State: MD

THIS ACCIDENTAL FIRE INVOLVED A PORTABLE RECHARGEABLE VACUUM CLEANER OVER ONE YEAR OLD. IT WAS USED ABOUT ONCE A WEEK AND THEN PLUGGED IT BACK INTO A 110V. FOUR-OUTLET JUNCTION. ONLY AN INTERCOM WAS ALSO PLUGGED INTO JUNCTION AT THE TIME. A FIRE STARTED, APPARENTLY IN THE PORTABLE VACUUM. THERE WERE INJURIES-DAMAGE WAS LIGHT, ABOUT \$5,000.

Incident Date: 19910301 City: HICKAM AFB State: HI

AS AN OFFICE WORKER WAS PLUGGING IN A MACHINE INTO A STRIP SURGE PROTECTOR, SMOKE & SPARKS AROSE FROM THE RECEPTACLE & THE CIRCUIT BREAKER ON THE PROTECTOR TRIPPED. NO INJURIES OR DAMAGE RESULTED EXCEPT TO THE SHORTED CIRCUIT.

Incident Date: 19910211 City: WINSTON-SALEM State: NC

A FIRE WHICH CAUSED APPROXIMATELY \$5000 IN STRUCTURAL DAMAGES TO AN APARTMENT ORIGINATED AT A WALL OUTLET. AN ELECTRIC ROOM FRESHENER ATTACHED TO THE OUTLET WAS BLAMED AS THE SOURCE OF THE FIRE. THE OCCUPANTS OF THE APARTMENT ESCAPED WITHOUT INJURY.

Incident Date: 19910303 City: LECLAIRE State: IA

A 37-YEAR OLD MALE DIED OF SMOKE INHALATION IN A HOUSE FIRE ON 3/3/91 . THE FIRE WAS DETERMINED TO HAVE STARTED IN THE UTILITY ROOM IN THE AREA OF THE ELECTRICAL OUTLET USED FOR THE WELL WATER PUMP. CONSULTING ENGINEERS FOUND NO PROBLEMS IN THE WELL PUMP MOTOR, PRESSURE REGULATOR OR GAS REGULATOR. THE CORONER DETERMINED THAT THE VICTIM'S RESPONSE TO THE FIRE WAS LIKELY IMPAIRED BY HIS HIGH BLOOD ALCOHOL LEVEL.

Incident Date: 19910225 City: EUREKA SPRING State: AR

THE RENTERS OF A MOBILE HOME HAD PURCHASED AN ELECTRIC HEAT TAPE IN DECEMBER 1989 TO WRAP THEIR COLD WATER COPPER PIPES. THIS WAS BEING DONE TO PREVENT THE COLD WATER PIPES FROM FREEZING. THE HEAT WAS CONNECTED TO THE ELECTRICAL WALL OUTLET VIA AN INDOOR EXTENSION CORD. THE CONNECTION WAS BELIEVED TO BE THE ORIGIN OF THE FIRE PRODUCING APPROXIMATELY \$15,000-\$20,000 PROPERTY DAMAGE. SAMPLE WAS COLLECTED.

Incident Date: 19910208 City: COKESBURY State: NC

A 26 YEAR OLD MALE DIED AS A RESULT OF BURNS RECEIVED IN A FIRE AT HIS RESIDENCE. THE MAN, A QUADRAPLEGIC, WAS SITTING IN FRONT OF A 10 YEAR OLD SMALL PORTABLE ELECTRIC SPACE HEATER WHICH WAS RUNNING ON HIGH SETTING. THE OUTLET WAS OVERLOADED AND CAUGHT THE BLANKET & HEATER ON FIRE. THE BLANKET WAS ON HIS LEGS AND FEET. HIS MOTHER AND 13 YR. OLD BROTHER TRIED TO REMOVE HIM FROM THE CHAIR BUT COULD NOT. THEY WERE INJURED IN THE FIRE BUT SURVIVED.

Incident Date: 19901018 City: NAPLES State: NY

A FIRE THAT DESTROYED A MOBILE HOME IS BELIEVED TO HAVE RESULTED FROM A HEAT TAPE SHORTING OUT. ABOUT FOUR HOURS BEFORE THE ACCIDENT A FUSE FOR LIGHTS IN THE BEDROOM OF THE MOBILE HOME WAS FOUND TO BE BLOWN, AND WAS REPLACED IT IS BELIEVED THAT THE FUSE ALSO CONTROLLED THE RECEPTACLE ON WHICH THE HEAT TAPE WAS LOCATED. THE HEAT TAPE IS OF THE TYPE THAT HEATS CONSTANTLY WHEN ENERGIZED. IT IS BELIEVED THE FIRE STARTED BEFORE THE REPLACEMENT FUSE COULD BLOW. THERE ARE NO INJURIES RELATED TO THIS ACCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19901015 City: ITALY State: NY

THERE WERE NO INJURIES IN A FIRE IN A MOBILE HOME THAT WAS DETERMINED TO HAVE ITS POINT OF ORIGIN IN AN ELECTRICAL HEAT TAPE THAT WAS USED TO KEEP A COPPER COLD WATER INLET PIPE FROM FREEZING. THE TAPE HAD BEEN USED FOR ABOUT 12 YEARS WITHOUT PROBLEM. THE ACCIDENT OCCURRED ON THE FIRST DAY IT WAS PLUGGED IN IN THE AUTUMN OF THE YEAR. THE ACCIDENT MAY HAVE OCCURRED BECAUSE THE HEAT TAPE WAS CROSSED OVER ITSELF OR BECAUSE THE HOMEOWNER TUGGED ON IT AS HE WAS PLUGGING THE HEAT TAPE INTO THE ELECTRICAL RECEPTACLE, RESULTING IN AN ELECTRICAL SHORT.

Incident Date: 19910319 City: WALDEN State: NY

A HUMIDIFIER THAT WAS OPERATING, SPONTANEOUSLY MADE "POPPING" SOUNDS, SPARKED AND IGNITED. THE HUMIDIFIER WAS ON A DRESSER IN A BEDROOM WHERE A 2-1/2 YEAR OLD FEMALE WAS ALONE, ASLEEP IN HER BED. THE CHILD'S FATHER TURNED OFF THE HUMIDIFIER AND DISCONNECTED THE HUMIDIFIER'S CORD FROM THE ELECTRIC OUTLET. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19910315 City: FAYETTEVILLE State: NC

A TWO YEAR OLD FEMALE WAS ASLEEP IN BED IN THE BEDROOM WHEN A BLANKET NEAR AN OPERATING BASEBOARD TYPE PORTABLE ELECTRIC SPACE HEATER, CAUGHT FIRE. THE TWO YEAR OLD DIED IN THE FIRE. VICTIM'S MOTHER AND ANOTHER CHILD ESCAPED THE MOBILE HOME WITH MINOR INJURIES. THE HOME WAS DESTROYED IN THE FIRE. FIRE BELIEVED TO HAVE START AT OUTLET AND SPREAD TO HEATER AND BLANKET.

Incident Date: 19890404 City: CHARLESTON State: SC

A 37 YEAR OLD WOMAN DIED OF ANOXIA, HER 10 YEAR OLD DAUGHTER & 7 YEAR OLD SON DIED OF CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING & HER 36 YEAR HUSBAND WAS SEVERELY INJURED DURING A FIRE AT APPROX. 2:15 AM ON 4/4/89 AT THEIR HOME. FIRE APPARENTLY CAUSED BY OVERHEATING OF EXTENSION/CORD OR PLUGS AT CONNECTION OF TWO EXTENSION CORDS WHICH CONNECTED SEVERAL APPLIANCES IN THEIR DEN TO A SINGLE WALL OUTLET ACROSS THE ROOM. DAMAGE TO HOUSE AND CONTENTS ESTIMATED AT \$50,000.

Incident Date: 19901117 City: WYNNE State: AR

A 14 MONTH OLD BOY DROWNED IN A TRASH RECEPTACLE; AN UNDETERMINED QUANTITY OF WATER WAS INSIDE. THIS RUBBER TRASH RECEPTACLE HAD BEEN USED PREVIOUSLY AS A CONTAINER FOR MOP WATER AND WAS PLACED IN THE BATHTUB WHEN THE ACTIVITY WAS COMPLETED. THE CHILD, WHO WAS BEING ATTENDED BY A 15 YEAR OLD AUNT, WALKED OUT OF THE LIVING ROOM AND REPORTEDLY WENT INTO THE BATHROOM, PULLING HIMSELF UP THE SIDE OF THE TUB AND FALLING INTO THE WASTE BASKET HEAD FIRST.

Incident Date: 19910320 City: NORRISTOWN State: PA

A ONE YEAR OLD SURGE OUTLET STRIP PLUG, THAT HAD NEVER BEEN MODIFIED OR REPAIRED BEGAN TO EMIT SPARKS AND A POPPING SOUND. THE PRODUCT WAS UNPLUGGED, AND SCORCHING DISCOVERED ON THE BOTTOM EDGES OF THE DEVICE. THE PRODUCT WAS PLUGGED INTO A WALL RECEPTACLE AND ALSO ATTACHED TO AN EXTENSION CORD, WHICH CONNECTED THE CONSUMER'S TELEVISION SET, STEREO SYSTEM AND VCR. NO DAMAGES OR INJURIES WERE REPORTED.

Incident Date: 19910413 City: BOYNTON BEACH State: FL

AN OVERHEATED CIRCUIT, INVOLVING THE USE OF AN EXTENSION CORD, PLUGGED INTO A BEDROOM OUTLET WHICH PROVIDED POWER FOR TWO TABLE LAMPS, WAS BELIEVED TO BE THE CAUSE OF A FIRE THAT CAUSED A \$350,000 HOME TO BE TOTALED. NO INJURIES WERE SUSTAINED AS A RESULT OF THE INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19910331 City: BERKELEY State: CA

A FIRE IN A SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING INJURED THREE ADULTS AND A 14 YEAR OLD BOY. THE FIRE WAS CAUSED BY AN ELECTRIC ARC ON AN ELECTRIC HEATER PLUG. THE HEATER CORD (PLUG AREA) WAS PLUGGED INTO A WALL OUTLET BEHIND A LIVING ROOM SOFA. THE HEATER PLUG WAS DAMAGED OVER A PERIOD OF TIME BY THE LOCATION OF A LIVING ROOM SOFA. THE SOFA WAS BACKED UP AGAINST THE HEATER PLUG AND WALL OUTLET.

Incident Date: 19901221 City: LAKEVIEW State: NY

A 54 YEAR OLD FEMALE DIED IN A FIRE WHICH ALLEGEDLY STARTED AT AN OUTLET WHERE AN EXTENSION CORD TO christmas TREE LIGHTS WERE PLUGGED. THE WOMAN DIED OF SMOKE INHALATION, TWO ADULT DAUGHTERS LIVING WITH HER WERE TREATED FOR BURNS AND FOR SHOCK

Incident Date: 19910212 City: SOMERTON State: OH

APPROXIMATELY \$50.00 DAMAGE OCCURED TO AN 83 YEAR OLD WOMANS HOME WHEN A HEAT TAPE CAUSED THE OUTER WALL OF A BACK PORCH TO SMOLDER. THE TAPE WAS MERELY RUN THROUGH A HOLE IN THE WALL AND PLUGGED INTO AN OUTLET ON THE BACK PORCH. NO INJURIES OCCURED.

Incident Date: 19910317 City: DIXON State: NE

THIS FIRE ORIGINATED IN THE KITCHEN OF A RURAL HOUSE. THE INVESTIGATING FIRE CHIEF DETERMINED THE FIRE WAS DUE TO TOO MANY APPLIANCES PLUGGED INTO A SINGLE DUPLEX WALL OUTLET. THIS OUTLET OVERHEATED AND THE CONDUCTED HEAT IGNITED NEARBY COMBUSTIBLES. NO INJURY OCCURRED. TOTAL DAMAGE WAS ESTIMATED AT \$35,000.

Incident Date: 19910327 City: MOUNT VERNON State: NY

A FIRE IN A MULTI-FAMILY HOUSE WAS FOUND BY THE FIRE DEPT. TO HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY A ELECTRICAL FAILURE IN A BASEBOARD RECEPTACLE. RESULTING SPARKS IGNITED ADJACENT BEDDING. SEVEN FIREFIGHTERS SUFFERED FROM SMOKE INHALATION. ALL WERE TREATED AND RELEASED.

Incident Date: 19910602 City: BERLIN State: NJ

AN EXTENSION CORD LYING ON A LIVING ROOM FLOOR NEXT TO THE BASEBOARD IS BELIEVED TO HAVE SHORTED OUT AND IGNITED NEARBY COMBUSTIBLES CAUSING AN ESTIMATED \$100,000 IN DAMAGES TO 3 APARTMENTS AND TO THE APARTMENT BUILDING. THE CORD CONNECTED A SHELF MOUNTED COMPACT STEREO SYSTEM TO A DUPLEX WALL OUTLET. NO OTHER ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES WERE IN USE AT THE TIME OR PLUGGED INTO THE OUTLET. IT IS SURMISED THAT THE CORD WAS DAMAGED BY A SOFA WHICH WAS ALSO SITUATED AGAINST THE BASEBOARD.

Incident Date: 19910204 City: WAVERLY State: NY

THE CAUSE OF A FIRE THAT DESTROYED A MOBILE HOME WAS DETERMINED TO BE HEAT TAPE THAT WAS WRAPPED AROUND A METAL WATER PIPE. THE HEAT TAPE WAS COVERED WITH INSULATION. THE HEAT TAPE WAS PLUGGED INTO A RECEPTACLE UNDER THE MOBILE HOME AND AN EXTENSION CORD WAS NOT USED. NO ELECTRICAL PROBLEMS WERE KNOWN BEFORE THE ACCIDENT. NO INJURIES ARE RELATED TO THIS ACCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19920224 City: GRAND FORKS State: ND

THIS INVESTIGATION WAS INITIATED THROUGH A CONSUMER COMPLAINT WHICH DEALT WITH AN IRON, WITH AN AUTOMATIC SHUT OFF FEATURE, SMOKING AFTER BEING TURNED OFF. THE IRON BEGAN TO BUZZ AND SMOKE APPROXIMATELY 10 MINUTES AFTER BEING TURNED OFF FROM THE AREA OF THE HANDLE WHERE THE AUTOMATIC SHUT OFF DIAL WAS LOCATED. CONSUMER UNPLUGGED THE IRON FROM THE OUTLET AND THE SMOKING CEASED.

Incident Date: 19910629 City: CONYERS State: GA

A 33 YEAR OLD WAS ELECTROCUTED IN HIS YARD WHILE USING A HOMEMADE/ MODIFIED EXTENSION CORD WHICH HAD BEEN SPLICED ON EACH END SO THAT BOTH ENDS OF THE CORD HAD A MALE PLUG. AT THE TIME OF THE ACCIDENT ONE END WAS PLUGGED INTO A RECEPTACLE IN THE GARAGE AND THE VICTIM WAS HOLDING THE OTHER MALE PLUG IN HIS HAND.

Incident Date: 19910710 City: SPRINGFIELD State: MO

A CONSUMER STATED THAT HE PLUGGED AN A.C. OUTLET CHECKER HE RECENTLY PURCHASED INTO A 120 VOLT OUTLET, TO CHECK THE GROUNDING OF THAT CIRCUIT. ALL THREE OF THE OUTLET CHECKER'S INDICATOR LIGHTS WENT ON AT THE SAME TIME, LEAVING THE CONSUMER CONFUSED ABOUT THE SAFE GROUNDING OF THE A.C. OUTLET. NO ONE WAS INJURED, HOWEVER, THE POSSIBILITY DOES EXIST, BECAUSE OF THE INCORRECT READINGS ON THE A.C. OUTLET CHECKER.

Incident Date: 19910530 City: NEWARK State: NJ

A THREE YEAR OLD MALE CHILD DIED FROM A FIRE WHICH WAS CAUSED BY AN OVERLOAD TO AN EXTENSION CORD AND RECEPTACLES ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF A ROOMING HOUSE. THERE WERE NO SMOKE DETECTORS.

Incident Date: 19910722 City: OPELOUSAS State: LA

A HOUSE FIRE CAUSED BY A MICROWAVE OVEN RESULTED IN ABOUT \$2,500 DAMAGE. THE COUNTERTOP MICROWAVE'S ELECTRIC CORD APPARENTLY SHORTED OUT WHILE THE MICROWAVE OVEN WAS OFF. THE CORD WAS PLUGGED INTO AN OUTLET AND NO ONE WAS HOME AT THE TIME.

Incident Date: 19860801 City: MEMPHIS State: TN

A 65 YEAR OLD MALE SUFFERED BRUISES ON HIS BACK AFTER SLIPPING OFF OF AN ALUMINUM STEP LADDER WHEN THE FRONT RAIL BENT CAUSING THE LADDER TO COLLAPSE. THE VICTIM WAS INVOLVED IN TWO (2) INCIDENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE SAME MODEL STEP LADDERS ACQUIRED FROM THE SAME DEALER/RETAIL OUTLET. BOTH INCIDENTS OCCURRED SEVERAL YEARS AGO AT THE VICTIM'S HOME. NO MEDICAL TREATMENT WAS REQUIRED.

Incident Date: 19910623 City: PENNSAUKEN State: NJ

AN 18 MONTH OLD AUTOMATIC DRIP COFFEEMAKER SUDDENLY ERUPTED INTO FLAMES WHILE IN THE OFF MODE AND SITTING ON TOP OF A KITCHEN COUNTERTOP. THE UNIT WAS PLUGGED INTO A 6 STRIP OUTLET WHICH, IN TURN, WAS PLUGGED INTO A DUPLEX WALL OUTLET ON A 15 AMP. BRANCH CIRCUIT. A ELECTRIC CANDLE WAS ALSO PLUGGED INTO THE STRIP OUTLET AT THE SAME TIME BUT IT WAS ALSO OFF AT THE TIME. THE COFFEEMAKER, 6 STRIP OUTLET AND CANDLE WERE COLLECTED FOR EXAMINATION. DAMAGE WAS APPROX. \$3,000 TO THE KITCHEN.

Incident Date: 19910620 City: MINNEAPOLIS State: MN

THE COMPLAINANT PLUGGED IN A NEW ELECTRIC TIMER IN HIS LIVINGROOM. THE TIMER WAS PLUGGED DIRECTLY INTO HIS WALL OUTLET AND A LAMP CORD PLUGGED INTO THE TIMER. IT WAS LEFT PLUGGED IN AND IN USE FOR ABOUT FOUR MONTHS WITHOUT ANY PROBLEMS. ONE MORNING HE RETURNED TO HIS HOUSE AND SMELLED SOMETHING BURNING. HE FOUND THE TIMER MELTED INTO THE WALL RECEPTACLE, WALL SCORCHED AND THE CIRCUIT BREAKER TRIPPED.



Incident Date: 19910514 City: BELLEVUE State: NE

THIS HOUSE FIRE RESULTED FROM A KITCHEN WALL OUTLET WHICH PURPORTEDLY OVERHEATED. THE HEAT RADIATED TO AND IGNITED ADJACENT WOOD STUDS & WALL PANELING. THE CITY FIRE MARSHAL DID NOT SPECIFICALLY DETERMINE WHY THE OUTLET OVERHEATED. A CONTRIBUTING FACTOR MAY HAVE BEEN THE THREE APPLIANCES, (I.E. COFFEE MAKER, TOASTER AND MICROWAVE), WHICH WERE PLUGGED INTO THE OUTLET VIA A 3-WAY ADAPTER. THE APPLIANCES MAY HAVE DRAWN TOO MUCH CURRENT FOR THE OUTLET.

Incident Date: 19910913 City: COLORADO SPG State: CO

A THREE SPEED ELECTRIC FAN OVERHEATED AND IGNITED NEARBY COMBUSTIBLES IN AN ATTIC OF A HOME. THE PORTABLE FAN WAS BEING USED DURING SUMMER MONTHS IN THE ATTIC TO DISSIPATE HOT AIR. IT WAS CONNECTED TO AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET WITH AN EXTENSION CORD. NO INJURY OCCURRED.

Incident Date: 19910813 City: HERKIMER State: NY

A HOUSE FIRE WAS DETERMINED TO BE CAUSED BY AN OVERHEATING ELECTRICAL RECEPTACLE. THE VICTIM OF THE INCIDENT SAID SHE HAD PLUGGED A 5000 BTU WINDOW AIR CONDITIONER INTO THE RECEPTACLE USING A THREE TO TWO CONDUCTOR PLUG ADAPTOR. THE VICTIM SAID ABOUT TEN MINUTES LATER SHE SMELLED A BURNING ODOR. THE LOCAL FIRE CHIEF SAID THE AIR CONDITIONER OVERLOADED THE RECEPTACLE AND CAUSED IT TO SHORT. NO INJURIES RESULTED FROM THIS INCIDENT. PROPERTY DAMAGE IS ESTIMATED AT \$200.00.

Incident Date: 19910802 City: CHESTER State: PA

A FIRE WHICH STARTED IN THE LIVING ROOM OF A SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE WAS CAUSED BY A FAULTY ELECTRICAL OUTLET. THREE TEENAGERS AND A 7 MONTH OLD CHILD PERISHED IN THE ACCIDENT AND THE HOUSE WAS COMPLETELY DESTROYED.

Incident Date: 19910727 City: COLUMBUS State: NE

THIS HOUSE FIRE RESULTED IN \$40,000 DAMAGE AND THE DEATH OF A 19 YEAR OLD MALE OCCUPANT. HIS DEATH WAS ATTRIBUTED TO SMOKE INHALATION. STATE INVESTIGATORS IDENTIFIED THE CAUSE OF THIS FIRE AS AN AC/DC POWER CONVERTER FOR VIDEO GAMES. HOUSE OCCUPANTS HAD STOPPED USING A VIDEO GAME, BUT LEFT THE CONVERTER PLUGGED INTO A WALL OUTLET. THE EXTERIOR OF THE CONVERTER ALLEGEDLY BECAME HOT. THE HEAT RADIATED TO AND IGNITED A NEARBY RUBBER-LIKE WASTE BASKET AND OTHER ITEMS.

Incident Date: 19910909 City: FLINT State: MI

A ROOM AIR CONDITIONER WAS POWERED BY AN EXTENSION CORD RUNNING FROM THE KITCHEN (SITE OF A.C.) TO A GARAGE OUTLET. (THE CONSUMER HAD PREVIOUS PROBLEMS WITH THE AIR CONDITIONER BLOWING FUSES AND THOUGHT THAT A DIFFERENT OUTLET WOULD PREVENT THE PROBLEM). WHEN THE CONSUMER'S ADULT SON TURNED ON THE POWER IN THE GARAGE, A RESULTING FIRE OCCURRED IN THE KITCHEN AREA. FIRE CAUSED \$20,000 DAMAGE AND \$7,000 CONTENTS LOSS. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19911001 City: OMAHA State: NE

THIS HOUSE FIRE PURPORTEDLY RESULTED FROM A SHORT CIRCUIT IN BEDROOM WALL OUTLET. A ONE YEAR OLD CHILD PLAYING WITH AN EXTENSION CORD PLUGGED INTO THE OUTLET MAY HAVE BEEN A CONTRIBUTING FACTOR. THE CHILD SHOOK THE CORD UP AND DOWN. THIS ACTIVITY RESULTED IN SPARKS BEING EMITTED FROM THE LOOSE WALL OUTLET. THESE SPARKS FELL ON AND SUBSEQUENTLY IGNITED THE CARPETING ON THE BEDROOM FLOOR. NO ONE WAS INJURED BY THIS FIRE AND DAMAGE WAS ESTIMATED AT \$7-8,000.

Incident Date: 19911028 City: COUNCIL BLUFFS State: IA

AN ELECTRIC COFFEE MAKER LEFT ON AND UNATTENDED ON A KITCHEN COUNTER FOR ABOUT TWO HOURS MALFUNCTIONED AND COUGHT FIRE CAUSING ABOUT \$34,000 DAMAGE TO A SINGLE FAMILY HOME. NO INJURY. NO PROBLEMS WITH THE COFFEE MAKER BEFORE THE INCIDENT. NO OTHER APPLIANCE PLUGGED INTO THE ELECTRICAL WALL OUTLET. FIRE MARSHAL DTERMINED THE POINT OF ORGIN TO BE THE AREA OF THE COFFEE MAKER.

Incident Date: 19911104 City: TROY State: NY

THE VICTIM OF THIS INCIDENT WAS A 39 YEAR OLD MALE. THE VICTIM DIED FROM INJURIES SUFFERED AS A RESULT OF A FIRE DETERMINED BY LOCAL FIRE OFFICIALS TO BE CAUSED BY EITHER A ELECTRIC OIL FILLED RADIATOR SPACE HEATER OR A FAULTY WALL ELECTRICAL RECEPTACLE. THE SPACE HEATER INVOLVED WAS DETERMINED TO BE LOCATED ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF THE THREE FLOOR STRUCTURE. THREE IDENTICAL OIL FILLED SPACE HEATERS WERE BEING USED AS THE PRIMARY SOURCE HEAT FOR THE APARTMENT. THE FIRE ORIGINATED IN THE LIVING ROOM OF THE FIRST FLOOR APARTMENT.

Incident Date: 19910915 City: BRIDGEWATER State: NJ

A 2 MONTH OLD TOASTER OVEN EMITTED HEAT FROM TWO BACK HORIZONTAL VENTS THAT CAUSED THE FACE TO A GFCI WALL RECEPTACLE AND THE WALL PLATE TO DISTORT. THE TOASTER OVEN MOUNTED ON THE KITCHEN COUNTERTOP & PLUGGED INTO THE RECEPTACLE, WAS ABOUT 2" FROM THE RECEPTACLE AND WALL. THE COMPLAINANT CONTACTED THE MANUFACTURER WHO SENT HER A REPLACEMENT OVEN, AN INDENTICAL MODEL EXCEPT THE TWO BACK VENTS WERE BLOCKED OFF. COMPLAINANT BELIEVES THE ORIGINAL OVEN TO BE A FIRE HAZARD.

Incident Date: 19910507 City: SHREVEPORT State: LA

A 4 YEAR OLD FEMALE WAS PULLED UNDER WATER WHEN HER HAIR WAS SUCKED INTO THE OUTLET DRAIN COVER OF A WHIRLPOOL BATHTUB. HER MOTHER WAS SITTING ON THE SIDE OF THE BATHTUB AND IMMEDIATELY TURNED OFF THE MOTOR BUT STILL HAD TO PULL VERY HARD TO FREE THE CHILD. SOME OF THE VICTIM'S HAIR WAS PULLED OUT IN THE PROCESS OF FREEING HER. NO MEDICAL TREATMENT WAS NECESSARY.

Incident Date: 19911211 City: FT. SMITH State: AR

A christmas DECORATIVE "CANDOLIER" WAS BEING PLUGGED IN FOR THE FIRST TIME WHEN BLUE SPARKS/FLAMES OCCURRED. SHORTLY AFTER THIS OCCURRENCE THE PRODUCT WAS AGAIN PLUGGED INTO AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET. SMOKE IMMEDIATELY CAME FROM THE CORD; THE CORD MELTED IN SOME SECTIONS BEFORE THE PRODUCT COULD BE UNPLUGGED. NO INJURIES; HOWEVER, THE RESPONDENT (THE COMPLAIN), BELIEVES THE PRODUCT IS DANGEROUS.

Incident Date: 19911101 City: NORFOLK State: NE

ONE EVENING AN ELECTRIC TABLE LAMP STARTED SMOKING. THE USER TRIED TO TURN OFF THE LAMP USING ITS TOUCH ON/OFF CONTROL. THIS CONTROL REPORTEDLY DID NOT FUNCTION. THE USER THEN UNPLUGGED THE LAMP'S POWER CORD FROM A WALL OUTLET. BEFORE UNPLUGGED, THE LAMP PURPORTEDLY PRODUCED EXCESS HEAT WHICH CAUSED A HOLE IN THE PLASTIC- LIKE LAMP CASE. NO FIRE OCCURRED AND NOONE WAS INJURED BY THIS INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19920105 City: KANSAS CITY State: KS

FIRE OFFICIALS PLACE THE CAUSE OF A 11,000 FIRE IN A MOBILE HOME TO F AULTY WIRING AND CONSUMER USE OF A BED. THE OWNER OF THE MOBILE HOME INSTALLED A CEILING FAN AND RAN THE ELECTRICAL WIRE ACROSS THE CEILING DOWN THE WALL, AND AGAINST THE FLOOR OF AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET. THE RENTERS HAS MASHED THE METAL BED FRAME AGAINST THE WIRE FOR 3 YEARS A ND THIS MAY HAVE CAUSED THE FIRE. NO INJURIES OCCURRED.

Incident Date: 19920101 City: KANSAS CITY State: KS

A 46 YEAR OLD FEMALE DIED OF SMOKE INHALATION WHEN A LIGHT WEIGHT EXTENSION CORD SHORTED OUT AND COUGHT WOOD, RUGS, AND CLOTHING ON FIRE. THE CORD WAS PLUGGED INTO AN INSIDE ELECTRICAL OUTLET IN THE BEDROOM. IT THEN RAN THROUGH THE BEDROOM DOORWAY AND OUT THE FRONT DOOR OF THE HOUSE TO christmas LIGHTS. THE FIRE MARSHAL & INVESTIGATOR SAID THE BOTTOM OF THE FRONT DOOR HAD RUBBED THE INSULATION OFF THE CORD CAUSING IT TO SHORT OUT. 48 AND 15 YEAR MALES INJURED.

Incident Date: 19911101 City: HUNT VALLEY State: MD

THIS INCIDENT INVOLVED A MEDICAL VAPORIZER BEING USED IN A CHILD'S BEDROOM. THE ALMOST NEW VAPORIZER HAD BEEN FILLED AND THE CORD PLUGGED INTO A WALL OUTLET. WHEN THE COMPLAINANT HEARD STRANGE SOUNDS FROM THE MONITOR IN BABY'S BEDROOM SHE INVESTIGATED AND FOUND THE UNIT SPARKING. SHE PULLED THE PLUG AND FOUND THE VAPORIZER DAMAGED AND THE CORD WIRING EXPOSED. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19901212 City: BROOKLAWN State: NJ

FIRE & SMOKE DAMAGE CAUSED APPROXIMATELY \$44,000 IN DAMAGES TO A SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING WHEN THE ELECTRIC MOTOR TO AN AIR HOCKEY GAME SHORTED OUT AND THE RESULTANT HEAT IGNITED COMBUSTIBLES. THE GAME WAS LAST USED A DAY OR TWO PREVIOUSLY IN THE BASEMENT RECREATION ROOM. IT HAS NO ON-OFF SWITCH AND THE USER FORGOT TO UNPLUG IT FROM THE DUPLEX WALL RECEPTACLE. REPORTEDLY THE ELECTRIC MOTOR MAKES VERY LITTLE NOISE AND THE USER, A 9 YEAR OLD MALE, APPARENTLY THROUGHT IT WAS OFF.

Incident Date: 19920108 City: SAN JOSE State: CA

TWO MEN WERE FOUND INSIDE A VAN, WHICH HAD A SMALL FIRE INSIDE. BOTH MEN, AGES 44 YEARS AND 46 YEARS, DIED FROM CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING DURING THIS INCIDENT. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT RULED THAT THE FIRE WAS DUE TO BEDDING BEING TOO CLOSE TO A PORTABLE ELECTRIC HEATER, WHICH WAS POWERED BY AN EXTENSION CORD PLUGGED INTO AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET IN A NEARBY HOME. OCCUPANTS OF THE HOME DISCOVERED THE FIRE, AND THEY PUT OUT THE FIRE BEFORE THE FIRE DEPARTMENT ARRIVED.

Incident Date: 19911015 City: PHOENIX State: AZ

THE OWNER OF A NEWLY PURCHASED COMPUTER MONITOR PLUGGED THE POWER CORD/CABLE INTO HIS POWER STRIP. SPARKS FLEW AT THE POINT WHERE THE PLUG GOES INTO THE OUTLET AND THE CIRCUIT BREAKER TRIPPED. THIS HAPPENED TWICE AND CAUSED DAMAGE TO ONE OF THE METAL PRONGS ON THE 3 WIRE POWER CORD PLUG. THE OWNER REPLACED THE POWER CORD AND NOW THE EQUIPMENT WORKS CORRECTLY.

Incident Date: 19911102 City: LEBANON State: PA

37 YEAR OLD FEMALE WAS COOKING DINNER FOR HER FAMILY, WHEN SHE HEARD A BUZZING SOUND. CHECKED ON SOUND AND FOUND SPARKS AND FLAMES AROUND A RECHARGEABLE FLASHLIGHT WHICH WAS KEPT PLUGGED INTO AN OUTLET IN KITCHEN. NO INJURY AND NO DAMAGED.

Incident Date: 19911225 City: MORGAN State: MN

THIS INVESTIGATION INVOLVED A COMPLAINT REGARDING A SMALL PLASTIC ELECTRIC ROOM ODORIZER THAT WAS PLUGGED INTO A WALL OUTLET IN THE BATHROOM OF A HOME. IT APPEARS THE UNIT SHORTED OUT AS IT'S PLASTIC BODY MELTED NEAR THE POINT IT WAS PLUGGED INTO THE OUTLET. THERE WERE NO INJURIES AND DAMAGE WAS LIMITED TO THE DEVICE AND WALL OUTLET .

Incident Date: 19911212 City: MINOCQUA State: WI

THE COMPLAINANT HAD A RECHARGEABLE CORDLESS FLASHLIGHT/SPOTLIGHT PLUGGED INTO A WALL RECEPTACLE IN THEIR BARN. THE CHARGER WAS PLUGGED INTO THE OUTLET WITH THE ATTACHED CORD AND ADAPTER PLUGGED INTO THE UNIT. AS HE WAS WORKING IN THE BARN HE LOOKED OVER AND SAW FLAMES (3" HIGH) SHOOTING UP FROM THE AREA OF THE FLASHLIGHT WHERE THE CORD WAS PLUGGED IN. HE KNOCKED CORD OFF AND FLAMES STOPPED. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19910706 City: OROFINO State: ID

3 YEAR OLD MALE WAS A PASSENGER RIDING A 4 WHEELED-ATV IN AFTERNOON, ON A FARM. WHILE ENTERING A BAY GARAGE OUTLET, THE VICTIM TURNED THE THROTTLE WIDE OPEN SENDING THE ATV FULL SPEED INTO A STACK OF CAR TIRES. THE ATV BEGAN TO CLIMB THE TIRES UNTIL IT FLIPPED OVER LANDING ON TOP OF THE VICTIM AND OPERATOR. THE VICTIM DIED FROM INJURIES SUSTAINED IN THE INCIDENT. NO SAFETY EQUIPMENT WAS USED BY EITHER INDIVIDUAL.

Incident Date: 19920131 City: MESQUITE State: TX

THIS NON-INJURY CASE INVOLVED A MICROWAVE OVEN THAT TURNED ITSELF ON WITHOUT ANYONE TURNING IT ON. ALL ATTEMPTS AT TURNING IT OFF FAILED. THE POWER CORD WAS REMOVED FROM THE RECEPTACLE AND LATER PLUGGED BACK IN AND THE UNIT STARTED IMMEDIATELY AND AGAIN COULD NOT BE TURNED OFF. IT WAS THOUGHT TO BE A FIRE HAZARD.

Incident Date: 19920203 City: BALTIMORE State: MD

A CIGARETTE IGNITED A TRASH RECEPTACLE IN A COMMERCIAL BUILDING. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT EXTINGUISHED THE FIRE. THERE WERE NO INJURIES AND NO PROPERTY DAMAGE.

Incident Date: 19920129 City: MENTOR State: OH

A CONSUMER CALLED THE FIRE DEPARTMENT WHEN SHE SAW FLAMES AND SMOKE COMING FROM A NIGHT LIGHT THAT WAS PLUGGED INTO AN OUTLET IN HER SON'S BEDROOM. THERE WERE NO INJURIES AND DAMAGE WAS CONFINED TO THE NIGHT LIGHT.

Incident Date: 19900518 City: OZAN State: AR

PRE-MANUFACTURED HOME FIRE OCCURRED WHILE THE TWO RESIDENTS WERE ON THEIR WAY TO WORK; THEY WERE FLAGGED DOWN BY A FRIEND WHO INFORMED THEM THEIR HOME WAS ON FIRE. FIRE INVESTIGATOR AND PROFESSIONAL ELECTRICAL ENGINEER BELIEVE THE FIRE ORIGINATED FROM A SHORT CIRCUIT IN A PLASTIC DUPLEX RECEPTACLE--A COMBINATION PLASTIC BOX AND RECEPTACLE TYPE MADE FOR MOBILE HOMES. SUBROGATION SUIT HAS BEEN FILED PROPERTY DAMAGES ESTIMATED AT \$40,000 OR MORE.

Incident Date: 19911225 City: LIBRARY State: PA

THE RESPONDENT, WHO IS THE FATHER OF THE 11 YEAR OLD VICTIM, STATED HIS SON SUSTAINED ELECTRICAL BURNS TO HIS LEFT HAND WHEN HE PLUGGED A NEW CLIP ON READING LAMP INTO A PLASTIC WALL OUTLET IN HIS BEDROOM. THE RESPONDENT STATED THAT AFTER CHECKING THE WALL OUTLET HE FOUND THAT THE RECEPTACLE HAD BEEN CRACKED AND WHEN HIS SON PLUGGED THE LAMP CORD INTO THE OUTLET IT SPARKED AND BURNED HIS LEFT HAND & 1/4" OF THE PLUG. HE STATED THE LAMP/CORD WAS NOT DEFECTIVE.

Incident Date: 19920112 City: HUNTSVILLE State: AL

A CONSUMER LEFT A TOASTER OVEN PLUGGED INTO A WALL RECEPTACLE, WITH ITS SWITCH IN THE OFF POSITION. THE CONSUMER RETURNED HOME AFTER 9-10 HOURS, AND PLACED A PLASTIC BAG NEXT TO THE OVEN. THE BAG MELTED. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT WAS CALLED AND DETERMINED THAT THE OVEN WAS ON AND COULD NOT BE TURNED OFF WITH ITS SWITCH.

Incident Date: 19911120 City: ODESSA State: TX

AN ELECTRIC SPACE HEATER PLUGGED INTO A LONG EXTENSION CORD WHICH HAD BEEN PLUGGED INTO AN OVERLOADED ELECTRICAL RECEPTACLE CAUSED A FIRE. WHICH IGNITED A MATTRESS KILLING A SLEEPING THREE MONTH OLD CHILD.

Incident Date: 19920213 City: KANSAS CITY State: KS

THIS INCIDENT IS A HOUSE FIRE WHICH RESULTED IN \$30,000 DAMAGE, BUT NO INJURY. A NEWSPAPER ARTICLE REPORTED THE FIRE WAS CAUSED BY A DEFECTIVE VIDEO GAME. HOWEVER, A CITY FIRE INSPECTOR WHO INVESTIGATED THE SCENE COULD NO CONFIRM THE VIDEO GAME WAS THE CAUSE. HE DETERMINED THE FIRE STARTED IN OR NEAR A WALL OUTLET IN A SECOND FLOOR BEDROOM. NEITHER A VIDEO GAME OR ANYTHING ELSE WAS PLUGGED INTO THE OUTLET WHEN EXAMINED. HE THINKS OUTLET SHORTED CAUSING SPARKS.

Incident Date: 19920306 City: PORTLAND State: OR

A SMOLDERING CIGARETTE DISCARDED IN A TRASH RECEPTACLE RESULTED IN AN APARTMENT LIVING ROOM STRUCTURE FIRE. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT EXTINGUISHED THE FIRE. THERE WERE NO INJURIES AND PROPERTY DAMAGE WAS \$500.

Incident Date: 19920217 City: REDDING State: CA

A MOBILE HOME FIRE WAS ATTRIBUTED TO ELECTRIC FAULT IN A DUPLEX ELECTRICAL RECEPTACLE INTO WHICH AN ELECTRIC BLANKET WAS PLUGGED. FIRE DAMAGE TO THE HOME WAS SUBSTANTIAL. NO INJURY OCCURRED.

Incident Date: 19920228 City: YPSILANTI TWP. State: MI

AN OVERLOADED ELECTRICAL OUTLET IN THE BASEMENT OF THE CONSUMER'S HOME CAUSED A \$35,000 FIRE. THE HOME WAS EQUIPPED WITH A SMOKE DETECTOR, BUT BATTERIES WERE NOT PRESENT IN THE DETECTOR. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19920120 City: CHARLOTTE State: NC

AN ELECTRICAL RECEPTACLE LOCATED IN A BEDROOM REPORTEDLY SPARKED AND FLAMED, CAUSING A RESIDENTIAL FIRE. THE RECEPTACLE, LOCATED BEHIND A BED, HAD A LAMP PLUGGED INTO IT. THE RECEPTACLE WAS DISCARDED WITHOUT IDENTIFICATION. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19911201 City: TROY State: OH

A BATTERY OPERATED, ELECTRIC, RECHARGEABLE FLASHLIGHT MALFUNCTIONED WHILE PLUGGED INTO AN ELECTRICAL WALL OUTLET CAUSING A BURNING PLASTIC ODOR AND A SOOT MARK UP THE WALL.

Incident Date: 19920211 City: MULLICA TWP. State: NJ

AFTER OPERATING FOR APPROXIMATELY 20 MINUTES, AN ELECTRIC CLOTHES DRYER, PLUGGED DIRECTLY INTO A WALL RECEPTACLE, MALFUNCTIONED FOR AN UNDETERMINED REASON. THE RESULTING FIRE DESTROYED THE FAMILY'S HOME. NO INJURIES WERE SUSTAINED.

Incident Date: 19920224 City: SILVER SPRING State: MD

THERE WERE NO INJURIES INVOLVED IN THIS ACCIDENT. AN ADULT FEMALE WAS PREPARING TO USE A STEAMING IRON TO STEAM A BLOUSE IN HER BATHROOM. SHE HAD PLACED IT UPRIGHT ON THE CERAMIC TILE COUNTER OF THE SINK AREA AND PLUGGED IT INTO THE WALL OUTLET. SHE TURNED AROUND TO REACH FOR THE BLOUSE AND WHEN SHE LOOKED BACK AT THE IRON, IT WAS ON FIRE AT THE POINT WHERE THE POWER CORD CONNECTS TO THE IRON. SHE EXTINGUISHED THE FLAMES BY PULLING THE PLUG AND POSSIBLY THROWING A TOWEL ON IT.

Incident Date: 19920128 City: PASADENA State: MD

THERE WERE NO INJURIES INVOLVED IN THIS ACCIDENT. A COMPONENT FAILED IN A MICROWAVE OVEN WHICH CAUSED A FIRE IN THE MICROWAVE OVEN. THIS IGNITED THE KITCHEN COUNTER THAT IT WAS ON; THE WALLS AND THE FLOOR ALSO BURNED BUT THE FIRE WAS CONFINED TO THE KITCHEN. THE MICROWAVE OVEN WAS CONNECTED TO THE WALL OUTLET, BUT OFF AT THE TIME.

Incident Date: 19920101 City: HAWTHORNE State: NJ

A 2 YEAR OLD WARM STEAM VAPORIZER SUDDENLY BEGAN EMITTING SPARKS AND SMOKE DURING USE. THE VAPORIZER WAS SITUATED ON THE BEDROOM FLOOR NEXT TO THE BED AND THE COMPLAINANT AND HER HUSBAND WERE ASLEEP. THE HUSBAND PULLED THE PLUG FROM THE OUTLET AND NO INJURIES OR PROPERTY DAMAGE WAS SUSTAINED. THE POWER CORD HAD REPORTEDLY MELTED WHERE IT ENTERS THE HEATING ELEMENT. THE COMPLAINANT HAD RETURNED THE HAD RETURNED THE VAPORIZER TO THE MANUFACTURER FOR EXAMINATION AS REQUESTED.

Incident Date: 19920404 City: COLLINGSWOOD State: NJ

AN APPROXIMATELY 4 MONTH OLD ELECTRIC DRIP COFFEEMAKER EMITTED A BURNING PLASTIC ODOR AND BLUE FLAMES EMANATED FROM THE BASE OF THE UNIT DURING A BREW CYCLE. THE COFFEEMAKER WAS SITTING ON THE KITCHEN COUNTERTOP AT THE TIME AND PLUGGED INTO A DUPLEX WALL RECEPTACLE. THE COMPLAINANT EXTINGUISHED THE FLAMES WITH BAKING SODA AND SALT. NO PROPERTY DAMAGE WAS SUSTAINED. THE COFFEEMAKER HAD OPERATED NORMALLY PRIOR TO THE INCIDENT. THE COFFEEMAKER WAS COLLECTED AS A SAMPLE FOR CECA.

Incident Date: 19920306 City: SOUTH BETHENY State: DE

A HOUSE FIRE OF A TWO STORY SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING, WHICH IS A RENTED SUMMER PROPERTY, WAS THE CAUSE OF HEAT TAPE MALFUNCTION. THE FIRE STARTED IN THE FLOOR AREA BENEATH THE BEACH HOUSE. THE HEAT TAPE WAS PLUGGED INTO AN OUTLET IN THE SOUTHWEST BEDROOM AREA OF THE HOME. NO DEATHS OR INJURIES ARE ASSOCIATED WITH THIS INVESTIGATION. FIRE DAMAGE ESTIMATED AT \$7,000.00.

Incident Date: 19920303 City: MACUNGIE State: PA

A 43 YEAR OLD FEMALE HAD BEEN OPERATING A HAND HELD HAIRDRYER FOR 5 MINUTES ON HIGH SPEED. THE UNIT WAS PLUGGED DIRECTLY INTO A WALL RECEPTACLE. FLAMES BEGAN EMITTING FROM AN UNKNOWN LOCATION ON THE HAIRDRYER, SINGEING THE COMPLAINANT'S HANDS. NO OTHER INJURIES OCCURRED.

Incident Date: 19920327 City: CORDOVA State: TN

ON 3/27/92 AT APPROXIMATELY 0800 HOURS, A POTENTIAL FIRE INCIDENT OCCURRED WHEN A 3 MONTH OLD RECHARGEABLE HAND-HELD FLASHLIGHT APPARENTLY OVERHEATED WHILE PLUGGED INTO A HALLWAY WALL OUTLET IN A SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE. THERE WERE NO INJURIES. DAMAGE WAS CONFINED TO THE FLASHLIGHT AND OUTLET PLATE.

Incident Date: 19911211 City: MCKEES ROCKS State: PA

A 2 YEAR OLD UNDERCABINET TYPE COFFEEMAKER WITH ELECTRIC ANALOG CLOCK TIMER WAS POINT OF ORIGIN OF A FIRE IN A NINE YEAR OLD HOME. UNIT WAS OFF BUT PLUGGED INTO A TWO YEAR OLD EXTENTION CORD WHICH WAS PLUGGED INTO A 120V OUTLET. FAMILY LEFT DURING A POWER OUTAGE AND UPON RETURN TWO HOURS LATER FOUND FD FIGHTING FIRES AT HOUSE. COFFEEMAKER'S INTERNAL SWITCH SHORTED AND BURNED COFFEEMAKER AND SPREAD TO CABINETS. NO INJURIES OCCURRED.

Incident Date: 19920422 City: CRYSTAL LAKE State: IL

A TWO YEAR OLD, HAND HELD, HAIR DRYER PRODUCT CAUGHT ON FIRE CAUSING MINOR PROPERTY DAMAGE TO CONSUMER'S BATHROOM WALL AREA. PRODUCT WAS IN THE OFF POSITION, PLUGGED INTO A BATHROOM GFCI WALL OUTLET AND LEFT UNATTENDED WHEN THE INCIDENT OCCURRED. NO PERSONAL INJURIES WERE EXPERIENCED.

Incident Date: 19920403 City: WAUKESHA State: WI

THIS INVESTIGATION WAS INITIATED THROUGH CONTACT MADE BY A LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENT IN WHICH ONE OF THE RESIDENTS IN THE DISTRICT BROUGHT A STRIP OUTLET IN WHICH SHOWED SIGNS OF MELTING AND SOOTING. THE OTULET STRIP WAS APPROXIMATELY 1-1/2 YEARS OF AGE AND WAS BEING USED TO POWER A STEREO SYSTEM, A CLOCK RADIO AND A SMALL TELEVISION SET IN THE BEDROOM OF HIS DAUGHTER. THERE WAS NO DAMAGE OR INJURY INVOLVED IN THIS INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19920421 City: FORT WORTH State: TX

SMOKE DETECTOR FIRE INCIDENT STUDY FIRE INVESTIGATOR REPORTED BATTERY OPERATED SMOKE DETECTOR DID NOT ALARM (MISSING A BATTERY) WHEN FIRE WHICH TRAVELED TO ATTIC, STARTED IN WALL SPACE AT AN ELECTRIC OUTLET RECEPTACLE IN REAR BEDROOM OF A SINGLE FAMILY HOME WHERE PLUGGED IN ELECTRIC HEATER HAD BEEN SET TO FULL HIGH TURNED ON 1300 WATT POWER. DAMAGE WAS ESTIAMTED AT \$10,000 . NO SAMPLE WAS COLLECTED.

Incident Date: 19920512 City: LIVINGSTON State: NJ

A 2-1/2 YEAR OLD ENTERTAINMENT ELECTRONIC VIDEO GAME SYSTEM SUDDENLY BEGAN EMITTING WHITE SMOKE ABOUT 2 MINUTES AFTER BEING TURNED ON BY COMPLAINANT'S 7 YEAR OLD SON IN THE FAMILY ROOM. THE SYSTEM IS CONNECTED TO A 27" COLOR TELEVISION SET. THE COMPLAINANT PULLED THE AC/DC ADAPTER FROM THE OUTLET AND NO DAMAGE WAS SUSTAINED. AN ELECTRICIAN ATTRIBUTED THE INCIDENT TO A MALFUNCTION IN THE SYSTEM. THE SYSTEM AND ADAPTER WERE COLLECTED AS A SAMPLE.

Incident Date: 19920420 City: BRANCBURG State: NJ

AN 83 YEAR OLD WIDOW DIED IN AN EARLY MORNING FIRE FROM BURNS AND SMOKE INHALATION WHEN FOUR EXTENSION CORDS CONNECTED END TO END SHORTED OUT AND IGNITED COMBUSTIBLES. THE VICTIM AND HER 62 YEAR OLD SON RESIDED IN AN OLD COLONIAL DWELLING WITH FEW ELECTRICAL OUTLETS. THE SON HAD APPARENTLY CONNECTED THE CORDS TOGETHER AND PLUGGED THEM INTO A BATTERY CHARGER TO PROVIDE POWER TO THE VICTIM'S BEDROOM. THE SON SUSTAINED SECOND DEGREE BURNS AND WAS ADMITTED TO A BURN CENTER.

Incident Date: 19911118 City: BROOKLYN State: NY

FLAMES FROM A STEAM IRON SINGED THE HAIR OF A 48 YEAR OLD FEMALE. THE IRON WAS STANDING ON AN IRONING BOARD IN THE LIVING ROOM OF THE VICTIM'S APARTMENT. THE FLAMES SELF-EXTINGUISHED AND THE VICTIM DISCONNECTED THE IRON CORD PLUG FROM THE ELECTRICAL WALL OUTLET.

Incident Date: 19911114 City: WAYSIDE State: NJ

A 63 YEAR OLD FEMALE WAS USING AN ELECTRIC STEAMER WHEN THE CIRCUIT BREAKER TRIPPED. SHE HAD USED IT ABOUT 5 OR 6 MINUTES AND THIS WAS THE FIRST TIME SHE USED IT. HER BROTHER-IN-LAW RESET THE CIRCUIT BREAKER BUT AFTER ANOTHER 5 OR 6 MINUTES OF USING THE STEAMER THE BREAKER TRIPPED AGAIN. SHE TRIED ANOTHER OUTLET, IMMEDIATELY, THE BREAKER TRIPPED, SPARKS AND SMOKE CAME FROM THE STEAMER AND SHE GOT A SLIGHT SHOCK FROM THE UNIT. THERE WAS NOT BODILY INJURY AND THE ONLY DAMAGE WAS TO THE UNIT AND A DRAPE THAT SHE WAS STEAMING.

Incident Date: 19920220 City: MONMOUTH State: IL

A NINE MONTH-OLD FEMALE DIED AS THE RESULT OF INJURIES SUFFERED IN A FIRE IN HER HOME. THE FIRE IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY EITHER A FAULTY ELECTRICAL OUTLET OR A MALFUNCTIONING ELECTRIC ROADRACE SET WHICH WAS PLUGGED INTO THE OUTLET. THE DEGREE OF DAMAGE TO THE HOME MADE EXACT DETERMINATION DIFFICULT.

Incident Date: 19920611 City: CENTRAL CITY State: NE

71 YEAR OLD MALE DIED OF THERMAL BURNS TO HIS HEAD, ARMS, AND CHEST WHEN HE TRIPPED ON AN ELECTRIC EXTENSION CORD PLUGGED INT A WALL OUTLET. HE WAS CARRYING AN OPEN PAN OF GASOLINE TO THE OUTSIDE OF HIS WORKSHOP, GAS SPILLED ALL OVER HIM. AN ELECTRICAL SPARK FROM THE EXTENSION CORD BEING PULLED FROM THE WALL IGNITED THE GAS FUMES AND CATCHING HIS CLOTHES ON FIRE. VICTIM WAS ALONE WHEN THE ACCIDENT OCCURRED. A RIDING LAWN MOWER WAS IN THE WORKSHOP BUT NOT INVOLVED.

Incident Date: 19920518 City: CAPITOLA State: CA

A PLUGGED-IN OVEN TOASTER THAT WAS NOT IN USE UNEXPECTEDLY PRODUCED ENOUGH HEAT AT THE OUTLET TO IGNITE SURROUNDINGS. THERE WERE NO INJURIES; A PRODUCT DESCRIPTION IS UNAVAILABLE.

Incident Date: 19920630 City: SHREWSBURY State: VT

A CONSUMER REPORTED THAT SMOKE WAS EMITTED FROM THE CONTROL PANEL OF HER TOASTER OVEN, WHICH WAS PLUGGED INTO AN ELECTRICAL RECEPTACLE AND SET ON THE "OFF" POSITION. NO INJURIES RESULTED FROM THIS ACCIDENT.



Incident Date: 19920607 City: MOSES LAKE State: WA

ON 6/7/92 A POTENTIAL FIRE INCIDENT OCCURRED WHEN A NEW PORTABLE ELECTRIC COOLER/WARMER APPARENTLY OVERHEATED (CAUSING A PORTION OF THE COOLER TO DEFORM/MELT) AFTER FIVE DAYS OF USE WHILE PLUGGED INTO A WALL OUTLET WITH THE USE OF AN AC/DC CONVERTER. THERE WERE NO INJURIES. DAMAGE WAS CONFINED TO THE COOLER.

Incident Date: 19920626 City: BURLINGTON State: CO

AN AIR CLEANER MELTED DOWN CAUSING SMOKE TO SPREAD THOUGHOUT THE KIT CARSON COUNTY COURT HOUSE. NO ONE WAS INJURED. THE ELECTRICAL OUTLET INTO WHICH THE UNIT WAS PLUGGED WAS PROVIDING 220 VOLTS. THE AIR CLEANER IS DESIGNED TO OPERATE ON 110 VOLTS.

Incident Date: 19920711 City: SPRINGDALE State: AR

ELECTRIC COFFEEMAKER PURCHASED THE DAY BEFORE BY OWNERS; THE FOLLOWING DAY THE PRODUCT WAS PLUGGED INTO KITCHEN WALL OUTLET AND PLACED ON COUNTER. COFFEE AND WATER WAS PLACED INTO PRODUCT. AUTOMATIC CLOCK TIMER WAS SET FOR APPROX. 12 HOURS LATER. PRODUCT CAUGHT FIRE APPROX. 30 TO 40 MINUTES LATER. THE PRODUCT "BREWING" SWITCH HAD NOT BEEN ACTIVATED. PRODUCT REMAINS ARE BEING EVALUATED BY ENGINEERING LAB IN DALLAS, TX.

Incident Date: 19920704 City: SHREVEPORT State: LA

THIS ON-SITE IDI INVOLVED A RESIDENTIAL FIRE THAT WAS CAUSED BY AN EXTENSION CORD THAT SHORTED IN A WALL OUTLET. THERE WERE NO INJURIES .

Incident Date: 19920717 City: BROOKHAVEN State: MS

ELECTRIC WIRING IN THE WALL OF A KITCHEN IS BELIEVED TO HAVE STARTED A FIRE WHILE AN ELECTRIC COFFEE MAKER WAS PLUGGED INTO A WALL RECEPTACLE. APPROXIMATELY 80% DAMAGE WAS INCURRED TO THE HOME. NO INJURIES WERE INCURRED.

Incident Date: 19920219 City: EXETER State: NH

INCIDENT INVOLVED A FIRE IN THE PLUG END OF AN APPLIANCE CORD, FOR AN ELECTRIC COFFEE MAKER. VICTIM WAS IN THE IMMEDIATE VICINITY OF COFFEEMAKER AND WAS ABLE TO DISCONNECT PLUG FROM WALL RECEPTACLE. THERE WAS NO PERSONAL INJURIES AND ONLY RE- PLACEMENT COST OF SCORCHED WALL RECEPTACLE AND NEW COFFEE MAKER WERE INVOLVED.

Incident Date: 19911027 City: ASHBURN State: VA

A 39 YEAR OLD FEMALE SUFFERED A LACERATION AND NERVE DAMAGE TO THE THUMB ON HER RIGHT HAND WHEN THE THUMB CONTACTED THE ROTATING BLADE ON A FOOD PROCESSOR. SHE WAS USING THE PROCESSOR IN HER DAUGHTER-IN- LAW'S KITCHEN. THE PROCESSOR WAS CONNECTED TO THE WALL OUTLET AND THE CONTROL SWITCH WAS "OFF". THE TOP COVER WAS REMOVED. SHE PUT HER HAND IN TO REMOVE SOME GARLIC FROM THE SIDE OF THE BOWL. SHE DID NOT TOUCH THE CONTROL SWITCH OR BLADE; THE BLADE SUDDENLY TURNED.

Incident Date: 19920730 City: WORTHINGTON State: OH

ACCORDING TO A CONTRACTOR THAT WAS BUILDING AN ADDITION TO THE HOME, AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET SHORTED IN THE GARAGE CAUSING SMOKE AND FIRE IN A CLOSET ABOVE THE GARAGE. DAMAGE WAS ESTIMATED AT \$25,000. THE SMOKE DETECTOR DID NOT SOUND EVEN THROUGH IT WAS VERY CLOSE TO THE FIRE.

Incident Date: 19920701 City: DUNEDIN State: FL

AN 8 YEAR OLD MALE, WHILE SWIMMING IN A COMMUNITY POOL, BECAME A DROWNING VICTIM WHEN HIS HAND BECAME ENTRAPPED WITHIN AN UNCOVERED THERAPY, OUTLET PIPE. THE OUTLET PIPE WAS APPROXIMATELY 20" BELOW THE WATER LINE, ON THE SIDE WALL OF THE DEEP (6 FOOT) END OF THE POOL .

Incident Date: 19920819 City: BOTHELL State: WA

A RECHARGEABLE FLASHLIGHT WAS OBSERVED EMITTING SPARKS WHILE IT WAS PLUGGED INTO AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET. THE FLASHLIGHT WAS LEFT PLUGGED IN CONTINUOUSLY FOR FIVE YEARS. FIRE DAMAGE WAS LIMITED TO THE FLASHLIGHT NO INJURY OCCURRED.

Incident Date: 19920501 City: PHOENIX State: AZ

THE RESPONDENT'S TWO TELEVISION SETS (SAME MAKE & MODEL) GAVE OFF ELECTRICAL SPARKS AT THE HOUSEHOLD OUTLET EACH TIME THEY WERE PLUGGED IN. ON ONE OCCASION, THE ELECTRICAL MALFUNCTION/SPARKING THREW THE CIRCUIT BREAKER AND DAMAGED THE TELEVISION SET.

Incident Date: 19920729 City: TULSA State: OK

SMOKE DETECTOR FIRE INCIDENT STUDY ACCORDING TO OCCUPANTS WHO WERE ASLEEP WHEN FIRE STARTED IN LIVING ROOM ELECTRICAL RECEPTACLE, THE SMOKE DETECTOR DID NOT ALARM. INVESTIGATOR REPORTED THAT FIRE WHICH GENERATED TREMENDOUS HEAT AND SMOKE CAUSED AN ESTIMATED \$20,000 LOSS TO SINGLE FAMILY HOUSE. ONE SAMPLE COLLECTED.

Incident Date: 19920905 City: FRANKLIN SQUAR State: NY

COMPLAINANT AND HUSBAND WERE IN LIVING ROOM WHEN THEY HEARD CLICKING NOISES COMING FROM KITCHEN. THEY ENTERED KITCHEN AND FOUND 2 FEET HIGH FLAMES COMING OUT OF RANGE'S LEFT BURNER CONTROL KNOB. HUSBAND MOVED RANGE AND UNPLUGGED IT FROM WALL OUTLET. FLAMES SELF EXTINGUISHED. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19920720 City: MECHANICSBUR State: PA

A DISPLAY MODEL BABY CRADLE, PUT TOGETHER BY A LOCAL BABY FURNITURE OUTLET, WAS INVOLVED IN AN ACCIDENT INVOLVING A ONE WEEK OLD MALE CHILD. THE CONSUMER PURCHASED THE ITEM FROM THE OUTLET AND FAILED TO CHECK OUT THE ITEM PRIOR TO PLACING THE CHILD IN THE CRADLE. THE CRADLE HAD BEEN PUT TOGETHER BY STORE EMPLOYEES WHO USED A MATTRESS SUPPORTING BOARD FROM ANOTHER PRODUCT ITEM. THIS BOARD WAS ABOUT 1/2 INCH SHORT ON EITHER SIDE CAUSED THE BOARD TO FALL, ALLOWING THE CHILD TO SLIP TO FLOOR. HE WAS NOT INJURED.

Incident Date: 19920805 City: EL DORADO State: AR

CORDLESS ELECTRIC DRILL PLUGGED INTO WALL RECEPTACLE OVERHEATED CAUSING FIRE RESULTING IN \$150.00 DOLLARS WORTH DAMAGE TO WORKSHOP AND CONTENTS. NO INJURIES OCCURRED.

Incident Date: 19920914 City: SOMERSET State: NY

A THIRTY YEAR OLD FEMALE SUFFERED NO INJURIES WHEN AN ELECTRICAL RECHARGEABLE FLASHLIGHT CAUGHT FIRE WHILE IT WAS PLUGGED INTO AN ELECTRIC OUTLET IN HER HOME. THE WOMAN AWOKE TO A BUZZING NOISE, LOCATED THE FIRE AND EXTINGUISHED THE FLAMES HERSELF. MINOR FIRE AND SMOKE DAMAGE OCCURRED TO THE AREA AROUND AND INCLUDING THE WALL OUTLET FIXTURE.

Incident Date: 19920604 City: BATAVIA State: IL

A SEVEN YEAR OLD ELECTRIC COFFEE MAKER OVERHEATED ONE MORNING. THE BASE MELTED, SPARKS WERE SEEN, AND IT STARTED TO BURN. THE FORMICA COUNTER WAS DISCOLORED. AN 11 YEAR OLD BOY UNPLUGGED THE UNIT FROM THE WALL OUTLET. THERE WAS NO INJURY OR OTHER DAMAGE. THE COFFEE MAKER WAS RETURNED TO THE MANUFACTURER FOR A \$10. REBATE.

Incident Date: 19920921 City: ROCK ISLAND State: IL

AN ELECTRIC DRIP COFFEEMAKER OVERHEATED AND GAVE OFF BLACK SMOKE WHILE IN USE. THE OWNER PULLED THE PLUG FROM THE WALL OUTLET. THERE WAS NO INJURY OR OTHER DAMAGE. THE COFFEEMAKER WAS BOUGHT NEW SEVEN MONTHS AGO. IT WAS COLLECTED BY CPSC AS SAMPLE R-830-5401.

Incident Date: 19920904 City: RICHARDSON State: TX

ON SEPTEMBER 4, 1992, A TWENTY-EIGHT MONTH OLD MALE SUFFERED AN ELECTRIC SHOCK WHEN HE TOUCHED A METAL GARAGE DOOR AT HOME. APPARENTLY, THE CONNECTED AUTOMATIC GARAGE DOOR OPENER WAS PLUGGED INTO AN UNGROUNDED RECEPTACLE. THE CHILD WAS HOSPITALIZED OVERNIGHT BUT HAS SINCE RECOVERED.

Incident Date: 19920914 City: LAKE CHARLES State: LA

THIS TELEPHONE/MAIL IDI INVOLVED A RESIDENTIAL FIRE THAT WAS CAUSED BY FAULTY WIRING LEADING TO A KITCHEN WALL OUTLET INTO WHICH A MICROWAVE OVEN AND A PORTABLE TV WERE PLUGGED. NO ONE WAS HOME AT THE TIME OF THE FIRE.

Incident Date: 19920927 City: OAKTON State: VA

A 47 YEAR OLD FEMALE RECEIVED AN ELECTRICAL SHOCK FROM A CROCK POT THAT WAS CONNECTED TO THE ELECTRICAL OUTLET AND POSITIONED ON HER KITCHEN COUNTER. THE CROCK POT WAS "ON" AND COOKING. SHE WAS FILLING A METAL WATERING PITCHER WITH WATER WHEN THE WATER SPOUT HIT THE METAL RIM OF THE CROCK POT. HER RIGHT HAND WAS TOUCHING THE METAL PITCHER. SHE WAS NOT INJURED AND DID NOT RECEIVE ANY MEDICAL ATTENTION.

Incident Date: 19920924 City: NEW RICHMOND State: OH

ACCORDING TO THE RESPONDENT, A SET OF 20 ELECTRIC HAIRCURLERS MELTED AFTER BEING PLUGGED INTO AN OUTLET FOR APPROXIMATELY 20 MINUTES.

Incident Date: 19920901 City: SILVER SPRING State: MD

A 78 YEAR OLD MALE SLIGHTLY BURNED THE TOP OF HIS HAND WHEN HE MADE CONTACT WITH EXPOSED HEATING ELEMENTS THAT ARE IN THE TOP, INSIDE SECTION OF THE TOASTER OVEN. AT THE TIME, THE CONTROL DIAL WAS SET TO "OFF" AND THE OVEN WAS CONNECT TO THE ELECTRICAL OUTLET, ON HIS KITCHEN COUNTER.

Incident Date: 19920821 City: FAIRFAX CO. State: VA

APPARENTLY A 9 MONTH OLD MALE INGESTED AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET SAFETY COVER AND DIED THREE DAYS LATER FROM ASPHYXIATION.

Incident Date: 19921031 City: PORTLAND State: OR

A RECHARGEABLE FLASHLIGHT OVERHEATED AND STARTED EMITTING SMOKE WHIL PLUGGED INTO AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET. THE OWNER DISCONNECTED THE FLASH- LIGHT IMMEDIATELY & DAMAGE WAS CONFINED TO THE INTERIOR OF THE UNIT. THERE WERE NO INJURIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE EVENT.

Incident Date: 19910816 City: PHILADELPHIA State: PA

WHILE OCCUPANTS OF A TWO STORY, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE WERE AWAY, A FIRE ERUPTED IN THEIR HOME. A POT POURRI POT LEFT PLUGGED INTO A WALL OUTLET CONTINUED TO HEAT THE WATER UNTIL IT EVAPORATED AND COOKING OF THE DRIED FLOWERS CAUSED FIRE WHICH IGNITED OTHER NEARBY COMBUSTIBLES.

Incident Date: 19921114 City: ANQUILLA State: MS

ON 11/14/92 AT APPROXIMATELY 1225 HOURS, A HOUSE EXPLODED INTO FLAMES AFTER THE PILOT OF A WATER HEATER (LP) IGNITED GAS ACCUMULATED FROM A GAS LEAK CAUSED BY AN UNCAPPED BEDROOM OUTLET. A 23 YEAR OLD MALE WAS IMMEDIATELY KILLED IN THE EXPLOSION, AND TWO OTHER MALES, AGES 14 AND 16, WERE CRITICALLY INJURED, THE 14 YEAR OLD SUBSEQUENTLY DIED.

Incident Date: 19921107 City: EL PASO State: TX

A 35 YEAR OLD MALE AND 30 YEAR OLD FEMALE WERE FOUND DEAD IN A MOTEL ROOM. AUTOPSIES SHOWED THE CAUSE OF DEATH TO BE CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING. INVESTIGATION BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND NATURAL GAS UTILITY REVEALED THE SPACE HEATER IN THE MOTEL ROOM IMPROPERLY INSTALLED, WITH DAMAGED VENTILATION OUTLETS. FURTHER INVESTIGATION SHOWED SIMILAR CONDITIONS IN OTHER UNITS IN THE MOTEL.

Incident Date: 19921111 City: CAROL STREAM State: IL

A WOMEN WAS VACUUMING HER LIVING ROOM WHEN SHE NOTICED THAT THE ELECTRICAL OUTLET SHE HAD THE VACUUM PLUGGED INTO HAD STARTED TO SPARK AND SMOKE. SHE STOPPED VACUUMING AND UN-PLUGGED THE VACUUM. SHE HAD A ELECTRICAN CHECK THE HOMES ELECTRICAL SYSTEM AND REPLACE THE OUTLET. HE FOUND THAT THE CIRCUIT BREAKER ON THE LINE THAT THE VACUUM WAS PLUGGED INTO HAD NOT TRIPPED. HE REPLACED THE OUTLET & CIRCUIT BREAKER. EACH WAS COLLECTED AS A SAMPLE. THERE WAS NO PROPERTY DAMAGE.

Incident Date: 19921120 City: LONG BRANCH State: NJ

AN ELECTRIC HAND HELD HAIR DRYER HAD BEEN PLACED ONTO CLOTHING ON THE FLOOR BENEATH A WOOD ROCKING CHAIR IN A SECOND FLOOR BEDROOM. THE HAIR DRYER HAD BEEN USED ABOUT 30 MINUTES PREVIOUSLY AND REPORTEDLY TURNED OFF BUT LEFT PLUGGED INTO THE WALL OUTLET. APPARENTLY THE HAIR DRYER SHORTED OUT AND IGNITED THE CLOTHING. THE RESULTING FIRE CONSUMED THE CLOTHING, MOST OF THE CHAIR AND CAUSED EXTENSIVE FIRE DAMAGE TO THE BEDROOM. NO INJURIES RESULTED.

Incident Date: 19920917 City: TRENTON State: ND

THE PUMP POWERHEAD TO AN AQUARIUM WET/DRY TRICKLE FILTER APPARENTLY OVERHEATED AND SHORTED CAUSING THE POWER CORD PLUG TO MELT AND CHAR INTO AN EXTENSION CORD OUTLET. SMOKE EMANATED FROM THE BURNING PLASTIC AND THE 15 AMP CIRCUIT BREAKER TRIPPED. NO FIRE RESULTED AND THERE WERE NO INJURIES. REPORTEDLY THE PUMP MANUFACTURER DOES NOT RECOMMEND USE OF THE PUMP BY THE FILTER MANUFACTURER CLAIMING IT SHOULD BE USED SUBMERGED AS IT WAS DESIGNED.

Incident Date: 19930118 City: DAVENPORT State: IA

A FIRE IN A BEDROOM CONTAINING TWO CHILDREN RESULTED IN THE DEATH OF ONE CHILD AND THE HOSPITALIZATION OF ANOTHER WHO REMAINS IN CRITICAL CONDITION. EXACT CAUSE OF THE FIRE WAS NOT DETERMINED. SUSPECT ITEMS COLLECTED BY INVESTIGATING FIRE OFFICIALS CONSIST OF A ELECTRICAL WALL OUTLET; A ELECTRICAL TRANSFORMER; AND A ELECTRICAL OPERATED (7 + YEARS OLD) BABY MONITOR SENDING UNIT. NO TESTS HAVE BEEN DONE ON THE SUSPECT ITEMS.

Incident Date: 19921230 City: ADDISON TWP. State: MI

A MOBILE TRAILER INCURRED \$1,000 DAMAGE AS A RESULT OF A HEAT TAPE FIRE. THERE WERE NO INJURIES. THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE IS ATTRIBUTED TO AN OVERLOADED OUTLET (CONSISTING OF TWO HEAT TAPES PLUGGED INTO THE SAME OUTLET).

Incident Date: 19921202 City: CLINTON State: IA

AN ELECTRIC COFFEE MAKER WAS OFF, BUT PLUGGED INTO A WALL OUTLET. THE UNIT SHORTED OUT, CAUSING NEARBY CABINETS AND WALLS TO CATCH FIRE . NO ONE WAS INJURED, BUT THE HOUSE HAD \$40,000 DAMAGE.

Incident Date: 19920916 City: BALTIMORE State: MD

AN 18 YEAR OLD FEMALE WAS USING A SIX-OUTLET "SURGE PROTECTOR" IN HER COLLEGE DORM. IT WAS PLUGGED IN TO A WALL OUTLET AND SHE HAD TWO ITEMS PLUGGED IN. SHE ATTEMPTED TO PLUG AN ELECTRIC CURLING IRON INTO ONE OF THE FOUR REMAINING OUTLETS AND AS SHE DID SO A SUDDEN BURST OF FLAME CAME FROM THE OUTLET, BURNING HER HAND. SHE WAS TREATED AND RELEASED AND HAS SINCE HEALED COMPLETELY.

Incident Date: 19930101 City: LAGUNA HILLS State: CA

AN 84 YEAR OLD MALE SUFFERED SMOKE INHALATION AS A RESULT OF A FIRE THAT OCCURRED IN A WALL OUTLET AND SPREAD TO A PORTABLE ELECTRICAL SPACE HEATER. THE FIRE PRODUCED SMOKE THRU-OUT THE GUEST BEDROOM.

Incident Date: 19920615 City: COLUSA State: CA

COMPLAINANT REPORTED A NIGHT LIGHT MALFUNCTIONED DURING NORMAL USE. THE NIGHT LIGHT WAS PLUGGED INTO HIS BEDROOM WALL OUTLET. APPROXIMATELY 6-12 MONTHS LATER, HE NOTICED SMOKE COMING OUT OF THE NIGHT LIGHT. HE REMOVED THE NIGHT LIGHT FROM THE WALL OUTLET AND NOTICED THE CIRCUIT BOARD WAS DAMAGED BY HEAT AND SMOKE.

Incident Date: 19930123 City: CLARK State: NJ

NO INJURIES WERE SUFFERED WHEN THE RECHARGING MECHANISM OF AN ELECTRIC RECHARGEABLE FLASHLIGHT IGNITED AND CAUSED A FIRE WHILE IT WAS LEFT TO RECHARGE IN AN INDOOR WALL OUTLET. THE FIRE WENT OUT WHEN THE CIRCUIT BREAKER TRIPPED. THE RECHARGEABLE FLASHLIGHT WAS DESTROYED AND THE WALL OUTLET RECEPTACLE WAS DAMAGED FROM THE FIRE.

Incident Date: 19930228 City: FREDERICK State: MD

THERE WERE NO INJURIES INVOLVED IN THIS FIRE; NO ONE WAS IN THE BUILDING, AT THE TIME OF THE FIRE. STATE FIRE INVESTIGATORS TRACED THE FIRE TO AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET, THAT HAD A CASSETTE TAPE PLAYER AND ITS TRANSFORMER CONNECTED TO THIS OUTLET. BY ALL APPEARANCES OF THE BURN PATTERN, IT APPEARED THAT THE FIRE ORIGINATED AT THE LOCATION OF THE TAPE PLAYER TRANSFORMER THAT WAS PLUGGED INTO THE WALL OUTLET. THE FIRE TOOK PLACE IN A SCHOOL ROOM, ATTACHED TO A CHURCH.

Incident Date: 19920401 City: DENVER State: CO

A MAN IN HIS 20'S WAS ELECTRICALLY SHOCKED WHEN HE ATTEMPTED TO PLUG AN EXTENSION CORD INTO AN OUTLET IN AN OFFICE BUILDING WHERE HE WAS USING A CARPET CLEANING MACHINE. THE CORD WAS A 12 AWG OUTDOOR RATED 3-PRONG CORD. THE GROUND PRONG WAS DAMAGED DURING THE INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19930607 City: OREM State: UT

THE COMPLAINANT REPORTED A SEVEN OUTLET SURGE SUPPRESSOR FAILED DURING NORMAL USE. THE SURGE SUPPRESSOR HAD BEEN PLUGGED INTO A WALL OUTLET FOR THE PAST 5 MONTHS. A TELEVISION, STEREO RECEIVER, VIDEO TAPE REWINDER, AND TWO VIDEOTAPE RECORDERS WERE PLUGGED INTO THE SURGE SUPPRESSOR. A NEIGHBOR WHO WAS VISITING THE COMPLAINANT SAW 6" HIGH FLAMES COMING FROM THE SURGE SUPPRESSOR. HE BLEW OUT THE FLAMES WITH HIS BREATH. NO ONE WAS INJURED IN THIS INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19940327 City: COLORADO SPRI State: CO

NOBODY WAS INJURED WHEN A TV WAS INVOLVED IN A FIRE IN A TRAILER HOME . OFFICIALS BELIEVE THE FIRE STARTED WITH A SHORT IN AN OUTLET OR THE TV PLUG.

Incident Date: 19930217 City: TAYLORSVILLE State: MS

ON 2/17/93 AT APPROXIMATELY 1100 HOURS, A POTENTIAL FIRE INCIDENT OCCURRED WHEN A MONTH OLD PORTABLE ELECTRIC CERAMIC HEATER SHORTED OUT WHILE PLUGGED INTO A WALL OUTLET. THERE WERE NO INJURIES. DAMAGE WAS CONFINED TO THE HEATER.

Incident Date: 19930122 City: WOODLANDS State: TX

A 48 YEAR OLD FEMALE DIED WHEN SHE WAS ACCIDENTALLY ELECTROCUTED WHILE HOLDING A NATURAL GAS LINE AND BACKED INTO A 110 VOLT ELECTRICAL OUTLET BOX. THE INCIDENT OCCURRED WHEN THE VICTIM WAS ATTEMPTING TO LIGHT A SWIMMING POOL/SPA NATURAL GAS HEATER. NO PRODUCT ID WAS MADE BY THE INVESTIGATING SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. ALTHOUGH THE LOCAL UTILITY COMPANY CHECKED THE SYSTEM FOR ELECTRICAL FAILURE AND STRAY CURRENT, NONE WAS FOUND. THE VICTIM'S RIGHT HAND APPARENTLY GROUNDED WHEN HER BUTTOX CONTACTED THE OPEN, OUTSIDE RECEPTICLE BOX. THE AREA AROUND THE INCIDENT SITE WAS REPORTEDLY WET AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19930305 City: BETHESDA State: MD

THERE WERE NO INJURIES INVOLVED IN THIS ACCIDENT. FIRE INVESTIGATOR BELIEVE THAT ONE OF THREE SMALL ELECTRICAL PRODUCTS STARTED A FIRE IN A KITCHEN OF AN APARTMENT. THE INSURANCE COMPANY IS CONCENTRATING ON HAVING THE REMAINS OF THE ELECTRIC JUICE EXTRACTOR TESTED, BECAUSE IT MAY HAVE BEEN THE ONLY PRODUCT CONNECTED TO AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET, NEAR THE ORIGIN OF THE FIRE.

Incident Date: 19930225 City: TRENTON State: NJ

AN ELECTRIC PLUG IN AIR FRESHENER WAS IN USE FOR ABOUT ONE WEEK PLUGGED INTO A DUPLEX WALL RECEPTACLE IN THE BEDROOM OF A SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING. THE COMPLAINANT'S 24 YEAR OLD SON WAS WALKING BY THE BEDROOM DOOR AND OBSERVED SPARKS EMANATING FROM THE FRONT OF THE AIR FRESHENER. HE UNPLUGGED THE UNIT AND NO VISIBLE DAMAGE WAS DONE TO THE RECEPTACLE OR TO THE AIR FRESHENER. THE AIR FRESHENER WAS COLLECTED AS A SAMPLE AND SUBMITTED TO CECA.

Incident Date: 19930202 City: TOLEDO State: OH

A 82 YEAR OLD MALE DIED AS A RESULT OF A FIRE THAT OCCURRED IN A NURSING HOME. THE FIRE WAS ATTRIBUTED TO A SPACE HEATER THAT THE VICTIM HAD IN HIS ROOM. THE HEATER WAS LOCATED BY THE VICTIM'S BED, AND HAD ITS POWER CORD GOING UNDERNEATH THE VICTIM'S MATTRESS TO THE OUTLET. AT THE POINT OF THE CORD BEING UNDERNEATH THE MATTRESS, THERE WAS A SPLICE USED TO CONNECT ANOTHER CORD (FIRE OFFICIALS SAID THAT THE CORD THAT REACHED FROM THE SPLICE INTO THE OUTLET WAS AKIN TO AN ELECTRIC LAMP CORD). THE FIRE OCCURRED AT THE POINT OF THE SPLICE.

Incident Date: 19930312 City: MEMPHIS State: TN

ON 3-12-93 AT APPROXIMATELY 0008 HOURS (12:08 AM), AN APARTMENT FIRE ERUPTED WHICH CAUSED THE DEATHS OF TWO BROTHERS, AGES 16 AND 7 YEARS. FIRE DEPARTMENT CITED THE CAUSE AS A MALFUNCTIONING WALL HEATER, HOWEVER INSURANCE INVESTIGATORS FOUND EVIDENCE OF OVERHEATING BY AN INDOOR ELECTRIC GRILL WHICH WAS FOUND STILL PLUGGED INTO A WALL OUTLET AND LEFT "ON".

Incident Date: 19930228 City: HAGERSTOWN State: MD

THIS ACCIDENTAL FIRE OCCURRED AT THE SITE OF AN OIL-FILLED, RADIATOR- TYPE ELECTRIC HEATER BEING USED IN LIVING ROOM OF A DWELLING. UNIT WITH AN APPROXIMATE 4-1/2" CORD, 16 GAUGE WAS ATTACHED TO A 15' EXTENSION CORD AND THE RECEPTACLE OVERHEATED AND CAUGHT FIRE AT THE JUNCTION. VICTIM A 40 YEAR OLD MALE, SUFFERED ANOXIA FROM SMOKE AND WAS TREATED AT THE SCENE.

Incident Date: 19930921 City: HAVANA State: IL

A HOUSE WAS DESTROYED DUE TO THE OVERLOADING OF A CEILING LOCATED ELECTRICAL OUTLET IN A GARAGE, THE HOMEOWNER HAD PLUGGED IN A COUPLE OF APPLIANCES TO A SINGLE GARAGE ELECTRICAL OUTLET. HE WAS AWARE THAT THE CIRCUIT BREAKER THE WAS ON THIS LINE WAS BEING THROWN. HE STILL KEPT RE-SETTING THE BREAKER. THERE WERE NO INJURIES INVOLVED IN THIS INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19931027 City: WICHITA State: KS

AN ELECTRIC NIGHT LIGHT PLUGGED INTO A WALL OUTLET MELTED AT ONE OF THE MALE PRONGS AFTER BEING USED 15 MINUTES. NIGHT LIGHT HAD BEEN THROWN AWAY. NO INJURY OCCURRED. WALL OUTLET CHECKED OKAY. SAMPLE COLLECTED AT RETAILER.

Incident Date: 19930505 City: LAKEVILLE State: MN

THE COMPLAINANT WAS USING A 6 MONTH OLD ELECTRIC IRON IN HER HOME. AFTER USING IT FOR ABOUT 5 MINUTES, SHE TURNED IT OFF, BUT LEFT IT PLUGGED INTO THE WALL OUTLET. IN ABOUT 15 MINUTES THE SMOKE DETECTOR WENT OFF AND SHE RAN INTO THE ROOM AND FOUND FLAMES SHOOTING OUT OF THE TOP OF THE IRON AS IT SAT ON THE IRONING BOARD. SHE UNPLUGGED IT AND WAS ABLE TO CARRY IT OVER TO A LAUNDRY TUB, WHERE THE FLAMES WERE EXTINGUISHED. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19930210 City: LAKEVIEW State: AR

A COMBINATION SEWING MACHINE/SURGER WAS PURCHASED APPROX. ONE YEAR AGO BY THE LADY OF THE HOUSE. SHE HAD NOT USED THE PRODUCT FOR APPROX. ONE WEEK BEFORE THIS FIRE INCIDENT. ALTHOUGH PLUGGED INTO A WALL OUTLET, THE APPLIANCE SWITCH WAS SAID TO BE "OFF". ON THE EVENING OF THE INCIDENT, THE LADY DISCOVERED THE PRODUCT ON FIRE. SHE STATED HER HUSBAND EXTINGUISHED THE FIRE BY USING A FIRE EXTINGUISHER. ALSO STATED, WAS THE FOOT PEDAL OF THE PRODUCT RE-IGNITED AND HAD TO BE EXTINGUISHED AGAIN.

Incident Date: 19930111 City: FOLEY State: AL

AN ELECTRIC NIGHT LIGHT WAS PLUGGED INTO A RECEPTACLE IN A CHILD'S BEDROOM. THE UNIT WAS TURNED OFF. A FIRE IS BELIEVED TO HAVE STARTED IN THE CORD OF THE UNIT. DAMAGE WAS INCURRED TO THE BED AND CARPETING IN THE BEDROOM. NO INJURIES WERE INCURRED.

Incident Date: 19930425 City: FITCHBURG State: WI

THIS INVESTIGATION WAS INITIATED DUE TO A NEWSPAPER ARTICLE REPORTING THAT A WAREHOUSE FIRE WAS CAUSED BY A DEFECTIVE PORTABLE ELECTRIC HEATER. THE FIRE CAUSED MINOR DAMAGE AND NO INJURIES. SUBSEQUENT INVESTIGATION SUGGESTS THAT AN EXTENSION CORD AND A POORLY MOUNTED ELECTRICAL OUTLET MAY HAVE BEEN THE ACTUAL SOURCE/CAUSE OF THE FIRE.

Incident Date: 19930522 City: CONWAY State: AR

THE RESPONDENT WAS IN THE KITCHEN MAKING BREAKFAST WHEN SHE HEARD POP PING NOISE AND SMELLED SMOKE. SHE WENT INTO THE DINING ROOM AND OBSERVED SMOKE COMING FROM A RECEPTACLE WHERE SHE HAD AIR FILTERING HUMIDIFIER PLUGGED IN. SHE IMMEDIATELY UNPLUGGED THE AF HUMIDIFIER AND CONTACTED THE FIRE DEPT. NO INJURIES OCCURRED. THE FIRE DEPT RULED THERE WAS A SHORT IN THE CORD OF THE AF HUMIDIFIER.

Incident Date: 19930519 City: PITTSBURGH State: PA

RESPONDENT REPORTS THAT THE 3 MONTH OLD TOASTER OVEN TURNS ITSELF ON WHEN LEFT PLUGGED INTO AN OUTLET. THE EXAMINATION REVEALED TOASTER OVEN DOES INDEED COME ON AUTOMATICALLY, ONCE PLUGGED IN, WITHOUT TURNING IT ON. A FRIEND SHE GAVE ONE TO AS A GIFT ALSO HAS SAME PROBLEM WITH HERS. BOTH WERE BOUGHT AT THE SAME TIME AT SAME RETAILER. PROBLEM WAS DISCOVERED BEFORE A FIRE SITUATION EXISTED IN THE HOME.



Incident Date: 19930601 City: HUDSON State: OH

A CONSUMER CALLED THE FIRE DEPARTMENT WHEN A GFI OUTLET IN HER BATHROOM BEGAN TO MAKE A CLICKING SOUND AND EMITTED SMOKE. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT REMOVED THE OUTLET. THERE WAS NO DAMAGE AND NO INJURY.

Incident Date: 19930626 City: DALY CITY State: CA

THE PLASTIC HOUSING OF A SOUND-OPERATED ("REMOTE CONTROL") ELECTRICAL SWITCH THAT WAS PLUGGED INTO A CONVENTIONAL HOUSEHOLD OUTLET BECAME EXCESSIVELY HOT AND SUFFERED BURN DAMAGE; THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19930515 City: WALSENBURG State: CO

AN UNATTENDED COFFEE POT IS BELIEVED TO HAVE CAUSED A HOUSE FIRE WHEN IT WAS LEFT TURNED OFF AND PLUGGED INTO THE OUTLET IN THE KITCHEN. NOBODY WAS HOME AT THE TIME OF THE FIRE.

Incident Date: 19930621 City: DETROIT State: MI

A CONSUMER HAD HIS WINDOW AIR CONDITIONER UNIT PLUGGED INTO A 3 CONDUCTOR, 6 OUTLET STRIP ELECTRIC POWER TAP AT HIS HOME. WITHOUT WARNING, THE ELECTRIC POWER TAP BEGAN TO MELT AND DEFORM AND GIVE OFF A STRONG BURNING ODOR. THE CONSUMER WAS AWAKEN BY THE STRONG BURNING PLASTIC ODOR AND DISCOVERED THE PROBLEM. HE THEN UNPLUGGED THE ELECTRIC POWER TAP. THERE WERE NO INJURIES BUT THE CONSUMER FELT FORTUNATE THAT HIS HOUSE DID NOT BURN DOWN.

Incident Date: 19930621 City: MIDDLE VILLAGE State: NY

ON JUNE 21 A FIRE OCCURRED IN THE LIVING ROOM OF A CONDOMINIUM. THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE WAS NOT DETERMINED, BUT MAY HAVE BEEN DUE TO THE MISUSE OF AN ELECTRICAL SOURCE. THE SMOKE DETECTOR MAY HAVE BEEN ON THE SAME CIRCUIT AS THE OUTLET INTO WHICH THE EXTENSION CORD AND A FISH TANK WERE PLUGGED. THERE WERE NO INJURIES NOR DEATHS, BUT HEAVY SMOKE DAMAGE OCCURRED, DOLLAR AMOUNT UNKNOWN.

Incident Date: 19930707 City: BALTIMORE State: MD

FATAL FIRE TO THREE PERSONS INVOLVED A "SMALL" AIR CONDITIONER WHICH HAD BEEN RUNNING CONTINUOUSLY FOR EIGHT DAYS DUE TO UNUSUALLY HIGH WEATHER TEMPERATURES. THREE FEMALES AGES 18, 7, 1-1/2 WERE UPSTAIRS IN THE ROW HOUSE WHEN FIRE BROKE OUT IN THE LIVING-ROOM DOWNSTAIRS- ALL WERE TRAPPED AND DIED OF SMOKE INHALATION. FIRE INVESTIGATOR SAID FIRE STARTED AT OUTLET BOX DUE TO EXCESS CURRENT DRAW.

Incident Date: 19930318 City: EAST MEADOW State: NY

A TOASTER OVEN THAT WAS "OFF", STANDING ON THE KITCHEN COUNTER IN THE COMPLAINANT'S HOUSE, WITH THE CORD PLUGGED INTO A WALL OUTLET, SPONTANEOUSLY CAUGHT FIRE. THE HOME OWNER EXTINGUISHED THE FIRE. NO INJURIES OCCURRED.

Incident Date: 19930718 City: KANSAS CITY State: MO

A NOTEBOOK COMPUTER ALLEGEDLY OVERHEATED WHILE IT WAS PLUGGED INTO A WALL OUTLET AT THE COMPLAINANT'S HOME. A PART OF THE COMPUTERS PLASTIC-LIKE CASE COVERING THE BATTERY COMPARTMENT APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN DEFORMED BY THE HEAT. NO FIRE RESULTED AND NO ONE WAS INJURED BY THIS INCIDENT. DAMAGE WAS LIMITED TO THE DEFORMATION MADE IN THE CASE COVERING OVER THE BATTERY COMPARTMENT.

Incident Date: 19930627 City: SMITHTOWN State: NY

COMPLAINANT'S HUSBAND PLUGGED HEATING PAD INTO WALL OUTLET AND IMMEDIATELY NOTICED BURN HOLES ON HEATING PAD COVER AND ON HEATING PAD. HE UNPLUGGED HEATING PAD AND THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19930923 City: NEW YORK State: NY

NO INJURIES OCCURRED WHEN A SIX-OUTLET SURGE PROTECTOR APPEARED TO HAVE SHORTED OUT IN AN OFFICE. APPROXIMATELY ONE-HALF HOUR AFTER A FAN, DIOTAPHONE, COMPUTER MONITOR, AND COMPUTER DRIVE WERE PLUGGED INTO IT, A FOUL ODER WAS EMITTED FROM THE UNIT.

Incident Date: 19930829 City: CLAY CENTER State: KS

A 41 YEAR OLD FEMALE PURPORTEDLY DIED FROM CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING AFTER SHE WAS OVERCOME BY EXHAUST FUMES FROM HER CAR. AN AUTOMATIC OPENER DID NOT RAISE A GARAGE DOOR AT THE VICTIM'S HOME. CITY POLICE DETERMINED THE OPENER WAS NOT DEFECTIVE NOR HAD THE UNIT MALFUNCTIONED. THEY FOUND THE ATTACHMENT PLUG ON THE OPENER'S POWER CORD WAS NOT PROPERLY/COMPLETELY PLUGGED INTO A CEILING OUTLET. THIS RESULTED IN INTERRUPTED ELECTRIC CURRENT TO THE OPENER & IT WOULD NOT ACTIVATE.

Incident Date: 19930927 City: GERMANTOWN State: MD

THE VICTIM IS A 32 YEAR FEMALE WHO RECEIVED AN ELECTRICAL SHOCK FROM HER RANGE WHEN SHE REACHED FOR A PLATE SITTING ON IT. THE RANGE WAS OFF AT THE TIME. IT WAS DETERMINED THE ELECTRICAL PLUG FOR THE RANGE WAS NOT INSERTED ALL THE WAY INTO THE WALL OUTLET AND THIS WAS THE CAUSE OF THE SHOCK. THE RANGE WAS NOT PROPERLY GROUNDED, BECAUSE OF THE POSITION OF THE PLUG. THE VICTIM WAS TREATED AND RELEASED FROM THE EMERGENCY ROOM.

Incident Date: 19930927 City: DENISON State: IA

THIS INVESTIGATION WAS INITIATED THROUGH A NEWSPAPER REPORT OF A COFFEEMAKER WHICH CAUSED A FIRE IN AN ELEVATOR MILL. THE FIRE TOTALLY DESTROYED THE ELEVATOR COMPLEX WHICH CONSISTED OF 3 BUILDINGS . THE COFFEEMAKER WAS PLUGGED INTO A WALL OUTLET IN THE OFFICE AREA OF THE COMPLEX, BUT WAS IN THE "OFF" POSITION. IT WAS USED ON AN ALMOST DAILY BASIS BY THE OWNER WHEN HE VISITED THE MILL, WHICH WAS UP FOR SALE AT THE TIME OF THIS INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19931105 City: CORTLANDVILLE State: NY

AN ELECTRICALLY POWERED HEAT TAPE IDENTIFIED BY THE MOBILE HOME OWNER AS BEING 11 YEARS OLD, BEING USED TO WARM A 1/2 INCH, PVC CONSTRUCTED COLD WATER INLET PIPE ELECTRICALLY SHORTED AND IGNITED THE INSULATION COVERING THE HEAT TAPE AND PIPE. THE HEAT TAPE WAS PLUGGED INTO A GROUNDED, 110 VOLT, WALL RECEPTACLE LOCATED UNDER- NEATH THE MOBILE HOME. THE WALL RECEPTACLE WAS OBSERVED TO BE PROTECTED BY A 10 AMP CIRCUIT BREAKER. NO INJURIES RESULTED FROM THIS INCIDENT AND PROPERTY DAMAGE WAS ESTIMATED AT \$1,500.00.

Incident Date: 19930927 City: CHESTER State: PA

A 17 MONTH OLD FEMALE CHILD LEFT UNATTENDED, TOUCHED A DENUDED BARE SPOT ON AN ELECTRICAL REFRIGERATOR. THE AREA TOUCHED WAS CHARGING AT ABOUT 120 VOLTS. ADDITIONALLY, THE REFRIGERATOR WAS UNGROUNDED IN THAT A TWO PRONG PLUG WAS PLACED INTO A THREE PRONGED RECEPTACLE. THE VICTIM RECEIVED ELECTRO THERMAL BURNS TO HER LEFT EAR AND SCALP AREA. SHE WAS PRONOUNCED DEAD AT A LOCAL HOSPITAL, AFTER RESCUE ATTEMPTS FAILED.

Incident Date: 19931115 City: FT. SMITH State: AR

AN AIR FRESHENER PRODUCT, DESIGNED TO PLUGGED INTO AN ELECTRICAL RECEPTACLE, WAS, DISCOVERED SMOKING AFTER BEING USED FOR LESS THAN TWO HOURS. THE FIRE MARSHAL COLLECTED THE PRODUCT AND MAILED IT TO THE RESIDENT INVESTIGATOR INQUIRING ABOUT ITS SAFETY.

Incident Date: 19931004 City: FORDS State: NJ

AN APPROXIMATELY 4 YEAR OLD MICROWAVE OVEN WHILE PLUGGED INTO A DUPLEX WALL OUTLET AND IN THE OFF MODE APPARENTLY MALFUNCTIONED AND WENT INTO THE ON MODE. THE RESULTANT HEAT BUILDUP BURNED AND CHARRED THE CAVITY AND MELTED PLASTIC COMPONENTS ONLY DISHES AND TRAYS WERE STORED INSIDE AT THE TIME. NO ONE WAS HOME AT THE TIME AND DAMAGE WAS LIMITED TO THE MICROWAVE OVEN.

Incident Date: 19930520 City: SEASIDE State: OR

INSURANCE INVESTIGATORS IDENTIFIED THE PLUG IN BATTERY CHARGER/AC POWER CONVERTER FOR A COMMERCIAL PAGER AS THE CAUSE OF A RESIDENTIAL FIRE. THE PAGER WAS OWNED BY A FIRE DEPARTMENT AND ISSUED TO A VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTER. THE PAGER APPARENTLY IGNITED WHILE PLUGGED INTO A WALL OUTLET WHILE THE VOLUNTEER WAS SLEEPING. THERE WERE NO INJURIES. DAMAGE WAS CONFINED TO THE AREA OF THE PAGER.

Incident Date: 19931122 City: CONCORD State: CA

COMPLAINANT REPORTS AN EXTENSION CORD FOR christmas TREE LIGHTS MAY BE HAZARDOUS. THE CORD IS NOT UL LISTED. THE SLOTS IN THE RECEPTACLE ARE TOO LARGE OR WIDE. HE TRIED TO PLUG A LAMP AND A MINIATURE X-MAS LIGHT CORD INTO THE RECEPTACLE, BUT THE TWO PRONG PLUG FELL OUT.

Incident Date: 19930728 City: ROSLYN State: PA

A TOASTER, CONNECTED TO A WALL RECEPTACLE, MALFUNCTIONED WHILE IN USE. THE ENSUING FIRE PARTIALLY DESTROYED THE SINGLE FAMILY HOME. NO INJURIES OCCURRED.

Incident Date: 19931202 City: BERWICK State: ME

A MOBILE HOME WAS DAMAGED AS A RESULT OF A FIRE CAUSED BY A SHORT IN AN OUTLET IN THE KITCHEN, AN OVERLOAD OCCURED DUE TO A REFRIGERATOR & RECHARGABLE CORDLESS SCREW DRIVER BEING PLUGGED IN THE SAME OUTLET . THE SHORT IN KITCHEN OUTLET IGNITED THE KITCHEN WALL THEN TRAVELED TO ANOTHER OUTLET.

Incident Date: 19931124 City: RIVER EDGE State: NJ

A FIRE STARTED IN THE COPPER WIRING INSIDE A STEREO AND SPEAKERS. ALTHOUGH THE STEREO WAS NOT BEING USED AT THE TIME, THE CIRCUIT BREAKER TO THE OUTLET, IT WAS PLUGGED IN HAD BEEN TRIPPED. HOWEVER, THE EXACT CAUSE IS UNKNOWN. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19931124 City: WOODLAND State: WA

A FIRE CAUSED BY THE OVER HEATING OF THE WIRING BETWEEN TWO OUTLETS. THE HOUSE WAS 90 YEARS OLD AND THE WIRING WAS NOT DESIGNED TO CARRY THE ELECTRICAL LOAD OF MODERN APPLIANCES. IT HAD KNOB & TUBE WIRING.

Incident Date: 19931006 City: NASSAWADOX State: VA

A FIRE DESTROYED A SINGLE FAMILY HOME AS A RESULT OF A SHORT IN AN ELECTRIC OUTLET WHERE A BASEBOARD HEATER AND SEVERAL OTHER APPLIANCES WERE PLUGGED IN, IN THE LIVING ROOM. THE HOUSE WAS ESSENTIALLY DESTROYED DUE TO FIRE AND SMOKE DAMAGE. NO ONE WAS HOME, AT THE TIME OF THE FIRE.

Incident Date: 19931210 City: ROSEDALE State: NY

THE 28 YEAR OLD FEMALE DIED FROM ASPHYXIATION AFTER A FIRE BROKE OUT IN HER BASEMENT APARTMENT FROM AN OVERLOAD TO A WALL OUTLET. THE VICTIM WAS UNABLE TO ESCAPE BECAUSE THE DOUBLE STEEL DOOR TO THE OUTSIDE WAS PADLOCKED. THE OVERLOAD WAS CAUSED BY SEVERAL APPLIANCES , INCLUDING A SPACE HEATER, WHICH WERE PLUGGED INTO A MULTI-APPLIANCE PLUG. A SMOKE DETECTOR WAS NOT PRESENT.

Incident Date: 19931016 City: PETOSKEY State: MI

THIS NON-INJURY IDI INVOLVES A SMALL HOUSE FIRE THAT OCCURRED IN THE KITCHEN OF A CONSUMER'S HOUSE. AN ELECTRIC TOASTER OVEN WAS PLUGGED INTO AN OLD, LIGHT WEIGHT, "LAMP CORD" TYPE OF EXTENSION CORD, WHICH WAS PLUGGED INTO A WALL OUTLET. THE EXTENSION CORD WAS TOO OLD & LIGHT WEIGHT (OR WEAK) TO BE USED WITH THE TOASTER OVEN, AND OVER A PERIOD OF TIME IT HAD DETERIORATED TO A POINT THAT IT SHORT CIRCUITED AND CAUSED THE FIRE.

Incident Date: 19930901 City: BELGRADE State: MT

A RECHARGEABLE VACUUM CLEANER FAILED WHILE RECHARGING. THE VACUUM CLEANER AND RECHARGING BASE CAUGHT ON FIRE. THE FIRE WAS CONFINED TO THE VACUUM CLEANER AND RECHARGING BASE. THE FIRE DAMAGED THE WALL AND WALL OUTLET. NO ONE WAS INJURED IN THIS INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19931115 City: OLYMPIA State: WA

SINCE ITS PURCHASE IN 1990 A CANISTER STYLE VACUUM CLEANER EXPERIENCED OVERHEATING OF ITS ELECTRIC CORD AND PLUG. ON 11-15-93, THE ELECTRIC CORD GOT HOTTER THAN "NORMAL" AND THE PLASTIC ON THE ELECTRIC PLUG WAS HOT AND SOFT AROUND THE METAL PRONGS. ONE OF THE METAL PRONGS BROKE OFF THE PLUG AND REMAINED IN THE ELECTRIC OUTLET. THERE WAS NO INJURY OR DAMAGE AS A RESULT OF THIS INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19931204 City: NEWCASTLE State: PA

A FIRE STARTED IN A KITCHEN OUTLET OF A HOUSE IN WHICH AN ELECTRIC HEATER WAS PLUGGED INTO. THE WATTAGE OF THE HEATER WAS TOO GREAT AND CAUSED THE OUTLET TO SHORT OUT.

Incident Date: 19931208 City: YORK BEACH State: ME

A 60 YEAR OLD FEMALE RECEIVED AN ELECTRIC SHOCK WHEN HER LEFT HAND TOUCHED THE HOUSING OF AN ELECTRIC PORTABLE COUNTER TOP RANGE. TEMPERATURE CONTROLS WERE ON "OFF" BUT UNIT WAS PLUGGED INTO WALL RECEPTACLE. NO MEDICAL TREATMENT WAS REQUIRED.

Incident Date: 19931228 City: ST. LOUIS State: MO

A TWENTY THREE YEAR OLD MAN WAS SLEEPING AT APPROXIMATELY 12:30 P.M. WHEN HE WAS AWAKENED BY SMOKE WHICH HAD FILLED HIS HOUSE. AN ELECTRIC TOASTER, SITTING ON THE KITCHEN COUNTER, CAUGHT ON FIRE WHILE IT WAS PLUGGED IN AN OUTLET, IN THE "OFF" POSITION. NO ONE WAS INJURED.

Incident Date: 19931120 City: LINCOLN State: NE

A FIRE OCCURED IN THE LIVING ROOM OF A BEDROOM HOME. IT IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY A SHORT IN A WALL OUTLET THAT HAD NOTHING PLUGGED INTO IT. THE COPPER WIRING WAS VERY OLD AND HAD BECOME BARE AND WORN WITH TIME. THERE WERE NO INJURED OFFICIALS DON'T BELIEVE SMOKE DETECTOR WORKED.

Incident Date: 19931124 City: LINCOLN State: NE

A FIRE OCCURRED IN A DOWNSTAIRS BEDROOM WALL OUTLET OF A 3-STORY HOME CAUSED BY A FAULTY OUTLET. AT THE TIME OF THE FIRE, A SPACE HEATER WAS PLUGGED INTO AN OUTLET IN THE NEXT ROOM PULLING ALOT OF CURRENT ACROSS THE CIRCUIT. THE FIRE IS BELIEVED TO HAVE ACTUALLY STARTED SEVERAL HOURS BEFORE IT BECAME APPARENT FIRE.

Incident Date: 19931226 City: DALLAS State: TX

AN ELECTRICAL FIRE OCCURED IN THE DINING ROOM AREA OF AN APARTMENT. IT IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY AN OVERLOAD ON THE KITCHEN OUTLET IN WHICH A CLOTHES DRYER WAS PLUGGED INTO BY A 12 FT EXTENSION CORD. THE DRYER WAS NOT IN USE AND THE EXACT CAUSE IS UNKNOWN SINCE THE KITCHEN AND DEN AREA WAS COMPLETED DESTROYED.

Incident Date: 19931208 City: BRISTOL State: VA

A RESIDENCE FIRE IS SUSPECTED TO HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY A SHORT IN AN ELECTRIC BLANKET. A 19 YEAR OLD RESIDENT OF THE HOME HAD JUST PLUGGED IN AN ELECTRIC BLANKET IN HER ROOM AND LEFT FOR A FEW MINUTES WHEN SHE REUTRNEED, FLAME WAS BURNING IN THE VICINITY OF THE NIGHT STAND NEAR THE ELCTRICAL OUTLET. ALL OCCUPANTS OF THE HOME ESCAPED WITHOUT INJURY. FIRE DAMAGE WAS HELD ESSENTIALLY TO THE ROOM OF ORIGIN.

Incident Date: 19931217 City: DANBURY State: CT

THERE WERE NO INJURIES IN A FIRE OCCURED IN A 3 FAMILY HOME AS A RESULT OF IMPROPER INSTALLATION OF AN ELECTRICAL BASEBOARD HEATER. THE 220V HEATER WAS WIRED DIRECTLY INTO AN OUTLET DESIGNED TO HANDLE ONLY 110V, SPARKS CAME OUT FROM THE OUTLET IGNITING THE BED. THE FIRE WAS CONFINED TO THE BEDROOM. THE HEATER WAS NOT AT FAULT.

Incident Date: 19931205 City: GREELEY State: CO

THE FIRE THAT DESTROYED THE SINGLE FAMILY HOME OCCURRED WHEN A WIRE IN THE LIVING ROOM WALL GLOWED AND IGNITED THE SURROUNDING INSULATION . THE WIRE GLOWED BECAUSE OF AN OVERLOAD TO THE OUTLET TO WHICH IT WAS CONNECTED, AND THINNING CAUSED BY VIBRATIONS OF AN INSTALLED AIR CONDITIONER. THE POSITION OF THE WIRE HAD BEEN ALTERED WHEN THE AIR CONDITIONER WAS INSTALLED.

Incident Date: 19931223 City: LAKEVIEW State: OR

THE FIRE WHICH DESTROYED A TRAILOR HOME OCCURRED WHEN A WORN ELECTRICAL OUTLET SHORTED AND IGNITED THE POWER CORD OF AN ELECTRIC PORTABLE HEATER WHICH WAS PLUGGED INTO THE OUTLET. ALTHOUGH NOT CONFIRMED, A CONTRIBUTING FACTOR TO THE FIRE WAS THAT THE WIRING OF THE TRAILOR WAS DONE BY A LAYMAN AND NOT A PROFESSIONAL ELECTRICIAN. NO INJURIES OCCURRED IN THE FIRE.

Incident Date: 19931217 City: LEXINGTON State: MA

THE FIRE OCCURRED IN THE LIVING ROOM OF A SINGLE FAMILY HOME WHEN A METALLIC OBJECT ON THE NEARBY christmas TREE CAME INTO CONTACT WITH AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET WHICH CAUSED THE TREE TO IGNITE. A CHILD FAMILY MEMBER SAW THE SMOKE AND THE FIRE DEPARTMENT WAS CALLED. THERE WAS EXTENSIVE SMOKE DAMAGE BUT NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19940118 City: RAYMOND State: ME

THE 16 YEAR OLD VICTIM DIED OF CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING AFTER A JOINT ON THE EXHAUST OUTLET OF A GAS FURNACE BROKE, ALLOWING GAS TO SEEP INTO THE HOME. THE JOINT BROKE FROM A COMBINATION A PRESSURE FROM SNOW AND POOR WORKMANSHIP. THE VICTIM WAS SLEEPING IN HER BEDROOM LOCATED DIRECTLY ABOVE THE FURNACE'S DOORWAY. THE VICTIM DIED AT THE HOSPITAL. THE VICTIM'S 12 YEAR OLD SISTER, SLEEPING IN ANOTHER BEDROOM, WAS ALSO POISONED BUT DID NOT DIE.

Incident Date: 19931101 City: NORCATUR State: KS

A FIRE THAT WAS CAUSED BY FAULTY ELECTRICAL WIRING STARTED A FIRE IN THE KITCHEN OF A MOBILE HOME AND ENDED UP DESTROYING THE ENTIRE MOBILE HOME. THE FIRE IGNITED IN A WALL OUTLET IN THE KITCHEN WHICH WAS HARDLY EVER USED. THERE WERE NO INJURIES, THERE WAS A SMOKE DETECTOR IN THE HOME BUT IT IS UNKNOWN IF IT WORKED SINCE NO ONE WAS IN THE HOME.

Incident Date: 19931214 City: PITTSBURGH State: PA

A 67 YR. OLD WOMAN WAS BURNED WHILE TRYING TO PUT OUT A FIRE IN HER APARTMENT WHICH WAS ATTRIBUTED TO AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET ON THE OUTSIDE WALL.

Incident Date: 19931127 City: REDDING State: CA

THE COMPLAINANT REPORTS THAT THE ON/OFF TRIGGER SWITCH ON AN ELECTRIC CHAIN SAW FAILED DURING NORMAL USE. HE WAS USING THE CHAIN SAW TO CUT PINE LOGS. WHEN HE RELEASED THE TRIGGER, THE CHAIN SAW CONTINUE RUNNING. HE THEN TOLD ONE OF HIS GRANDCHILDREN TO UNPLUG THE EXTENSION CORD (MALE END) FROM THE WALL OUTLET. THIS WAS THE ONLY WAY OF SHUTTING DOWN THE ELECTRIC CHAIN SAW.

Incident Date: 19931125 City: KEARNEY State: NE

THE FIRE OCCURRED IN THE SINGLE HOME AS A RESULT OF A SHORT OR A LOOSE CONNECTION IN THE COPPER ROMAX WIRING BEHIND AN OUTLET IN THE CENTER OF THE LIVING ROOM WALL. A RESIDENT WHO SMELLED SMOKE SAW FLAMES EXITING A HEAT REGISTER IN THE LIVING ROOM AND EVACUATED ALL RESIDENTS. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19930817 City: NEEDHAM State: MA

THE FIRE WHICH DAMAGED A BEDROOM IN THE SINGLE FAMILY HOME OCCURRED WHEN AN EXTENSION CORD WHICH CONNECTED A TV TO A WALL OUTLET, IGNITED THE RUG WHICH LAY ON TOP OF IT. FIRE OFFICIALS DO NOT KNOW WHAT CAUSED THE EXTENSION CORD TO IGNITE THE RUG. THE RESIDENT EXCAPED THE HOME WITHOUT INJURY.

Incident Date: 19940108 City: RUNNEMEDE State: NJ

AN ELECTRIC AUTOMATIC CANDLE THAT TURNS ON AT DUSK AND TURNS OFF AT DAWN SUDDENLY ERUPTED INTO FLAMES ON THE WINDOW SILL IN A BEDROOM WINDOW. THE CANDLE HAD BEEN PLUGGED INTO THE WALL OUTLET FOR ABOUT 3 WEEKS WHEN THE INCIDENT OCCURRED. DAMAGE WAS LIMITED TO THE CANDLE AND SLIGHT CHARRING TO THE WINDOW SILL AND AN OVERHEAD CURTAIN. THE CANDLE WAS COLLECTED AS A SAMPLE FOR EXAMINATION.

Incident Date: 19940111 City: NORTH TOPEKA State: KS

THE FIRE WHICH DAMAGED THE SINGLE FAMILY HOME OCCURRED WHEN WIRING IN THE WALL BETWEEN THE KITCHEN AND FURNACE ROOM SHORTED AS A RESULT OF AGE AND IMPROPER USE. THE WIRING LEAD TO A KITCHEN OUTLET USED FOR THE STOVE. THE POWER TO THE OUTLET HAD BEEN IMPROPERLY BORROWED TO POWER AN ELECTRICAL WATER HEATER IN THE FURNACE ROOM. ALSO, THE CIRCUIT BREAKS USED WAS TOO SMALL. NO ONE WAS HOME AT THE TIME. SMOKE DETECTORS WERE PRESENT.

Incident Date: 19940127 City: VENETA State: OR

A FIRE STARTED IN AN OUTLET ON THE CHILDREN'S BEDROOM OF A MOBILE HOME WHEN THE CURRENT PULL GENERATED BY AN OIL FILLED RADIANT HEATER PLUGGED INTO THE SAME CIRCUIT CAUSED AN ELECTRICAL ARC. A CHILD WAS ALERTED BY THE SMELL OF SMOKE AND THE FAMILY ESCAPED WITHOUT INJURY.

Incident Date: 19940105 City: LONGVIEW State: WA

A FIRE OCCURRED IN A BARN THAT THE FIRE DEPARTMENT FELT WAS DUE TO AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET ATTACHED TO AN OPEN BEAM.

Incident Date: 19940124 City: BATON ROUGE State: LA

AN APARTMENT FIRE RESULTED IN EXTENSIVE FIRE AND SMOKE DAMAGE TO THE APARTMENT. THE THREE SMALL CHILDREN WHO WERE IN THE APARTMENT ESCAPED WITHOUT INJURY. THE FIRE ORIGINATED AT A DUPLEX ELECTRICAL OUTLET WHICH HAD A TELEVISION SET, THAT HAD BEEN LEFT ON, PLUGGED INTO IT. A VCR AND CABLEVISION BOX WERE ON THE TELEVISION SET. THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE WAS NOT DETERMINED.

Incident Date: 19940118 City: FT. WAYNE State: IN

THE TRANSMITTER UNIT OF AN APPROX. 18 MONTH OLD BABY MONITOR WAS DO BE EVOLVING A "BURNING ODOR". WHEN THE COMPLAINANT UNPLUGGED THE UNITS SERVICE CORD, THE PLUG AND OUTLET WERE HOT TO THE TOUCH AND THE METAL PLUG WAS CHARRED. PART OF THE RECEPTACLE WAS BURNED AND MELTED .

Incident Date: 19940129 City: AMHERST State: NY

THIS INCIDENT INVOLVED A RECHARGEABLE FLASHLIGHT. THE CONSUMER HEARD A "HUMMING" SOUND COMING FROM THE AREA OF WHERE THE FLASHLIGHT WAS PLUGGED INTO A WALL RECEPTACLE. UPON INVESTIGATION, THE CONSUMER SAW A SMALL AMOUNT OF SMOKE COMING FROM THE FLASHLIGHT. THE CONSUMER CONTACTED THE LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENT, WHICH IS THE COMPLAINANT IN THIS INCIDENT. THE CONSUMER UNPLUGGED THE FLASHLIGHT AND IT EMITTED A SPARK. NO INJURIES OR PROPERTY DAMAGE WAS SUSTAINED AS A RESULT OF THIS INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19940110 City: EVESHAM State: NJ

THE FIRE WHICH DAMAGED A SINGLE-FAMILY HOME OCCURRED AS A RESULT OF AN ELECTRICAL MALFUNCTION IN EITHER A BEDROOM WALL OUTLET OR ELECTRICAL CORDS FROM A DESK LAMP & CLOCK THAT WERE PLUGGED INTO THE OUTLET. THE CORDS WERE CRIMPED BY THE BED WHICH WAS PRESSED HARD AGAINST THE WALL. RESIDENTS ESCAPED WITHOUT INJURY AFTER A SMOKE DETECTOR ALERTED THEM TO THE FIRE'S PRESENCE. FIRE DAMAGE WAS CONTAINED TO THE BEDROOM.

Incident Date: 19940117 City: AVOCA State: NY

THE FIRE WHICH DESTROYED A SINGLE FAMILY OCCURRED IN A CHILD'S BEDROOM. FIRE OFFICIALS SPECULATE THAT THE FIRE WAS CAUSED BY SHORTING IN OLD WIRES LEADING TO A WALL OUTLET. AFTER ATTEMPTING TO EXTINGUISH THE FIRE WITH EITHER A BLANKET OR FIRE EXTINGUISHER, THE RESIDENT CALLED RELATIVES AND EXITED THE HOUSE UNINJURED. SMOKE DETECTORS WERE NOT PRESENT IN THE HOMES.

Incident Date: 19940110 City: LYNCHBURG State: VA

THE FIRE WHICH DESTROYED THE SINGLE-FAMILY, TWO-STORY HOME OCCURRED WHEN ALUMINUM WIRING LEADING TO AN OUTLET IN THE FIRST FLOOR ENCLOSED PORCH, SHORTED AND ARCED AFTER BECOMING LOOSE FROM YEARS OF HEATING AND COOLING AN ELECTRICAL CLOTHES DRYER WAS PLUGGED INTO THE OUTLET. THE FIRE WAS ABLE TO SPREAD QUICKLY BECAUSE OF THE BALLOON CONSTRUCTED WALLS. THE 10 RESIDENTS ESCAPED WITHOUT INJURY. THERE WAS NO SMOKE DETECTOR PRESENT.

Incident Date: 19940114 City: HUNTSVILLE State: AL

ON 1-14-94 AT APPROXIMATELY 2300 HOURS (11:00PM), A POTENTIAL INJURY SITUATION OCCURRED WHEN AN ELECTRIC HAND-HELD HAIR DRYER BEGAN TO EMIT FLAMES WHILE IN USE. AS THE OWNER ATTEMPTED TO TURN THE UNIT OFF, IT WOULD NOT TURN OFF, BUT CONTINUED TO FLAME UNTIL UNPLUGGED FROM THE OUTLET. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19940117 City: WILMINGTON State: DE

IT IS UNKNOWN WHAT CAUSED A FIRE THAT DESTROYED A FURNITURE OUTLET AFTER 2 FIRE INVESTIGATION TEAMS INVESTIGATED THE FIRE. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT IT WAS CAUSED BY THE POWER LINE CONNECTING THE BUILDING WITH THE MAIN LINE. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19940122 City: AMSTESDAM State: NY

THE FIRE WHICH DAMAGED THE SECOND FLOOR AND ROOF OF A SINGE-FAMILY HOME OCCURRED WHEN A SMALL ANIMAL, EITHER A FIELD MOUSE OR RAT, BIT INTO WIRES LEADING TO A DOWNSTAIRS LIVING ROOM ELECTRICAL OUTLET, CAUSING THEM TO SHORT. AN ANIMAL WAS INDICATED WHEN THE OWNER NOTICED THAT ONE OF THE CIRCUIT BREAKERS HAD ALREADY BLOWN MEANING THAT THE CONNECTING WIRE HAD BEEN SEVERED. THE FOUR OCCUPANTS ESCAPED UNINJURED. A SMOKE DETECTOR WAS PRESENT BUT DID NOT OPERATE.



Incident Date: 19940113 City: HARVEYS LAKE State: PA

AN ELECTRICAL FIRE STARTED IN A WALL OUTLET IN THE DEN OF A SINGLE FAMILY HOME AND SPREAD THROUGHOUT THE HOME DESTROYING. THE HOME HAD BEEN REWIRED 10 YEAR PRIOR TO REPLACE ANTIQUATED WIRING SYSTEM. THERE HAD NOT BEEN ANY PREVIOUS PROBLEMS AND THE EXACT CAUSE OF THE FIRE IS UNKNOWN.

Incident Date: 19940201 City: FALLS State: PA

A FIRE OCCURRED IN THE BEDROOM OF A DOUBLE-WIDE MOBILE HOME WHEN WIRING BEHIND A WALL OVERHEATED AND IGNITED A COMBUSTABLE EXTERIOR WALL DESTROYING THE WHOLE HOME. THE OWNER HAD CIRCUMVENTED THE WIRING NEAR THE RECEPTACLE WITH A NEW SUPPLY BECAUSE OF A PROBLEM THAT WAS OCCURRING IN THE RECEPTACLE CAUSING INTERMITTENT POWER SUPPLY. THIS COULD HAVE BEEN THE CAUSE OF THE OVER HEATING. THERE WAS A SMOKE DETECTOR AND NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19940116 City: SOUTH HARRISO State: NJ

AN EXTENSION CORD CONNECTING A HEAT TAPE IS BELIEVED TO HAVE SHORTED OUT AND IGNITED WOOD FRAMING MEMBERS IN A CRAWL SPACE BEHIND THE SECOND FLOOR BATHROOM OF A SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING. THE CORD WAS PLUGGED INTO A DUPLEX WALL OUTLET IN THE BATHROOM ON AN INTERMITTENT BASIS WHENEVER COLD WEATHER SET IN. NO INJURIES RESULTED BUT DAMAGE TO THE DWELLING WAS ESTIMATED AT \$140,000.

Incident Date: 19940119 City: STRASBURG State: VA

THE SECOND STORY OF THE 120 YEAR OLD, TWO-APARTMENT HOME WAS DAMAGED BY FIRE WHEN WIRING LEADING TO A LIVING ROOM OUTLET, OVERHEATED, AND SHORTED, CAUSING THE WIRES TO ARC. THE FIRE DAMAGED THE LIVING ROOM AND KITCHEN. RESIDENTS IN THE UPSTAIRS APARTMENT WERE ALERTED TO THE FIRE BY SMOKE DETECTORS AND ESCAPED UNINJURED. THE RESIDENTS OF THE LOWER APARTMENT ALSO EXITED UNINJURED.

Incident Date: 19940217 City: NEW CASTLE State: PA

A 70 YEAR OLD COUPLE DIED OF SMOKE INHALATION AND THERMAL BURNS FROM A FIRE IN THEIR HOME. FIRE CAUSE WAS ELECTRICAL IN NATURE, CENTERING AROUND AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET IN THE KITCHEN.

Incident Date: 19931208 City: WARWICK State: RI

THE 51 YEAR OLD FEMALE DIED FROM SEVERE BURNS SUSTAINED IN A FIRE IN A FIRE IN HER HOME. THE FIRE WAS CAUSED BY AN OVERLOAD ON A BEDROOM OUTLET. THERE WERE 6 OR 7, 16 TO 18 GAUGE EXTENSION CORDS PLUGGED INTO THE OUTLET. ONE OF THE CORDS SHORTED AND SPARKED A MATTRESS. ALTHOUGH THE SMOKE DETECTOR SOUNDED, IT IS UNKNOWN WHY THE VICTIM DID NOT LEAVE THE HOME RIGHT AWAY.

Incident Date: 19940207 City: TOLEDO State: OH

A NEW ELECTRIC SPACE HEATER HAD FLAMES COMING FROM THE POWER CORD/ OUTLET CONNECTION. THE FLAMES WERE 2" HIGH AND SELF-EXTINGUISHED WHEN THE POWER CORD WAS PULLED FROM THE OUTLET. THE UNIT WAS RETURNED TO THE DEALER FOR CREDIT. THERE WERE NO INJURIES AND THE FIRE DEPARTMENT WAS NOT CALLED TO THE SCENE.

Incident Date: 19940211 City: SMITHVILLE State: NY

THE FIRE WHICH DESTROYED THE TRAILER HOME OCCURRED WHEN ELECTRICAL HEAT TAPE, THAT HAD BEEN PLACED THROUGH THE FLOOR INTO A BEDROOM EXTENSION AND PLUGGED INTO A WALL OUTLET, IGNITED AND SET FIRE TO FLAMMABLE CARPETING THAT HAD BEEN LAID ON TOP OF IT. THE HEAT TAPE IGNITED BECAUSE THE OWNER HAD COILED IT AROUND ITSELF BEFORE PLUGGING IT IN. AFTER USING A FIRE EXTINGUISHER TO TRY TO PUT OUT THE FIRE, THE OWNER ESCAPED UNINJURED.

Incident Date: 19940219 City: NEWKIRK State: OK

THIS INCIDENT INVOLVED AN ELECTRIC STEAM IRON WHICH ALLEGEDLY SHORTED OUT AND A FIRE RESULTED WHICH CAUSED \$40,000 WORTH OF DAMAGE TO A HOME AND ITS CONTENTS. NO ONE WAS HOME AT THE TIME OF THE FIRE AND NO INJURIES WERE SUSTAINED. THE IRON, WHICH WAS ALMOST TOTALLY DESTROYED IN THE FIRE, WAS REPORTEDLY LAST USED ON THANKSGIVING DAY OF 1993. IT WAS PLUGGED INTO AN OUTLET BUT REPORTEDLY IN THE "OFF" POSITION AT THE TIME. THE IRON HAD AN AUTOMATIC SHUT OFF.

Incident Date: 19940216 City: ROANOKE State: TX

THIS INVESTIGATION INVOLVES A MOBILE HOME FIRE THAT CLAIMED THE LIFE OF ONE FAMILY MEMBER AND CAUSED SERIOUS INJURIES TO ANOTHER FAMILY MEMBER. THE FIRE WAS ELECTRICAL IN NATURE PROBABLY RESULTING FROM LOOSE CONTACTS IN THE RECEPTACLE BOX.

Incident Date: 19931215 City: KANSAS CITY State: MO

ELECTRIC POWER STRIP FAILED BY ARCING WHEN PLUGGED INTO AN ELECTRICAL WALL OUTLET. NO INJURY OR PROPERTY DAMAGE OCCURRED. PRODUCT HAS UL LABEL BUT UL SAYS LISTING IS COUNTERFEIT. 500 STRIPS WERE SENT BACK TO MANUFACTURER.

Incident Date: 19931225 City: WARREN State: OH

A CONSUMER ATTACHED A "SMART CLAPPER" TO A WALL OUTLET, THEN PLUGGED A TABLE LAMP INTO THE CLAPPER. HE CLAPPED TWICE TO SEE IF IT WORKED, AND THEN CLAPPED THE LAMP OFF AND LEFT THE ROOM. WHEN HE RETURNED ABOUT 3-1/2 HRS LATER, HE SAW FLAMES AND THE ROOM WAS SMOKE FILLED. THE FAMILY LEFT THE HOUSE AND CALLED THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. THE "CLAPPER" SELF EXTINGUISHED AND DAMAGE WAS LIMITED TO THE "CLAPPER", THE OUTLET COVER PLATE AND THE WALL PAINT.

Incident Date: 19940402 City: ALTO State: GA

A COMPLAINANT AND HIS WIFE SMELLED SOMETHING BURNING IN THEIR MOBILE HOME. THEY DISCOVERED THE SMELL WAS COMING FROM THE SURGE PROTECTOR PLUGGED INTO AN OUTLET IN THE LIVING ROOM. THE PROTECTOR WAS HOT TO THE TOUCH AND SOME OF ITS INNER WIRES HAD MELTED. THERE WAS A TV, VCR AND SATELLITE RECEIVER PLUGGED INTO THE SURGE PROTECTOR. NO INJURIES WERE INVOLVED.

Incident Date: 19940417 City: LOUISVILLE State: KY

A SIX-MONTH OLD CAPPUCINO MAKER WAS BEING USED TO MAKE A CUP OF DRINK. WHEN THE COMPLAINANT REACHED ACROSS THE UNIT TO ADJUST THE NOZZLE OF THE STEAM OUTLET, THE CAP "JUMPED UP" AND A BURST OF STEAM ESCAPED, BURNING HER LEFT WRIST.

Incident Date: 19940321 City: DONEGAL State: PA

RESPONDENT REPORTS THAT THE NEW DECRACTIVE ELECTRIC LAMP WAS USED FOR APPROXIMATELY TWO HOURS OVER TWO DAYS WHEN SOCKET AND LAMP SHADE AREA CAUGHT FIRE WHILE IN USE ON THE THIRD DAY. IT WAS PLUGGED INTO A CONVENTIONAL 110 VOLT OUTLET AND THE FUSE TO THAT CIRCUIT DID NOT BLOW DURING THE INCIDENT. NO ONE WAS IN- JURED IN THE INCIDENT, HOWEVER THE BEDROOM IT WAS IN RECEIVED SMOKE AND HEAT DAMAGE.

Incident Date: 19940518 City: WORTH State: IL

AN 19 YEAR OLD MAN SUFFERED AN ELECTRIC SHOCK WHILE USING AN ELECTRIC VACUUM CLEANER. THE WALL OUTLET HAD A GFCI THAT CUT OFF THE POWER. HE WAS KNOCKED TO THE FLOOR. HE HAD BURN MARKS ON HIS RIGHT HAND AND RIGHT SHOULDER BLADE. HE WAS TAKEN TO AN EMERGENCY ROOM FOR OBSERVATION. HE HAS STIFFNESS IN HIS SHOULDER. HE IS A COLLEGE STUDENT. THE CORD'S INSULATION CRACKED, EXPOSING THE WIRE INSIDE, AT THE TOP OF THE HANDLE.

Incident Date: 19940104 City: MINNEAPOLIS State: MN

THE PVC EXHAUST MANIFOLD ON A SEVEN YEAR OLD HIGH EFFICIENCY BOILER DETACHED AT THE CONNECTION TO THE HEAT EXCHANGER OUTLET, ALLOWING PRODUCTS OF COMBUSTION TO ENTER THE BASEMENT OF A SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE. THE PVC PIPE WAS WARPED, AS IF IT HAD BEEN EXPOSED TO HIGHER THAN NORMAL EXHAUST GAS TEMPERATURES. THERE WERE NO IN- JURIES ASSOCIATED WITH THIS INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19940313 City: LATHAM State: NY

A FIRE INCIDENT WAS CAUSED BY A FAULTY DUPLEX WALL RECEPTACLE. THIS RESIDENCE WAS A SHELTERED DUPLEX HOME FOR AUTISTIC AND MENTALLY HANDICAPPED ADULTS. THE WALL RECEPTACLE WAS EXAMINED BY AN ELECTRICAL EXPERT AND WAS FOUND TO BE MALFUNCTIONED INTERNAL ELECTRICAL COMPONENTS. THE WALL RECEPTACLE WAS REPLACED BY A LICENSED ELECTRICIAN. THE "TRIPPED" CIRCUIT BREAKER WAS ALSO REPLACED BY THE ELECTRICIAN A MITIGATING FACTOR IN THIS INCIDENT IS THAT THE APARTMENT'S RESIDENT WAS KNOW TO URINATE INTO THE INVOLVED WALL RECEPTACLE.

Incident Date: 19940426 City: HAVERHILL State: MA

A 58 YEAR OLD MALE SUSTAINED PERMANENT BRAIN DAMAGE IN A HOUSEFIRE, WHICH CAUSED OVER \$6,000 DAMAGE TO A THREE-STORY WOODEN FRAME DWELLING. AN OIL-FIRED HEATER THAT WAS CONNECTED TO AN ELECTRICAL RECEPTACLE VIA A 17 FOOT EXTENSION CORD AND A SOFA WERE FOUND IN THE DEBRIS FOLLOWING THIS FIRE, WHICH IS STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION.

Incident Date: 19940517 City: WELLFORD State: SC

A 15 YEAR OLD MALE WAS ELECTROCUTED AS A RESULT OF FAULTY WIRING IN AN ELECTRICAL DRYER RECEPTACLE. THE VICTIM WAS LEANING OVER THE DRYER IN AN ATTEMPT TO RESCUE A CAT FROM A HOLE IN THE WALL BEHIND THE DRYER. THE DRYER'S ELECTRICAL RECEPTACLE HAD A LIVE HOT WIRE INCORRECTLY ATTACHED TO THE "GROUND" CAUSING THE OUTSIDE CASING OF THE DRYER TO BECOME ELECTRIFIED.

Incident Date: 19940623 City: WINSTED State: MN

A FIRE IN A BEDROOM OF A MOBILE HOME STARTED AT ABOUT 9:30 PM AND CAUSED ABOUT \$1500 IN PROPERTY DAMAGE. NONE OF THE OCCUPANTS OF THE HOME WERE INJURED. BLACK PLASTIC TRASH BAGS WERE TAPED TO THE WALL AND AROUND AN ELECTRIC OUTLET WHERE A FAN WAS PLUGGED IN. POINT OF ORIGIN WAS THE OUTLET AND FIRE OFFICIALS BELIEVE THE FAN PLUG WAS NOT COMPLETELY INSERTED, RESULTING IN AN ARC AND IGNITION OF THE PLASTIC.

Incident Date: 19940707 City: STANOFORD State: CT

A 50 YEAR OLD MALE SUFFERED 2ND DEGREE BURN TO HIS LOWER TRUNK AND THIGHS WHILE WORKING ON AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET IN HIS HOME. HE HAD SPILLED SOME PAINT THINNER ON HIS CLOTHING PRIOR TO THE ACCIDENT AND A SPARK FROM THE ELECTRICAL WIRING IGNITED HIS CLOTHING. HE EXTINGUISHED THE FLAMES WITH A CLOTH AND DROVE HIMSELF TO THE HOSPITAL, WAS TREATED AND RELEASED WITH NO FOLLOW UP TREATMENT REQUIRED.

Incident Date: 19940622 City: GALENA State: MD

A 24 YEAR OLD FEMALE RECEIVED AN ELECTRICAL SHOCK WHEN SHE OPENED HER WASHING MACHINE TO THROW A PAIR OF SHORTS IN. THE WASHING MACHINE WAS SECOND HAND AND HAD THE GROUND RECEPTACLE REMOVED. SHE WAS ALSO STANDING IN A PUDDLE OF WATER. VICTIM WAS TRANSPORTED TO THE HOSPITAL WHERE SHE WAS TREATED AND RELEASED.

Incident Date: 19940517 City: SHENANDOAH State: PA

A 28 YEAR OLD MALE ATTEMPTED TO PLUG INTO A HOME ELECTRIC OUTLET, A SMALL WOODEN BASED FROG SHAPED LAMP. THE PLUG BEGAN TO SMOLDER AND SPARKS FLEW FROM THE OUTLET. IN ATTEMPTING TO REMOVE THE PLUG FROM THE OUTLET THE VICTIM RECEIVED A SHOCK. NO MEDICAL ATTENTION WAS REQUIRED IN THIS INCIDENT. THE LAMP WAS BEING USED FOR THE FIRST TIME WHEN THE INCIDENT OCCURRED.

Incident Date: 19960428 City: OAK LAWN State: IL

A MAN BOUGHT THREE SURGE SUPPRESSOR UNITS TO PROTECT HIS ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT AT HOME FROM ELECTRICAL MALFUNCTIONS. HE PLUGGED A TELEVISION SET AND A STEREO INTO TWO OF THE THREE FEMALE OUTLETS. HE THEN PUT THE SUPPRESSOR'S MALE PLUG INTO HIS WALL OUTLET. SPARKS AND A 12 INCH TALL FLAME CAME OUT OF THE SUPPRESSOR. HE PULLED THIS UNIT OUT OF THE WALL OUTLET, AND THE FLAMES STOPPED. THERE WERE SCORCH MARKS ON THE WALL. THE SURGE SUPPRESSOR WAS SOOTY AND BURNED THERE WAS NO INJURY. THE UNIT WAS TAKEN AS SAMPLE 96-830-3606.

Incident Date: 19960430 City: HENDERSONVILL State: TN

A CONSUMER PLUGGED HER UPRIGHT VACUUM CLEANER INTO AN OUTLET AND IT CAME ON WHILE IN THE OFF POSITION. SHE FLIPPED THE SWITCH TO THE OFF POSITION AND IT WOULD NOT TURN OFF. SHE STARTED TO UNPLUG IT AND LOOKD BACK AT WHICH TIME SHE SAW FLAMES COMING FROM THE TOP OF THE VACUUM IN THE AREA WHERE THE SWITCH IS LOCATED. NO INJURIES WERE INVOLVED.

Incident Date: 19970806 City: LYNWOOD State: CA

THE VICTIM'S ARE TWO FEMALE SISTERS AGES SEVEN (7) AND NINE (9) YEARS OLD. THE VICTIM'S WERE PLAYING IN A BATHTUB 1/2 FILLED WITH WATER WHEN A HAIR DRYER PLUGGED INTO THE WALL FELL INTO THE BATHTUB FATALLY ELECTROCUTING BOTH GIRLS. THE HAIR DRYER AND THE OUTLET WERE NOT PROTECTED.

Incident Date: 19940704 City: BASALT State: CO

NOBODY WAS INJURED WHEN A VACANT TRAILER HOME HAD A FIRE START IN THE HEATER CLOSET. THERE WAS A WATER HEATER AND ELECTRIC OUTLET IN THE AREA, BUT THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE WAS UNDETERMINED.

Incident Date: 19940717 City: EASTON State: MD

A MOBILE HOME IN A RESIDENTIAL AREA OF EASTON, MARYLAND SUFFERED APPROXIMATELY \$20,000. FIRE ORIGINATED IN THE KITCHEN AT AN OUTLET WHERE A COFFEE MAKER WAS PLUGGED IN. NO ONE WAS HOME AT THIS TIME. PRODUCT WAS DESTROYED IN THE FIRE.

Incident Date: 19940516 City: GOTHENBURG State: NE

REPORTEDLY, THE CORD TO A HAIR DRYER WAS FOUND ARCED WHILE PLUGGED IN TO THE BATHROOM OUTLET. THE ARCING IGNITED THE CURTAINS AND CLOTHING IN THE AREA AND A FIRE DEVELOPED THAT PROGRESSED THROUGH OTHER SECTION OF THE HOUSE. HOWEVER, NO INJURIES WERE SUSTAINED. THE INCIDENT OCCURRED AT APPROXIMATELY 2110 HOURS AND NO ONE WAS HOME AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19940723 City: PHOENIX State: AZ

THE 65 YEAR OLD SUSTAINED BURNS TO THE 1ST AND 2ND FINGERS OF HER RIGHT HAND WHEN A PLUG-IN AIR FRESHNER CAUGHT FIRE. FIRE AS SHE WAS PLUGGING IT INTO AN OUTLET. SHE WAS TAKEN TO THE HOSPITAL, TREATED AND RELEASED.

Incident Date: 19940720 City: NASHUA State: NH

A COUPLE REPORTED THAT TWO ELECTRICITY SAVER RECEPTACLES HAD EMITTED AN ODOR OF BURNING RUBBER, CAUSING WALL SURFACES TO BECOME UNTOUCHABLY HOT AND EMITTED SMOKE THAT SET OFF THEIR SMOKE DETECTORS. NO INJURIES RESULTED FROM THESE INCIDENTS.

Incident Date: 19940801 City: TEMECULA State: CA

THE COMPLAINANT STATED THAT ON OR ABOUT JULY 1994 PURCHASED A BATTERY POWERED EMERGENCY LIGHT FROM A LOCAL HARDWARE STORE. THE UNIT IS ABLE TO SENSE IF THERE IS A POWER OUTAGE, AND WILL AUTOMATICALLY ACTIVATE. APPROXIMATELY TWO WEEKS AFTER THE UNIT WAS PURCHASED, THE COMPLAINANT NOTICE THE UNIT WAS EMITTING ACRID SMOKE AND WAS VERY HOT. THE UNIT WAS REMOVED FROM THE WALL OUTLET. THERE WERE NO INJURIES OR DAMAGE TO THE COMPLAINANTS HOME DUE TO THE INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19940725 City: NORTH SEWICKL State: PA

A HOUSE FIRE OCCURRED WHICH WAS ORIGINALLY BLAMED ON AN ELECTRIC COFFEE POT. HOWEVER, THE FIRE MARSHAL'S INVESTIGATION DISCOVERED THAT IT MAY HAVE OCCURRED WHEN A SHORT DEVELOPED IN THE RECEPTACLE BEHIND A SOFA IN THE SITTING ROOM BEHIND THE KITCHEN. THERE WAS A LAMP PLUGGED INTO THIS RECEPTACLE. THE SPARKING MAY HAVE IGNITED SOME PAPERS AND A SOFA NEARBY. NO ONE WAS INJURED IN THE FIRE.

Incident Date: 19940918 City: ROUND LAKE BC State: IL

ONE RECEPTACLE OF A TRACK LIGHTING SYSTEM CAUSED SPARKS AND A FLAME IN THE UNIT ITSELF. THE UNIT WAS IN THE KITCHEN CEILING AREA. NOTHING ELSE WAS DAMAGED. NO ONE WAS INJURED.

Incident Date: 19940915 City: TROY State: NC

AFTER USING A WET/DRY SHOP VACUUM, VICTIM DISCONNECTED EXTENSION CORD FROM VACUUM, AND WHILE EXTENSION WAS STILL PLUGGED IN TO OUTLET, PICKED UP THE CORD WITH WET HANDS. SHE RECEIVED A SEVERE SHOCK WHICH THREW HER TO THE GROUND. HUSBAND PULLED THE PLUG FROM THE OUTLET AND DROVE HIS WIFE TO MORE REGINAL HOSP. ALTHOUGH BURNS WERE MINOR, SHE WAS ADMITTED BECAUSE OF EXTREMELY HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE AND KEPT OVERNIGHT ON A MONITOR.

Incident Date: 19940906 City: ST. LOUIS PARK State: MN

THE COMPLAINANT USES A 6 MONTH OLD ELECTRIC HAIR DRYER IN THE BATH- ROOM OF THEIR HOME. THEY LEAVE THIS UNIT PLUGGED INTO THE WALL RE-CEPTACLE (GFCI OUTLET) EVEN WHEN NOT IN USE. EARLY ONE MORNING THEY CAME DOWNSTAIRS AND FOUND SPARKS SHOOTING OUT FROM THE HANDLE OF THE UNIT. THE HAIR DRYER CAUGHT ON FIRE, BUT WAS EXTINGUISHED BY SMOTHERING IT WITH A TOWEL. THE HAIR DRYER WAS DAMAGED BY THE FIRE INCIDENT. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19940916 City: DETROIT State: MI

A CONSUMER WAS GOING TO USE A BRAND NEW ELECTRIC HAND-HELD CURLING IRON FOR THE FIRST TIME AT HER HOME. AS THE CONSUMER WAS PLUGGING THE CURLING IRON'S PLUG INTO THE WALL OUTLET, SPARKS BEGAN TO IMMEDIATELY FLY OUT FROM WHERE THE PLUG ENTERED THE WALL OUTLET. THE CONSUMER THEN UNPLUGGED THE CURLING IRON, AND THE SPARKS STOPPED. THE CONSUMER OBSERVED THAT 1 OF THE 2 PRONGS ON THE PLUG HAD BURNED (BLACKENED). THERE WAS NO INJURY. THERE WAS NO PROBLEM WITH THE WALL OUTLET.

Incident Date: 19940610 City: BURLEY State: ID

A 5 YEAR OLD BOY WAS ELECTROCUTED WHEN HIS BODY TOUCHED A WATER PIPE AND A CAMPER AT THE SAME TIME. THE CAMPER INTERNAL WIRING HAD AN ELECTRICAL SHORT FROM NEUTRAL TO FRAME. THE HOME OUTLET SUPPLYING POWER TO THE CAMPER HAD REVERSE POLARITY. THE COMBINATION CAUSED THE EVENT.

Incident Date: 19940819 City: LAKE OSWEGO State: OR

A FIRE AT A RESIDENTIAL APARTMENT OCCURRED DUE TO AN ELECTRIC UPRIGHT TOASTER. THE TOASTER WAS CONTINUALLY PLUGGED INTO A WALL OUTLET. THE TOASTER REPORTEDLY DID NOT FUNCTION PROPERLY AND REQUIRED A WEIGHT ON THE PLUNGER TO REMAIN DOWN. THE TOASTER WAS USED ON THE DAY OF THE FIRE AND THEN THE LEFT UNATTENDED. THERE WERE NO INJURIES INVOLVED IN THIS ACCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19941005 City: MECHANICSVILLE State: VA

A 10 MONTH OLD MALE SUCCESSFULLY EXTRACTED A PLASTIC ELECTRICAL OUTLET SAFETY PLUG FROM AN OUTLET IN HIS HOME AND SUBSEQUENTLY WAS FOUND UNCONSCIOUS WITH THE PRODUCT LODGED IN THE BACK OF HIS MOUTH. THE PRODUCT WAS DISLODGED AND THE CHILD REVIVED BY CPR AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL ASSISTANCE, WITH ATTENDANT FULL RECOVERY. COMPLAINANT CONSIDERS THE RAISED EDGE OF THE PRODUCT TO CONSTITUTE A SAFETY HAZARD IN THAT A CHILD CAN DISLODGE IT FROM IN USE.

Incident Date: 19941008 City: TROY State: MI

THE RECHARGEABLE BATTERY PACK TO A CONSUMER'S VIDEO GAME SYSTEM BEGAN TO SMOLDER & MELT (NO VISIBLE FLAME) WHILE THE BATTERY PACK WAS PLUGGED INTO A WALL OUTLET AND CHARGING. THE CONSUMER'S DAUGHTER DISCOVERED THE PROBLEM IN TIME, AND THREW THE BATTERY PACK, ADAPTOR, & VIDEO GAME UNIT INTO THE SINK, AND DOUSED THEM WITH WATER. THE INCIDENT LEFT A BURN MARK ON THE CARPETING IN THE CONSUMER'S FAMILY ROOM. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19940108 City: CAMDEN State: DE

A HOME FIRE CAUSED ABOUT \$62,000 WORTH OF DAMAGE. THE FIRE IS BELIEVED TO HAVE STARTED AT THE ELECTRICAL OUTLET, WHICH WAS BEING USED BY AN AIR FRESHENER, WHICH HAD BEEN IN OPERATION CONTINUOUSLY FOR ABOUT ONE WEEK. NO REMAINS OF THE AIR FRESHENER WERE LEFT AFTER THE FIRE. THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE ISSUED A REPORT WHICH LISTED THE AIR FRESHENER AS THE POSSIBLE CAUSE OF THE FIRE.

Incident Date: 19930117 City: PEMBROKE State: MA

A CONSUMER REPORTED THAT A FOUR YEAR OLD RECHARGEABLE FLASHLIGHT, WHICH HAD BEEN LEFT CONTINUOUSLY PLUGGED INTO AN ELECTRICAL RECEPTACLE FOR FOUR YEARS, IGNITED AND FILLED A RESIDENCE WITH SMOKE CAUSING HIS WIFE TO SUFFER MILD SMOKE INHALATION. NO PERMANENT INJURIES RESULTED FROM THIS ACCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19941120 City: BUFFALO State: NY

COMPLAINANT PLUGGED A 200 BULB christmas INDOOR/OUTDOOR LIGHT SET INTO A 50 FOOT EXTENSION CORD AND THEN INTO AN ELECTRICAL RECEPTACLE LOCATED ON HIS PORCH. COMPLAINANT SAID THE 15 AMP BRANCH CIRCUIT OVERLOADED AND OPENED. COMPLAINANT THEN PLUGGED THE INVOLVED LIGHT SET INTO A 15 AMP BRANCH CIRCUIT LOCATED IN HIS KITCHEN AND IT ALSO OVERLOADED THE CIRCUIT CAUSING THE FUSE TO OPEN.

Incident Date: 19941205 City: BETHESDA State: MD

A 77 YEAR OLD MALE, THAT LIVED ALONE, IN A SINGLE FAMILY HOUSE, DIED OF ASPHYXIATION AND THE THERMAL BURNS FROM THE HOUSE FIRE. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT INVESTIGATOR, THAT INVESTIGATED THE FIRE, SAID THAT THE CONSUMER IMPROPERLY WIRED TWO FLUORESCENT LIGHT FIXTURES INTO A CEILING MOUNTED DUPLEX RECEPTACLE, USING EXTENSION CORD TYPE WIRE. THE CAUSED OF THE FIRE WAS TRACED TO AN ELECTRICAL FAILURE AT THE DUPLEX OUTLET; HE SAID THE WIRING DID NOT MEET REQUIREMENTS OF THE ELECTRICAL CODE.

Incident Date: 19941008 City: FT. LAUDERDALE State: FL

ON 10/8/94 A HOUSE FIRE OCCURRED IN A BEDROOM OF A 10 YEAR OLD BOY INVOLVING A BED HAVING MATTRESS AND BEDDING WHERE THE BEDDING MAY HAVE COME IN CONTACT WITH A NIGHT LIGHT PLUGGED INTO AN ELECTRICAL RECEPTACLE BEHIND THE BED. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19941129 City: MOSS BLUFF State: LA

A HOUSE FIRE CAUSED IN EXCESS OF \$81,000 PROPERTY DAMAGE. THE FIRE ORIGINATED IN A BEDROOM WHERE A NEW PORTABLE ELECTRIC HEATER WAS USED DURING THE NIGHT AFTER BEING PURCHASED THE DAY BEFORE. THE HEATER WAS SETTING ON A WOODEN DRESSER AND CONNECTED TO THE ELECTRICAL OUTLET WITH AN EXTENSION CORD. THE FIRE OCCURRED AFTER THE FAMILY AROSE THE NEXT MORNING. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19941224 City: MONESSEN State: PA

RESPONDENT'S HUSBAND HAD PLACED BULB IN TOY AND PLUGGED IN THE TOY'S PLUG INTO AN OUTLET TO SEE IF IT WORKED. IMMEDIATELY BULB "POPPED", TURNED BLACK LIKE BURNED OUT, AND THE TOYS PLUG STARTED SPARKING IN THE OUTLET. CIRCUIT BREAKER TO THE OUTLET TRIPPED. HE IMMEDIATELY UNPLUGGED THE TOY'S PLUG AND NOTICED POLARIZED PRONG WAS BURNED AND HAD A HOLE IN IT. NO ONE WAS INJURED IN THE INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19941201 City: PLANTATION State: FL

BACK IN DECEMBER 1994, A 47-YEAR OLD MALE RECEIVED AN ELECTRICAL SHOCK WHEN HE DISPENSED HOT SHAVING CREAM FROM AN ELECTRIC HOT LATHER MACHINE WHOSE ELECTRIC POWER SUPPLY CORD WAS PLUGGED INTO THE 110- VOLT DUPLEX RECEPTACLE IN HIS BATHROOM. PREVIOUS SHOCK INCIDENTS HAD OCCURRED ON TWO OTHER HOT LATHER MACHINE UNITS THAT HE HAD RETURNED TO THE MANUFACTURER FOR REPLACEMENT.

Incident Date: 19941202 City: AVONDALE State: AZ

AN ELECTRIC NIGHT LIGHT MALFUNCTIONED AS THE OWNER WAS PULLING IT OUT OF A WALL OUTLET. THE UNIT BEGAN SPARKING AND THE OWNER SUFFERED AN ELECTRICAL SHOCK.

Incident Date: 19950105 City: WILLIAMSBURG State: VA

COMPLAINANT WAS USING A HAIR DRYER IN THE BATHROOM OF HER HOME WHEN THERE WAS A LOUD NOISE AND FLAME SHOT OUT OF THE WALL RECEPTACLE INTO WHICH THE HAIR DRYER WAS PLUGGED. THE CORD OF THE DRYER BURNED THROUGH AND BROKE OFF. THE RECEPTACLE AND NEARBY WALL WAS BURNED AND SCORCHED. NO INJURIES WERE INCURRED.

Incident Date: 19941115 City: PORTLAND State: OR

A CONSUMER REPORTED THAT ELECTRICAL ARCING OCCURED AT THE CONNECTION BETWEEN AN ELECTRIC BLANKET AND THE TEMPERATURE CONTROL WHICH PLUGS INTO A RECEPTACLE BUILT INTO THE BLANKET. THERE WERE NO INJURIES BUT THE CONSUMER EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT THE BLANKET PRESENTS A FIRE HAZARD.

Incident Date: 19950115 City: SLIDELL State: LA

ON-SITE IDI INVOLVED AN ELECTRIC STEAM IRON THAT WAS LEFT PLUGGED INTO A WALL OUTLET IN THE OFF POSITION. THE IRON'S POWER CORD OVERHEATED NEAR THE PLUG AND STARTED A FIRE IN THE MOBILE HOME. THE OCCUPANTS WERE ALERTED TO THE FIRE BY THEIR SMOKE DETECTOR. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19950121 City: BROOKLYN State: NY

35 YEAR OLD FEMALE WAS DRYING HER HAIR WHEN SHE SMELLED SOMETHING BURNING. AS SHE WENT TO UNPLUG THE HAIR DRYER, SHE OBSERVED FLAMES COMING OUT OF THE HAIR DRYER, WHICH WAS POSITIONED AWAY FROM HER FACE. SHE IMMEDIATELY UNPLUGGED IT FROM THE OUTLET, BLEW OUT THE FLAMES AND PUT DOWN THE HAIR DRYER. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.



Incident Date: 19950116 City: TRENTON State: NJ

AN APPROXIMATELY ONE YEAR OLD MATTRESS ERUPTED INTO FLAMES AT ONE CORNER WHICH BUTTED AGAINST A DUPLEX WALL OUTLET. THIS INCIDENT OCCURRED IN AN ATTIC BEDROOM OCCUPIED BY A 26 YEAR OLD FEMALE. THE FIRE WAS EXTINGUISHED BY FIREMEN AND THE CAUSE ATTRIBUTED TO THE BREAKDOWN OF THE WIRING INSULATION BEHIND THE OUTLET. THE HEAT GENERATED IGNITED THE MATTRESS AND BEDDING. NO INJURIES RESULTED FROM THE INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19941101 City: NEW ORLEANS State: LA

THIS ON-SITE ID INVOLVED A GFCI THAT OVERHEATED AND BEGAN TO MALFUNCTION IN THAT IT WAS CUTTING THE POWER TO ALL THE OUTLETS CONNECTED ON THAT CIRCUIT BUT THE GFCI RESET BUTTON WAS NOT TRIPPING. THE COMPLAINANT REPLACED THE GFCI WITH A NEW ONE AND NOTICED THE WIRES WERE DAMAGED FROM EXCESSIVE HEAT.

Incident Date: 19950115 City: OSWEGO State: IL

A SIX SPEED, HAND HELD, ELECTRIC MIXER OVERHEATED DURING USE. IT WAS USED TO MASH POTATOES. IT GAVE OFF SOME SMOKE AND A BURNING ODOR. THE HOMEOWNERS UNPLUGGED THE UNIT FROM THE WALL OUTLET. NOTHING WAS DAMAGED. NO ONE WAS INJURED.

Incident Date: 19950101 City: HUNTSVILLE State: TX

THE COMPLAINANT MAILED A CERTIFIED LETTER TO THE MFG. OF A ELECTRIC, FOUR-SLICE TOASTER, REGARDING HER CONCERNS WITH THE PRODUCTS ELECTRICAL SYSTEM. SHE STATES THAT WHEN THE TOASTER IS TURNED ON, IT SOMETIMES CANNOT BE TURNED OFF BY THE SWITCH. ALSO, SOMETIMES IT COMES ON BY ITSELF, AND THE ONLY WAY TO TURN IT OFF, IS BY PULLING IT'S CORD OUT OF THE RECEPTACLE. NO INJURY OCCURRED. THE PRODUCT WAS RETURNED TO THE MANUFACTURER AND NOT AVAILABLE FOR SAMPLING. ALTHOUGH IT WAS SUPPOSE TO BE TESTED AND EVALUATED BY THE MANUFACTURER, IT WAS MISTAKENLY DESTROYED BY A TEMPORARY EMPLOYEE.

Incident Date: 19941004 City: ST. LOUIS State: MO

A CONSUMER PURCHASED A 20 WATT HALOGEN DESK LAMP AND RETURNED IT TO THE STORE WHERE SHE PURCHASED IT, BECAUSE IT STOPPED WORKING, AND RECEIVED A NEW ONE. THE IDENTICAL REPLACEMENT LAMP WAS PLUGGED INTO AN A.C. OUTLET IN THE "OFF" POSITION TWENTY FOUR HOURS LATER, CONSUMER WAS MOVING HER DESK, REACHED DOWN TO UNPLUG TO DESK LAMP AND FOUND THAT THE CLASS 2 TRANSFORMER CONNECTED TO THE A.C. CORD WAS VERY HOT AND PARTIALLY MELTED. SHE UNPLUG THE UNIT, AND THERE WAS NO FIRE.

Incident Date: 19950226 City: WELLINGTON State: FL

ON 2/26/95 A FIRE INCIDENT IN A SINGLE-FAMILY HOME OCCURRED INVOLVING AN AC ELECTRIC POWER OUTLET STRIP/SURGE PROTECTOR DEVICE INTO WHICH WERE PLUGGED AQUARIUM EQUIPMENT INCLUDING A PUMP, FILTER, HEATER AND LIGHT. THE 62-YEAR OLD MALE RESIDENT EXTINGUISHED THE FIRE USING A FIRE EXTINGUISHER. THERE WERE NO INJURIES TO THE RESIDENT OR HIS WIFE.

Incident Date: 19951126 City: TYLERTOWN State: MS

A 12 YEAR OLD MALE BURNED FINGERS ON BOTH HANDS WHILE USING AN ELECTRIC SAW. HE WAS ATTEMPTING TO PLUG THE SAW INTO AN EXTERIOR OUTLET ON A PRE-MANUFACTURED HOME. THE SAW ESTIMATED TO BE 10-15 YEARS OLD WAS THROWN AWAY BY THE OWNER.

Incident Date: 19950701 City: BOCA RATON State: FL

ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS, A PORTABLE ELECTRIC TOASTER-OVEN ACTIVATED ITSELF, AFTER BEING PLACED IN THE "OFF" POSITION AFTER USE WITH THE PLUG STILL LEFT IN THE WALL OUTLET. NO PROPERTY DAMAGE RESULTED AS ACTIVATION IN EACH INCIDENT WAS DISCOVERED AFTER A SHORT INTERVAL, AND NO INJURIES WERE SUSTAINED.

Incident Date: 19960511 City: PARKSLEY State: VA

A 2 YEAR OLD MALE WAS ABLE TO REMOVE A SAFETY OUTLET COVER FROM AN ELECTRICAL RECEPTACLE AND THEN PLACED IT IN HIS MOUTH. HIS MOTHER NOTICED HIM CHOKING AND WAS ABLE TO GET IT OUT OF HIS THROAT. HE HAS SINCE RECOVERED FROM HIS INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19941219 City: EDMONDS State: WA

TWO DESK LAMPS EACH WITH A 40 WATT BULB WERE PLUGGED INTO A ELECTRIC SURGE PROTECTOR. THE LAMPS WERE ON AN AVERAGE OF 7 HOURS PER DAY FOR ABOUT 4 YEARS. ON 12-19-94, BLACK SMOKE WAS SEEN COMING FROM THE SURGE PROTECTOR. A CLOSER LOOK REVEALED A SMALL FLAME (1") WAS COMING FROM THE SIDE OF THE PROTECTOR'S ELECTRIC RECEPTACLE. THE CIRCUIT BREAKER FOR THE WALL OUTLET WAS TRIPPED. THERE WAS NO DAMAGE AS A RESULT OF THE INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19941120 City: FORTUNA State: CA

AN ELECTRIC MATTRESS PAD MALFUNCTIONED WHILE IN USE. IT OVERHEATED AT THE POINT WHERE THE POWER CORD PLUGS INTO THE PAD. THE PLUG BURNED. ADULT USERS DISCOVERED THE MALFUNCTION AND UNPLUGGED THE POWER CORD FROM THE WALL OUTLET. NO FIRE OR INJURY OCCURRED.

Incident Date: 19950206 City: VAN BUREN State: AR

A LOANER ELECTRIC TYPEWRITER WHICH HAD BEEN PLUGGED INTO A WALL RECEPTACLE FOR APPROXIMATELY 3 HOURS, BUT NOT USED, WAS DETERMINED TO BE THE CAUSE OF A FIRE IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT. THERE WERE NO INJURIES. THE CHIEF OF POLICE HAS SEARCHED FOR THE REMNANTS OF THE TYPEWRITER; HOWEVER, HE BELIEVES THE PRODUCT HAS BEEN THROWN AWAY.

Incident Date: 19950309 City: FT. LAUDERDALE State: FL

ON 3/9/95 A HOUSE FIRE OCCURRED IN A BEDROOM OF A 60-YEAR OLD ADULT MALE AT A BOARDING HOUSE INVOLVING A BED HAVING MATTRESS AND SHEET WHERE THE SHEET MAY HAVE COME IN CONTACT WITH A PORTABLE ELECTRIC HEATER PLUGGED INTO AN ELECTRICAL RECEPTACLE NEXT TO THE BED. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19950312 City: TIFFIN State: OH

THE CONSUMER'S NEW POWER SANDER WAS PLUGED INTO AN OUTLET, BUT WAS NOT BEING OPERATED. APPARENTLY AN ELECTRICAL FAULT OCCURRED IN THE POWER CORD TO THE SANDER THAT CAUSED A FIRE ESTIMATED AT \$20,000 DAMAGE. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19950403 City: BATON ROUGE State: LA

A 2 WEEK OLD HAIRDRYER BEGAN BURNING MOMENTS AFTER IT HAD BEEN USED BRIEFLY BY A 49 YEAR OLD HANDICAPPED MALE. AFTER BEING USED THE HAIRDRYER HAD BEEN LEFT PLUGGED INTO AN OUTLET BUT THE SWITCH TURNED OFF. THE HAIRDRYER WAS PLACED IN THE SPACE BETWEEN A METAL TOWEL BAR AND THE WALL. THE BLOWER BARREL WAS FACING DOWN AND THE HANDLE UPWARD. THERE WAS NO PHYSICAL INJURY; ABOUT \$900.00 PROPERTY DAMAGE.

Incident Date: 19950210 City: WAYNE State: NJ

A FIRE ORIGINATING IN EITHER A FASCIMILE MACHINE OR COMPUTER LOCATED SIDE BY SIDE ON A TABLE IN AN UNOCCUPIED SECOND FLOOR OFFICE CASUED AN ESTIMATED \$300,000 IN DAMAGES TO A CANDY MAKING BUSINESS AND NURSERY, BOTH HOUSED IN THE SAME BUILDING. THE FAX MACINE IS ON 24 HOURS PER DAY WHILE THE COMPUTER WAS NOT ON AT THE TIME. BOTH WERE PLUGGED INTO A STRIP OUTLET WITH NO OTHER APPLIANCES .

Incident Date: 19950403 City: MILWAUKEE State: WI

THIS INVESTIGATION WAS INITIATED THROUGH A FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT GENERATED THROUGH THE UPHOSTERED FURNITURE FIRE PROGRAM. UPON INVESTIGATION IT WAS DETERMINED THAT THE FIRE WAS STARTED BY AN OVERLOADED AND OVERHEATED ELECTRICAL OUTLET WHICH WAS LOCATED BEHIND THE LIVING ROOM SOFA. THE FIRE QUICKLY SPREAD TO OTHER LIVING ROOM FURNITURE.

Incident Date: 19950412 City: TAKOMA PARK State: MD

AN ELDERLY MAN AND HIS WIFE DIED IN A FIRE THAT TOOK PLACE IN AN ADDITION TO A SINGLE FAMILY HOUSE. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT INVESTIGATORS TRACED THE FIRE TO HAVE ORIGINATED AT THE POINT WHERE AN ELECTRICAL SURGE PROTECTOR AND AN EXTENSION CORD HAD BEEN PLUGGED INTO A WALL OUTLET. BOTH OF THE LATTER PRODUCTS WERE DESTROYED IN THE FIRE. FIRE DEPARTMENT INVESTIGATORS LEARNED OF THE EXISTANCE OF THE ABOVE TWO PRODUCTS FROM FAMILY MEMBERS THAT DID NOT LIVE IN THE HOUSE.

Incident Date: 19950127 City: SIDNEY State: NE

A FIRE DESTROYED A MOBILE HOME AS THE RESULT OF A WATER BED HEATER OVERHEATING. THE WATER BED HAD BEEN DRAINED 3 DAYS PRIOR TO THE FIRE . REPORTEDLY THE INDIVIDUAL WHO DRAINED THE WATER BED LEFT THE HEATER ON AND PLUGGED INTO AN OUTLET CAUSING IT TO OVERHEAT.

Incident Date: 19950501 City: NEW ORLEANS State: LA

RESPONDENT STATED THAT WHILE SHE WAS USING HE HAIR DRYER TO DRY HER HAIR IT BEGAN TO SMOKE FROM THE NOZZELE AND SPARKS BEGAN TO SHOOT OUT FROM THE CORD NEAR WHERE IT ENTERS THE HANDLE. SHE TURNED THE ON/OFF SWITCH TO THE OFF POSITION BUT THE SPARKS CONTINUED TO SHOOT OUT. THE SPARKS STOPPED ONLY AFTER SHE UNPLUGGED THE POWER CORD FROM THE WALL OUTLET. THE SPARKS SCORCHED THE BLOUSE SHE WAS WEARING.

Incident Date: 19950506 City: CINCINNATI State: OH

ACCORDING TO THE RESPONDENT, AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET SHORTED CAUSING A SOFA TO CATCH FIRE. THE SOFA WAS SITTING NEAR A BED AND THE FLAMES FROM THE SOFA CAUGHT A MATTRESS ON FIRE. NO INJURIES OCCURRED.

Incident Date: 19950422 City: HUMBLE State: TX

A TWO WEEK OLD ELECTRIC HAIR DRYER WAS LEFT PLUGGED INTO A DUPLEX WALL OUTLET IN THE BATHROOM. THE OWNER WAS IN ANOTHER ROOM AND HEAR A NOISE. SHE DISCOVERED THE HAIR DRYER WAS RUNNING EVEN THOUGH THE UNIT'S SWITCH WAS IN THE OFF POSITION. THERE WERE NO INJURIES OR PROPERTY DAMAGE.

Incident Date: 19950330 City: PORTAGE State: IN

THIS INVESTIGATION WAS INITIATED FROM A NEWSPAPER ARTICLE, WHICH STATES THAT A HOUSE FIRE WAS CAUSED BY A "FAULTY ELECTRIC BLANKET", AND THE ARTICLE STATES THAT THE FIRE WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR \$25,000 WORTH OF DAMAGE TO THE HOME. THE INVESTIGATION REVEALED THAT, ON 03/30/95, AT APPROXIMATELY 8:27 AM, A FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONDED TO A HOUSE FIRE, AND THEY SUCCESSFULLY EXTINGUISHED THE FIRE WITHIN AN HOUR AFTER THEIR ARRIVAL. THE FIRE CAUSED APPROXIMATELY \$20,000- 30,000 OF DAMAGE TO THE HOME, AND IT KILLED A DOG, WHICH WAS THE ONLY OCCUPANT THAT WAS INSIDE THE HOME DURING THE FIRE. THE FIRE CHIEF STATED THAT THE FIRE WAS CAUSED BY AN ELECTRIC BLANKET, AND HE STATED THAT THEIR INVESTIGATION REVEALED THAT THE CORD LEADING FROM THE ELECTRICAL OUTLET TO THE THERMOSTATIC CONTROL BOX "SHORTED-OUT",

Incident Date: 19950215 City: LUVERNE State: MN

THE POINT OF ORIGIN OF A SMALL FIRE THAT STARTED IN THE BASEMENT OF A SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE WAS A DUPLEX RECEPTACLE. THERE WAS AN AIR FRESHENER PLUGGED INTO THE RECEPTACLE. THERE WERE NO INJURIES AND PROPERTY DAMAGE WAS ESTIMATED AT \$5,000.

Incident Date: 19930726 City: GROSE POINTE State: MI

A FIRE IN A TWO STORY, BRICK AND FRAME CONSTRUCTION, SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING CAUSED \$339,900 DAMAGE. THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE WAS FAILURE ON A SURGE SUPPRESSOR CARD IN AN OUTLET STRIP, ACCORDING TO AN ENGINEERING REPORT. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19950326 City: MINOT State: ND

THE COMPLAINANT SAID THE OUTLET MULTIPLIER WAS PLUGGED INTO AN OUTLET IN THE LIVINGROOM OF THEIR HOME. IT WAS USED TO SUPPLY AC POWER TO THEIR SEWING MACHINE AND A LAMP. HE SAID WHEN HE WAS ATTEMPTING TO REMOVE THE UNIT FROM THE OUTLET, THE TOP COVER PULLED OFF, EXPOSING THE INSIDE METAL CONDUCTORS. THERE WAS NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19950310 City: OAKLAND State: CA

A YEAR AND ONE-HALF OLD ELECTRIC RANGE WITH OVEN UNEXPECTEDLY CAUGHT ON FIRE PRODUCING SEVEN-INCH HIGH FLAMES THAT EMERGED FROM BEHIND THE CONTROL PANEL IN THE SPACE BETWEEN THE RANGE AND REAR WALL. THE FLAMES EXTENDED THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE WIDTH OF THE RANGE. THE CAUSE IS ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY A BURNER ELEMENT THAT SHORTED OUT AT THE BURNER RECEPTACLE.

Incident Date: 19940327 City: SAPULPA State: OK

THIS INVESTIGATION INVOLVED A HOUSE FIRE THAT FIRE OFFICIALS IN A BEDROOM. ELECTRICAL ENGINEERS EXAMINED EVIDENCE AND FEEL THAT THE FIRE WAS CAUSED BY INTERNAL SHORTING OF A CORDLESS SCREWDRIVER THAT WAS PLUGGED INTO A WALL OUTLET IN THE BEDROOM. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19940804 City: LOS ANGELES State: CA

A 10 YEAR OLD MALE WAS NEAR DROWNED WHEN HELD AT THE BOTTOM BY THE SUCTION OF THE DRAIN OUTLET WHILE PALAYING IN AN IN-GROUND SPA IN THE BACK YARD OF HIS FRIEND'S HOUSE. THE DRAIN COVER HAD BEEN REMOVED. HE BECAME BRAIN DEAD AND DIED 3 DAYS AFTER THE INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19950613 City: PHILADELPHIA State: PA

A POWER STRIP WITH SEVEN OUTLETS WAS BEING USED IN THE KITCHEN OF A HOME TO PROVIDE ELECTRICITY TO A MICROWAVE OVEN, ELECTRIC CAN OPENER, COFFEEMAKER AND POSSIBLY A REFRIGERATOR, APPARENTLY MALFUNCTIONED OR OVERLOADED CAUSING ONE OF THE OUTLETS TO BURN AND MELT. THE "RESET" BUTTON ON THE STRIP DID NOT TRIP DURING THE INCIDENT. NO ONE WAS INJURED DURING THE INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19950608 City: SAN DIEGO State: CA

A RECLINER CHAIR WITH VELOUR UPHOLSTERY WAS INVOLVED IN A RESIDENTIAL FIRE. THE CHAIR WAS ESTIMATED TO BE TWO YEARS OLD. IT WAS NOT ELECTRIC. IT WAS IN GOOD CONDITION. IT HAD BEEN PLACED NEXT TO A RECEPTACLE. THE OWNERS OF THE RESIDENCE HAD BEEN EXPERIENCING PROBLEMS WITH THEIR ELECTRICAL WIRING FOR SEVERAL YEARS. A CIRCUIT IN THE HOME HAD GONE DEAD 1-1/2 HOURS PRIOR TO THE EVENT. THE CHAIR CAUGHT FIRE FROM BEHIND WHERE IT WAS PLACED NEXT TO THE RECEPTACLE. NO ONE WAS INJURED IN THE FIRE.

Incident Date: 19950624 City: NORCROSS State: GA

THIS WAS A NON-INJURY CASE INVOLVING TWO 6-OUTLET POWER STRIPS THAT A CONSUMER PURCHASED FROM A LOCAL FLEA MARKET. HE INSPECTED THE PRODUCT AND REPORTED THAT IT WAS DEFECTIVE AND EXTREMELY DANGEROUS TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC IN THAT IT PRESENTS A FIRE HAZARD.

Incident Date: 19950710 City: COLUMBIAVILLE State: MI

A NIGHT LIGHT (WITH AN ON-OFF SWITCH) STARTED SPARKING FROM A BATHROOM OUTLET. THERE WAS NO FIRE AND THE BATHROOM OUTLET WAS EQUIPPED WITH A GFCT.

Incident Date: 19950624 City: GREENVILLE State: MS

THIS WAS A NON-INJURY CASE INVOLVING A BATTERY CHARGER THAT APPARENTLY SHORTED OUT AND THE SPARKS IGNITED A BEDSPREAD CAUSING SUBSTANTIAL SMOKE AND FIRE DAMAGE TO AN APARTMENT. THE INCIDENT OCCURRED AT APPROXIMATELY 1005 HOURS WHEN THE BATTERY CHARGER WAS PLUGGED INTO THE ELECTRICAL OUTLET IN THE BEDROOM.

Incident Date: 19950729 City: NORTH LAUDERD State: FL

AN UPRIGHT VACUUM CLEANER BURST INTO FLAMES WHILE BEING USED BY A 78 YEAR OLD MALE TO CLEAN HIS BEDROOM CARPET. HE PULLED THE PLUG OUT OF THE WALL RECEPTACLE AND THE FLAMES SELF-EXTINGUISHED. NO INJURIES WERE SUSTAINED IN THE INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19950729 City: AMHERST State: NY

A MINOR RESIDENTIAL FIRE RESULTED FROM A FAULTY WALL RECEPTACLE. NOTHING WAS PLUGGED INTO THE RECEPTACLE AT THE TIME OF INCIDENT. FIRE DAMAGE TOTALED AN ESTIMATED \$5,000 AND WAS REPAIRED AT THE EXPENSE OF THE HOMEOWNER'S INSURANCE POLICY.

Incident Date: 19950812 City: RESTON State: VA

THERE WERE NO INJURIES INVOLVED IN INCIDENT. THE CONSUMER'S SON WAS USING THE OUTLET STRIP FOR THE FIRST TIME; HE WAS USING IT IN HIS BEDROOM. HE PLUGGED A STEREO COMPONENT INTO THE OUTLET, ON THE STRIP THAT IS CLOSEST TO THE CORD. WHEN HE DID, THE OUTLET STRIP EXPELLED A SMALL AMOUNT OF SPARKS AND SMOKE. THE SON UNPLUGGED THE OUTLET STRIP AND THERE WERE NO FURTHER INCIDENTS.

Incident Date: 19950813 City: HOLLYWOOD State: FL

AN ELECTRIC COFFEEMAKER, INSERTED INTO A KITCHEN WALL OUTLET, BUT IN THE "OFF" MODE; WAS BELIEVED TO BE THE CAUSE OF A FIRE THAT DESTROYED THE APARTMENT IT WAS SITUATED IN. NO HUMAN LIVES WERE LOST OR INJURIES SUFFERED, HOWEVER, THE FAMILY LOST THREE (3) PETS AS A RESULT OF THE FIRE.

Incident Date: 19950820 City: MONROE State: WI

THIS INVESTIGATION WAS INITIATED THROUGH A NEWSPAPER ACCOUNT OF A HOUSE FIRE WHICH STARTED IN THE FAMILY ROOM OF THE HOME. AN ELECTRICAL STRIP OUTLET BEING USED ON THE FAMILY COMPUTER SHORTED OUT, CAUSING THE FIRE. THE STRIP OUTLET WAS APPROXIMATELY ONE YEAR OLD AT THE TIME. THE COMPUTER WAS ON AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT. THE STRIP OUTLET HAD BEEN PURCHASED AT AN AREA RETAILER, BUT THE MAKE OR MODEL OF THE STRIP OUTLET IS UNKNOWN.

Incident Date: 19950729 City: FORDS State: NJ

BALLED UP ELECTRICAL WIRE TO A RECENTLY INSTALLED DUPLEX WALL RECEPTACLE OVERHEATED AND IGNITED STRUCTURAL MEMBERS. THE OWNER'S SON HAD INSTALLED A WALL MOUNTED AIR CONDITIONER IN EARLY SUMMER AND INSTALLED THE RECEPTACLE BY SPLICING 8 GAUGE WIRE TO 14 GAUGE WIRE. THE BALLED UP EXCESSIVE WIRE OVERHEATED WHEN THE AIR CONDITIONER OPERATED THREE WEEKS CONTINUOUSLY.

Incident Date: 19950814 City: AUBURN State: NE

IN HIS REPORT THE CHIEF, OF THE CITY'S VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, LISTS THE CAUSE OF THIS HOUSE FIRE AS A "COMBUSTIBLE, (I.E. MATTRESS), TOO CLOSE TO THE OUTLET/POWER BOX OF A TELEVISION VIDEO GAME". HOWEVER, WHEN INTERVIEWED THE CHIEF STATED THIS HOUSE MAY ALSO HAD BEEN STRUCK BY LIGHTNING RESULTING IN A POWER SURGE IN THE IN-HOUSE CIRCUITRY. HEAT/SPARKS HAD BEEN PRODUCED AT THE VIDEO GAME POWER BOX WHICH IGNITED THE ADJACENT MATTRESS.

Incident Date: 19951011 City: SLIDELL State: LA

AN ELECTRIC HAND-HELD HAIRDRYER BEGAN SMOKING AND THEN FLAMED SHORTLY AFTER IT WAS PLUGGED INTO A DUPLEX OUTLET. THE OWNER SAW THE SMOKE AND THEN FLAMES COMING FROM THE UNIT'S SWITCH AREA. THE UNIT WAS UNPLUGGED AND THE FLAMES BLOWN OUT. THERE WERE NO INJURIES PROPERTY DAMAGE WAS LIMITED TO THE HAIRDRYER.

Incident Date: 19951017 City: UNKNOWN State: VA

A 29 YEAR OLD VICTIM RECEIVED A BURN TO HER HAND AND LOWER ARM WHEN SHE UNPLUGGED A WAHING MACHINE TO PLUG IN HER ELECTRIC CURLING IRON AND A LOOSE WALL RECEPTACLE CAME OUT OF THE WALL IN A SHOWER OF SPARKS. THE VICTIM WAS TREATED AND RELEASED FROM THE HOSPITAL.

Incident Date: 19951216 City: MILWAUKEE State: WI

THIS INVESTIGATION WAS INITIATED THROUGH A CONSUMER COMPLAINT WHICH DEALT WITH AN AUTOMATIC WASHING MACHINE WHICH CONSUMER STATED STARTED TO "SMOKE" UPON USING IT FOR THE FOURTH TIME. CONSUMER STATED THAT SHE HAD A REPAIRMAN FROM WHERE SHE HAD PURCHASED THE MACHINE OUT TWO TIMES, AND BOTH TIMES THE BELT WAS REPLACED. THE NEXT TIME SHE USED THE MACHINE, IT SMOKED AGAIN. SHE PULLED THE PLUG FROM THE OUTLET AND FOUND IT TO BE HOT TO THE TOUCH. SHE IS IN THE PROCESS OF NEGOTIATING WITH THE MANUFACTURER TO BE REIMBURSED FOR THE COST OF THE MACHINE.

Incident Date: 19951119 City: NEW HAVEN State: CT

NO INJURY OCCURRED WHEN christmas LIGHTS STARTED SPARKING AND FLICKERING WITHIN FIVE MINUTES AFTER THEY WERE FIRST PLUGGED IN. A SECOND IDENTICAL SET MELTED THE OUTLET THEY WERE PLUGGED INTO WITHIN ONE HOUR OF BEING PLUGGED IN.

Incident Date: 19951117 City: HIGHLAND PARK State: NJ

A DROP IN PLUG IN-HEAT PUMP APPARENTLY MALFUNCTIONED AND SET EXTERIOR WOOD SIDING OF AN APARTMENT ON FIRE. THE ACTUAL COMPONENT FAILURE IS UNKNOWN AT THIS TIME AND THE HEATER, OUTLET AND BREAKERS HAVE BEE SENT TO A TESTING LABORATORY. NO ONE WAS IN THE APARTMENT AT THE TIME AS WELL AS THE OTHER 3 APARTMENTS DAMAGED IN THE FIRE. NO INJURIES RESULTED.

Incident Date: 19960111 City: GREENSBURG State: PA

TWO 7 YEAR OLD TWIN GIRLS DIED FROM SMOKE INHALATION AS THE RESULT OF A FIRE IN THEIR MOBILE HOME. THE FIRE ORIGINATED IN AN ELECTRICAL WALL OUTLET WHICH WAS USED TO PROVIDE POWER TO AN ELECTRIC CLOTHES DRYER. THE DRYER WAS IN OPERATION WHEN THE FIRE OCCURRED. THE SPECIFIC CAUSE OF THE FIRE WAS NOT DETERMINED.

Incident Date: 19951227 City: MIDDLEBURGH H State: OH

A CONSUMER COMPLAINED ABOUT A NIGHTLIGHT SHE HAD PURCHASED THROUGH TH LOCAL ELECTRIC COMPANY. THE COMPLAINANT'S 11 YEAR OLD DAUGHTER TRIE TO PLUG THE LIGHT INTO A WALL OUTLET. THERE WERE SPARKS AND THE PHOTOELECTRIC EYE IN THE NIGHT LIGHT POPPED OUT. HER DAUGHTER WS NO INJURY.

Incident Date: 19960124 City: EMMETSBURG State: IA

THIS INVESTIGATION WAS INITIATED IN FOLLOW UP TO A CONSUMER'S COMPLAINT THAT ON 1/24/96 A RECENTLY PURCHASED ELECTRIC HUMIDIFIER STARTED EMITTING HEAVY SMOKE, FILLING THE BEDROOM WHERE THE 43 YEAR OLD COMPLAINANT AND HER 3 YEAR OLD DAUGHTER WERE SLEEPING. THE COMPLAINANT WAS AWAKENED BY ELECTRICAL ARCING/POPPING NOISES, AND WA ABLE TO PULL THE ELECTRIC CORD FROM THE WALL RECEPTACLE; THE HUMIDIFIER STOPPED SMOKING SHORTLY THEREAFTER, AND NO INJURY OR OTHE PROPERTY DAMAGE OCCURRED. THE COMPLAINANT RETURNED THE DAMAGED APPLIANCE TO THE MANUFACTURER THE SAME DAY THE INCIDENT OCCURRED, AN IT COULD NOT BE SAMPLED.

Incident Date: 19951205 City: SAN ANGELO State: TX

ON 12-5-95, A FIRE OCCURRED IN A RESIDENTIAL APARTMENT. THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE WAS LINKED TO AN UPRIGHT VACUUM CLEANER THAT HAD BEEN LEFT PLUGGED INTO AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET. NO ONE WAS HOME AT TIME OF IGNITION. NO INJURIES OCCURRED.

Incident Date: 19951001 City: BALTIMORE State: MD

A 42 YEAR OLD FEMALE AND HER FAMILY RESIDE IN A TWO STORY HOME IN BALTIMORE, MARYLAND. SHE HAD USED HER HAND HELD HAIR DRYER IN THE MORNING AND LEFT THE HAIR DRYER PLUGGED INTO THE ELECTRICAL OUTLET IN HER BATHROOM. APPROXIMATELY 6 HOURS LATER SHE WAS PUTTING TOWELS AWAY IN THE BATHROOM WHEN THE HAIR DRYER STARTED RUNNING ON ITS OWN. THE HAIR DRYERS FAN DID NOT COME ON BUT SHE SMELLED SOMETHING BURNIN AND NOTICED SMOKE COMING FROM THE HAIR DRYER. SHE THEN UNPLUGGED TH HAIR DRYER FROM THE ELECTRICAL OUTLET. THERE WAS NO INJURY OR PROPERTY DAMAGE INVOLVED IN THIS INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19960115 City: HENNING State: MN

THE COMPLAINANT SAID THEY PURCHASED A NEW COOL SPRAY HUMIDIFIER FOR USE IN THEIR CHILD'S BEDROOM. IT WAS USED FOR ABOUT A MONTH WITHOUT ANY PROBLEMS. ON THE NIGHT OF THE INCIDENT IT WAS PLUGGED INTO THE WALL RECEPTACLE AND TURNED ON AT ABOUT 8:30PM. AT 3:30AM THE PARENTS HEARD THEIR CHILD SCREAMING. WHEN THEY WENT INTO THE ROOM, THERE WERE FLAMES SHOOTING OUT OF THE TOP OF THE HUMIDIFIER ABOUT 10" IN HEIGHT. IT WAS UNPLUGGED, BROUGHT INTO THE BATHROOM AND THE FIRE EXTINGUISHED BY RUNNING WATER ON IT. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19960219 City: FRASER State: MI

A CONSUMER'S 18 DAY OLD ELECTRIC PLUG-IN CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTOR BEGAN TO SMOKE & EMIT AN ELECTRICAL BURNING ODOR, WHILE IT WAS IN US IN A WALL OUTLET IN THE HALLWAY IN THE CONSUMER'S HOUSE. WHEN THE CONSUMER INVESTIGATED, HE OBSERVED SMALL SPARKS INSIDE OF THE CO DETECTOR. HE UNPLUGGED THE CO DETECTOR & DISCONTINUED ITS USE. THERE WERE NO INJURIES, BUT HE WAS CONCERNED THAT IT COULD HAVE POSSIBLY STARTED A FIRE.

Incident Date: 19960205 City: MOLLALA State: OR

THE ON/OFF SWITCH ON A HALOGEN FLOOR LAMP ARCED AND BURNED DURING NORMAL USE OF THE LAMP. THE OWNER DISCOVERED THE FAILURE AT AN EARLY STAGE AND PULLED THE POWER PLUG FROM THE WALL OUTLET. DAMAGE WAS CONFINED TO THE LAMP. NO INJURIES WERE ASSOCIATED WITH THE EVENT. THE OWNER EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT THE LAMP COULD HAVE CAUSED A FIRE OR AN ELECTRIC SHOCK HAZARD.

Incident Date: 19960215 City: MADISON State: AL

THE COMPLAINANT REPORTED THAT A CHARRED AREA WAS FOUND BETWEEN THE ON/OFF SWITCH AND FIRST OUTLET OF 2 SURGE SUPPRESSORS THAT WAS BEING USED IN HER HOME. SHE FEELS THAT THE PRODUCT IS A SAFETY HAZARD AND IS POORLY DESIGNED. NO INJURIES WERE SUSTAINED.

Incident Date: 19960107 City: JENKS State: OK

THE 67 YEAR OLD MALE VICTIM WAS AWAKENED BY THE SMOKE ALARM. HE THEN SMELLED SMOKE AND WENT INTO THE HALLWAY WHERE HE STEPPED ON BITS OF FLAMING PLASTIC IN THE CARPET. THE WALL PANELING WAS BURNING AROUND AN ELECTRICAL RECEPTACLE AND A HANDHELD CORDLESS VACUUM AND ITS RECHARGING STATION MOUNTED THERE WERE ON FIRE. THE VICTIM SUSTAINED A 3RD DEGREE THERMAL BURN OF THE RIGHT FOOT.

Incident Date: 19950708 City: WEST RIVER State: MD

AQUARIUM HOOD FIXTURE WITH FLUORESCENT LIGHT AND ELECTRICAL OUTLET IGNITED, DESTROYING THE UNIT AND CAUSING SOME DAMAGE TO THE SINGLE FAMILY HOME.



Incident Date: 19960229 City: WERNERSVILLE State: PA

A 34 YEAR OLD FEMALE RECEIVED AN ELECTRICAL SHOCK AND BURN TO HER RIGHT HAND AS SHE WAS PLUGGING A STEAM/DRY IRON INTO A 6-OUTLET POWER STRIP.

Incident Date: 19960222 City: FOND DU LAC State: WI

RECHARGEABLE FLASHLIGHT WAS PLUGGED INTO A STANDARD ELECTRICAL WALL OUTLET AND BEGAN TO EMIT HEAVY BLACK SMOKE AND THE PLASTIC BODY OF THE FLASHLIGHT STARTED TO MELT. THE CONSUMER UNPLUGGED THE FLASHLIGHT AND NO FURTHER DAMAGE OCCURED.

Incident Date: 19960211 City: TALLAHASSEE State: FL

COMPLAINANT PLUGGED A BATTERY PACK INTO AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET TO RECHARGE A TOY DUMP TRUCK. THE BATTERY PACK CHARGED APPROXIMATELY 1 HOUR. THE COMPLAINANT SMELLED AN ELECTRICAL BURNING ODOR AND SAW SMOKE COMING FROM THE TRUCK.

Incident Date: 19960322 City: OVERLAND PARK State: KS

AN ADULT FEMALE PLUGGED IN AN AUTOMATIC ELECTRIC COFFEE MAKER INTO A WALL OUTLET. A FEW SECONDS LATER SHE ALLEGEDLY SAW "ARCING" OCCURRING AT THE COFFEE MAKER AND/OR WALL OUTLET. NO ONE WAS INJURED AND NO FIRE STARTED.

Incident Date: 19951218 City: BELTSVILLE State: MD

A 59 YEAR OLD FEMALE SUFFERED FROM SMOKE INHALATION WHEN A SURGE PROTECTOR IN HER FAMILY ROOM BEGAN BURNING, WITHOUT VISIBLE FLAMES. THE SURGE PROTECTOR PLUGGED INTO THE TV WAS ON THE FLOOR, AT THE TIME. A RUG AND THE FLOOR WERE BURNED, HOWEVER NO PROPERTY IGNITED INTO FLAMES. SHE PULLED THE SURGE PROTECTOR PLUG FROM THE ELECTRIC OUTLET AND THERE WAS NO FURTHER INCIDENT. SHE SUFFERED FROM NAUSEA AND DIZZINESS, BUT THOSE SYMPTOMS ENDED IN ABOUT TWO DAYS.

Incident Date: 19960417 City: IOWA CITY State: IA

THIS INVESTIGATION WAS INITIATED THROUGH A CONSUMER COMPLAINT WHICH INDICATED THAT A TRANSFORMER WHICH WAS PLUGGED INTO A WALL OUTLET TO POWER A VIDEO CASSETTE REWINDER WAS FOUND TO BE HOT AND TO HAVE A BURNING ODOR APPROXIMATELY TWO HOURS AFTER IT HAD BEEN USED BY THE OWNER. THE OWNER UNPLUGGED THE UNIT AND TOOK IT TO THE AREA FIRE DEPARTMENT WHO IN TURN SENT THE UNIT AND TRANSFORMER TO UNDERWRITER LABORATORY FOR TESTING. THERE WERE NO INJURIES ASSOCIATED WITH THIS INCIDENT AND NO PROPERTY DAMAGE BEYOND THE TRANSFORMER WHICH WAS FOUND TO BE MELTED.

Incident Date: 19950401 City: DALLAS State: TX

DURING THE YEAR OF 1995, THE OWNER OF A HAND HELD ELECTRIC HAIR DRYER PURCHASED SEVERAL YEARS AGO SUSTAINED FIRST DEGREE BURNS TO HIS LEFT HAND. NO MEDICAL TREATMENT WAS REQUIRED. THE INCIDENT OCCURRED WHEN HE PLUGGED THE DRYER IN THE ELECTRICAL WALL OUTLET AND STARTED TO USE IT. HE SAID SPARKS AND FLAMES ABOUT FOUR TO FIVE INCHES HIGH WERE EMITTED FROM THE WIRE NEAR THE PLUG. THE SPARKS AND FLAMES STOPPED AFTER HE UNPLUGGED THE POWER CORD FROM THE WALL OUTLET. NO PROPERTY DAMAGE OCCURRED.

Incident Date: 19960220 City: FRESNO State: CA

AN ELECTRICAL SHORT IN OR ABOUT AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET SUPPLYING POWER TO A TELEVISION SET CAUSED A STRUCTURAL FIRE THAT CLAIMED THE LIFE OF A 58 YEAR OLD WOMAN.

Incident Date: 19960429 City: ARLINGTON State: VA

THE CONSUMER USING AN ELECTRIC TIMING DEVICE PURCHASED FROM A LOCAL RETAILER, ON HIS IN-HOME FISH TANK, RETURNED FROM A BUSINESS TRIP TO FIND THE DEVICE WAS BURNED AND MELTED AS WELL AS THE WALL NEAREST THE SOCKET OUTLET. NO DEATHS OR INJURIES ARE ASSOCIATED WITH THIS INVESTIGATION. CONSUMER THREW THE DAMAGED PRODUCT AWAY PRIOR TO IT BEING OBTAINED AS OFFICIAL SAMPLE. 3 UNITS OF THE PRODUCT WERE PURCHASED FOR TESTING PURPOSES.

Incident Date: 19960430 City: FREMONT State: NE

AN ELECTRIC TREADMILL PLUGGED INTO AN ELECTRIC OUTLET, BUT NOT IN USE BY THE CONSUMER, CAUGHT ON FIRE IN THE BASEMENT OF A HOME. THE CONSUMER WAS HOME AND HEARD THE SMOKE DETECTOR. NO INJURY OCCURRED BUT \$25,000 IN SMOKE DAMAGE WAS SUSTAINED TO THE HOME.

Incident Date: 19960424 City: NORTH PLATTE State: NE

AN ELECTRICAL HEAT TAPE CAUGHT A MOBILE HOME ON FIRE WHILE PLUGGED INTO AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET. THE TAPE MANUFACTURER IS NOT KNOWN. THE OWNER INSTALLED THE TAPE ON HIS HOT AND COLD WATER PIPES TWO OR THREE YEARS AGO. THE TAPE WAS INSTALLED ACCORDING TO THE DIRECTIONS. THE LOSS WAS ABOUT \$15,000 TO CONTENTS AND PROPERTY.

Incident Date: 19960409 City: SEATTLE State: WA

A FIRE IN A STUDIO OCCURRED DUE TO AN ELECTRIC TOASTER. THE FEMALE VICTIM (AGE 31) PLUGGED THE TOASTER INTO THE WALL OUTLET AND SET THE TOASTER ON A WINDOW SILL. THE TOASTER WHICH WAS KNOWN NOT TO BE FUNCTIONING PROPERLY, WAS LEFT UNATTENDED FOR ABOUT 1 MINUTE. FLAMES FROM THE TOASTER WERE SPREADING TO A NEARBY PLASTIC WINDOW FAN. ATTEMPTS TO EXTINGUISH THE FLAMES, CAUSED THE FIRE TO SPREAD AND THE VICTIM TO RECEIVE THERMAL BURNS TO HER LEFT WRIST AND RIGHT HAND. THE VICTIM WAS TREATED AND RELEASED. ESTIMATED DAMAGE WAS \$1,000 FOR PROPERTY AND \$200 FOR CONTENTS.

Incident Date: 19960623 City: PENN VALLEY State: CA

A 55 YEAR OLD MALE WAS FATALLY ELECTROCUTED WHILE USING AN ELECTRIC HEDGE TRIMMER TO PRUNE SHRUB-LIKE TREES IN HIS BACK YARD. EXAMINATION OF THE TRIMMER REVEALED THE FRAME WAS ENERGIZED. THE TRIMMER WAS USED WITH AN EXTENSION CORD PLUGGED INTO A GFCI COMBINATION OUTLET. THE OUTLET MAY HAVE FAILED TO PREVENT THIS ELECTROCUTION.

Incident Date: 19960909 City: CLIFFORD State: PA

A 4-SLICE TOASTER ERUPTED INTO FLAMES WHILE CONNECTED TO A KITCHEN WALL RECEPTACLE. THE FIRE HEAVILY DAMAGED THE UNOCCUPIED, SINGLE FAMILY STRUCTURE. THE TOASTER WAS THREE MONTHS OLD.

Incident Date: 19970204 City: GRANVILLE State: FL

A CONSUMER REPORTED THE EXTERIOR PLASTIC ON HER 2 WIDE SLOT HORIZONTAL TOASTER CAUGHT FIRE AND MELTED WHEN THE TOAST WITHIN THE TOASTER FAILED TO EJECT AND STARTED TO BURN. THE TOASTER WAS PLUGGED DIRECTLY INTO THE KITCHEN WALL RECEPTACLE DIRECTLY BEHIND THE TOASTER. THERE WERE NO INJURIES IN THIS INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19961120 City: ELIZABETH State: PA

A MOBILE HOME WAS DESTROYED IN A FIRE WHICH ORIGINATED IN THE AREA OF A WALL OUTLET AND INVOLVED A DESK LAMP WHICH WAS PLUGGED INTO THE OUTLET. THE OCCUPANTS OF THE HOME WERE ALERTED TO FIRE BY SMOKE DETECTOR AND THEY ESCAPED THE HOME WITHOUT INJURY.

Incident Date: 19970330 City: JERSEY CITY State: NJ

THE COMPLAINANT REPORTED THAT HER 27" TV SET STARTED EMITTING SPARKS AND BLACK SMOKE FROM THE ELECTRIC CORD EXIT, WHILE THE UNIT WAS "ON" FOR APPROXIMATELY 20 MINUTES. SHE IMMEDIATELY, TURNED THE UNIT "OFF" WITH THE REMOTE CONTROL, AND PULLED OUT THE PLUG CORD FROM THE OUTLET. NO PERSONAL INJURIES, AND NO PROPERTY DAMAGE WERE SUSTAINED DURING THE ACCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19961204 City: FOUR OAKS State: NC

AT APPROXIMATELY 9:00 AM, A FIRE, APPARENTLY CAUSED BY EITHER AN ELECTRIC SPACE HEATER OR AN ELECTRIC OUTLET, DESTROYED A MOBILE HOME. AN EXACT CAUSE WAS NOT DETERMINED. NO ONE WAS HOME AT THE TIME OF THE FIRE, AND THERE WERE NO INJURIES. DAMAGES WERE ESTIMATED AT \$18,000 TO THE MOBILE HOME AND ITS CONTENTS. AN OPERABLE SMOKE DETECTOR WAS PRESENT.

Incident Date: 19960524 City: GRAND RAPIDS State: MN

THIS INVESTIGATION INVOLVED A FIRE INCIDENT THAT CAUSED APPROXIMATELY \$25,000 DAMAGE TO A HOME. THERE WERE NO INJURIES. FIRE OFFICIALS SAID THE FAMILY HAD A VACUUM CLEANER THAT THEIR CAT HAD CHEWED THROUGH THE POWER SUPPLY CORD. IT HADN'T BEEN REPAIRED AND AT TIMES THEY HAD TO SHAKE THE CORD BEFORE THE VACUUM WOULD TURN ON. THIS VACUUM WAS PLUGGED INTO THE WALL RECEPTACLE AT THE TIME OF THE FIRE. THERE WAS EVIDENCE OF ARCING ON THIS POWER CORD. THEY FEEL THIS WAS THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE.

Incident Date: 19960524 City: MIAMI BEACH State: FL

A FIRE THAT APPEARED TO HAVE STARTED IN THE AREA OF A WALL OUTLET AND PLUG/WIRE ASSEMBLY OF A HEATING PAD, DRAPED OVER AN ARM OF AN UPHOLSTERED COUCH, IGNITED THE COUCH AND SPREAD TO AN ADJOINING APARTMENT OF A HIGH-RISE BUILDING. TWO MALES IN THE ADJOINING APARTMENT DIED, ONE FROM LEAPING FROM A WINDOW, AND ONE FROM CARDIAC ARREST/SMOKE INHALATION.

Incident Date: 19960712 City: HOPE State: AR

COMPLAINANT HAD PURCHASED (3) HOME GUARD FLUORESCENT ELECTRICAL RECHARGEABLE LIGHTS, MODEL 827-0395-0. ALL THREE UNITS ELECTRICAL METAL PRONGS BROKE AND REMAINED IN THE WALL OUTLET WHEN HE UNPLUGGED THEM. HE REMOVED THE METAL PRONGS WITH A PAIR OF INSULATED PLIERS FROM THE WALL OUTLET.

Incident Date: 19960511 City: CATAWBA ISLAN State: OH

A CONSUMER COMPLAINED THAT A PLUG-IN AIR FRESHENER SMOKED AND BECAME VERY HOT. THE INCIDENT OCCURRED IN A MOBILE HOME THAT THE COMPLAINANT AND HER HUSBAND HAVE ON A LAKE ERIE ISLAND AND USE AS A SUMMER HOME. THERE WERE NO INJURIES BUT THE WALL OUTLET WHERE THE AIR FRESHENER WAS PLUGGED IN HAD TO BE REPLACED AND THE PRONGS ON THE FRESHENER WERE MELTED.

Incident Date: 19960627 City: ELKTON State: MD

THIS INVESTIGATION WAS PREDICATED UPON A NEWSPAPER ACCOUNT OF A HOUSE FIRE CAUSED BY HEAT TAPE THAT MALFUNCTIONED. INVESTIGATION REVEALED THAT THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE WAS A PLASTIC TYPE INTERIOR HOME ELECTRICAL RECEPTACLE WHICH WAS PLACED UNDERNEATH THE HOME WITHOUT A COVER PLATE WHICH WAS INSTALLED BY THE OCCUPANTS OF THE HOME. NO INJURIES OR DEATHS ARE ASSOCIATED WITH THIS INVESTIGATION.

Incident Date: 19960604 City: GRAHAM State: NC

THIS INVESTIGATION INVOLVED A RESIDENTIAL FIRE THAT STARTED IN WIRING IN THE ATTIC. THE WIRING RAN FROM A JUNCTION BOX TO A RECEPTACLE IN THE ATTIC. THE WHOLE HOUSE CEILING/ATTIC FAN WAS PLUGGED INTO THE RECEPTACLE BUT NOT RUNNING. NO INJURIES OCCURRED.

Incident Date: 19951030 City: WHITTIER State: CA

AN ADULT MALE VICTIM WAS ELECTROCUTED IN AN ATTEMPT TO REPAIR A MICROWAVE OVEN FOR A FRIEND. THERE WERE NO EYEWITNESSES OF THE ACTUAL INCIDENT. ACCOUNTS ARE THAT THE VICTIM REMOVED THE BACK SERVICE PANEL FROM THE MICROWAVE OVEN AND PROCEEDED TO ATTEMPT A REPAIR WITH A SCREWDRIVER WITHOUT DISCONNECTING THE POWER CORD FROM THE ELECTRICAL OUTLET. THE VICTIM WAS TAKING PRESCRIBED, PAIN MEDICATION AT THE TIME.

Incident Date: 19960122 City: MEDINA State: OH

COMPLAINANT PURCHASED A CO DETECTOR IN LATE 1995 OR EARLY 1996. DETECTOR WAS PLUGGED INTO WALL OUTLET IN DINING ROOM OF RESIDENCE. ABOUT ONE MONTH AFTER INSTALLATION, THE DETECTOR WENT OFF. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND THE GAS COMPANY EXAMINED THE HOME AND COULD NOT FIND DANGEROUS LEVELS OF CO. THE SAME THING HAPPENED AGAIN AND THE COMPLAINANT CALLED CPSC TO REGISTER A COMPLAINT. CO DETECTOR HAS BEEN COLLECTED AS SAMPLE.

Incident Date: 19960321 City: THE DALLAS State: OR

A RECHARGEABLE FLASHLIGHT IGNITED WITHOUT WARNING WHILE THE FLASHLIGHT WAS PLUGGED INTO A WALL RECEPTACLE. THE OWNER WAS HOME AND DISCOVERED THE FIRE AT AN EARLY STAGE. A FRIEND WHO WAS VISITING EXTINGUISHED THE FIRE WITH A FIRE EXTINGUISHER. DAMAGE WAS CONFINED TO THE AREA AROUND THE FLASHLIGHT. THE FIRE CAUSED AN ESTIMATED \$1,200 DAMAGE. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19960810 City: DECATUR State: AL

THIS WAS A NON-INJURY SITUATION INVOLVING AN ELECTRIC TOASTER OVEN THAT WAS LEFT PLUGGED INTO AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET IN THE OFF POSITION. AFTER THE COMPLAINANT RETURNED HOME SHE FOUND THE TOASTER OVEN SCORCHING HOT AND SMOKING ON THE KITCHEN COUNTER TOP. THE COMPLAINANT'S HUSBAND UNPLUGGED THE TOASTER OVEN AND CARRIED IT OUTSIDE TO COOL OFF. THE INCIDENT OCCURRED AT APPROXIMATELY 11:00 A.M.

Incident Date: 19960601 City: PARKER State: AZ

AN ELECTRIC BLENDER BEGAN MALFUNCTIONING. SOMETIMES THE BLENDER WOULD AUTOMATICALLY COME ON WITH THE BLADE ROTATING WHEN IT WAS PLUGGED INTO AN OUTLET. OTHER TIMES THE BLENDER WOULD START ONLY AFTER THE OWNER ACTIVATED THE CONTROL SWITCH. HE NOTICED ELECTRICAL SPARKS INSIDE THE BLENDER NEAR THE CONTROL SWITCH. NO INJURIES OCCURRED.

Incident Date: 19960915 City: CONCORD State: NC

THE COMPLAINANT WAS DRYING HER HAIR IN HER BATHROOM. THE PISTOL TYPE HAIR DRYER WAS ON THE HIGH FAN SPEED AND HOT SETTING AND PLUGGED INTO THE BATHROOM RECEPTACLE WHEN FLAMES STARTED AT THE JUNCTION OF THE CORD AND PLUG. THE FLAMES SELF-EXTINGUISHED WITH ONLY MINOR DAMAGE TO THE WALL AND NO INJURY TO THE COMPLAINANT.

Incident Date: 19960907 City: WEST PALM BEA State: FL

ON 9/7/96 AN INCIDENT OCCURRED INVOLVING AN AC ELECTRIC MULTIPLE OUTLET STRIP DEVICE INTO WHICH WERE PLUGGED AQUARIUM EQUIPMENT INCLUDING TWO AQUARIUM LIGHTS AND AN AIR PUMP. THE 26 YEAR OLD HOMEOWNER YANKED THE PLUG OF THE DEVICE FROM THE WALL OUTLET IN HIS LIVING ROOM AT HOME AFTER OBSERVING SMOKING, SPARKING, POPPING NOISE AND FLAMING FROM THE DEVICE. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19960813 City: LONGVIEW State: TX

THIS NON-INJURY INCIDENT INVOLVED AN UNKNOWN AGED ELECTRIC DRYER. THE DRYER'S LINT TRAP CAUGHT ON FIRE, IGNITING THE DENIM CLOTHING INSIDE. THE DRYER OVER HEATED EARLIER IN THE EVENING, SO THE HOMEOWNER UNPLUGGED IT AT THE ELECTRICAL OUTLET. LATER THAT EVENING, THE SMOLDERING LINT TRAP IGNITED, DESTROYING THE DRYER.

Incident Date: 19960919 City: HUBBARD State: OH

THE COMPLAINANT WAS PREPARING TO USE ELECTRIC CURLERS WHEN SHE SAW A 1" HIGH SPARK COMING FROM THE VENT LOCATED NEXT TO THE ON/OFF SWITCH. THE SPARK TURNED INTO A 2" HIGH FLAME. THE COMPLAINANT REMOVED THE PLUG FROM THE OUTLET, AND THE FLAME SELF-EXTINGUISHED. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19960816 City: DALE CITY State: VA

ON/ABOUT AUGUST 16, 1996, THE ADULT MALE COMPLAINANT, AGE UNKNOWN, INSTALLED NEW REPLACEMENT BATTERIES IN TWO YEAR OLD RECHARGEABLE LANTERN. HE THEN PLUGGED THE LANTERN INTO WALL ELECTRIC OUTLET AND UNIT IMMEDIATELY FELL, LEAVING PLUG PRONGS IN THE OUTLET. UNIT APPARENTLY HAD RECEIVED NORMAL USE AND WAS IN APPARENT GOOD CONDITION PRIOR TO THIS INCIDENT. NO ONE WAS INJURED AND THERE WAS NO OTHER PROPERTY DAMAGE.

Incident Date: 19960814 City: SAGINAW State: MI

3 FEMALE CHILDREN AND 1 ADULT FEMALE DIED AS A RESULT OF SMOKE INHALATION RESULTING FROM A HOUSE FIRE IN A TWO-STORY, WOOD-FRAME, SINGLE-FAMILY HOME. IT IS UNDETERMINED AS TO THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE, BUT IT IS BELIEVED THAT BOTH A FREEZER AND AN ELECTRIC CURLING IRON UNIT, IF BOTH PLUGGED INTO THE RECEPTACLE, WOULD CAUSE OVERHEATING OR A SHORT IN THE RECEPTACLE BOX.

Incident Date: 19960911 City: MONROVIA State: CA

VICTIM IS AN ADULT MAN INFLATING AN AIR MATTRESS WITH A 12 VOLT AIR PUMP ATTACHED TO THE CIGARETTE LIGHTER OUTLET IN HIS AUTOMOBILE. HE NOTICED SMOKE AND ODORS COMING FROM THE PRODUCT'S AIR PUMP. THE MAN DISCONTINUED THE USE OF THE PRODUCT. HE EXPERIENCED A HEADACHE AND NAUSEA FROM THE SMOKE.

Incident Date: 19961005 City: TEANECK State: NJ

THE FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL REPORTED THAT SEVERAL ELECTRIC APPLIANCES THAT WERE CONNECTED TO A MULTIPLE OUTLET POWER STRIP, LOCATED IN A COMMERCIAL LOCATION WITH A FLOODY BASEMENT. THE UNIT OVERHEATED, BUT HAD NOT TRIPPED. AS A RESULT, THE BUILDING'S ELECTRICAL OUTLETS AND RECEPTACLES STARTED SHOOTING OUT BURSTS OF FLAMES AND HEAVY SMOKE. REPORTEDLY, THE POWERSTRIP CIRCUIT BREAKER HAD NOT TRIPPED AND ALL THE ELECTRIC SYSTEMS STARTED BURNING. THE COMMERCIAL AREA AND THE SECOND FLOOR APARTMENT RECEIVED EXTENSIVE DAMAGES DUE TO FIRE AND SMOKE. AT THE TIME OF THE ACCIDENT, ALL THE FAMILY MEMBERS THAT LIVED IN THE SECOND FLOOR EVACUATED THE BUILDING. NO PERSONAL INJURIES WERE SUSTAINED.

Incident Date: 19960413 City: TAMPA State: FL

A 33 YEAR OLD MALE WAS ATTEMPTING TO REPAIR A MICROWAVE OVEN AND IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN HOLDING ONTO AN INTERNAL PART WHEN HE ASKED A FRIEND TO PLUG THE POWER CORD OF THE MICROWAVE OVEN INTO AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET. THE VICTIM SUSTAINED AN ELECTRICAL SHOCK WHICH RESULTED IN HIS DEATH. THE CAUSE OF DEATH IS REPORTED AS ELECTROCUTION. THE MANNER OF DEATH IS CONSIDERED ACCIDENTAL.

Incident Date: 19960920 City: SMITHVILLE State: TX

RESPONDENT WAS WASHING A LOAD OF CLOTHES IN HER WASHING MACHINE ON THE PERMANENT PRESS CYCLE. HER HUSBAND NOTICED A BURNING ODOR AND WHEN HE INVESTIGATED, HE OBSERVED SMOKE COMING FROM THE TOP RIGHT SIDE OF THE WASHING MACHINE. THE WASHER HAD BEEN ON FOR APPROXIMATELY 10 MINUTES AND THE RESPONDENT FELT THAT IT WAS IN THE SPIN CYCLE. THE HUSBAND UNPLUGGED THE WASHER FROM THE WALL OUTLET. HE LIFTED THE WASHER'S TOP AND NOTICED THAT THE LID LOCK SWITCH HAD PARTIALLY MELTED AND THE CARDBOARD INSULATION BETWEEN THE DRUM AND OUTER METAL FRAME WAS SMOLDERING. HUSBAND REPLACED THE LID LOCK SWITCH HIMSELF AND THE WASHER HAS OPERATED PROPERLY SINCE THEN.

Incident Date: 19960701 City: IOLA State: WI

DURING THE USE OF A CLOTHES WASHER WHICH WAS PLUGGED INTO A GOLD STAR GFCI RECEPTACLE, THE WASHER MOTOR BURNED OUT. THERE WAS A 20 AMP CIRCUIT BREAKER PROTECTING THE OUTLET. WHEN THE MOTOR BURNED OUT, THE 20 AMP CIRCUIT BREAKER TRIPPED, BUT THE GFCI DID NOT INTERRUPT THE CIRCUIT. FURTHERMORE, THE GFCI DID NOT FUNCTION AFTER THE WASHER WAS REPLACED. THE COMPLAINANT'S CONCERN WAS THERE WAS NO INDICATION THAT THE GFCI HAD MALFUNCTIONED, AND WHEN THE MALFUNCTION OCCURRED, THE OUTLET CONTINUED TO PROVIDE POWER AS A NORMAL OUTLET INSTEAD OF INTERRUPTING POWER FLOW TO THE OUTLET UNTIL THE MALFUNCTIONING RECEPTACLE WAS REPLACED. GFCI = GROUND FAULT CIRCUIT INTERRUPTER

Incident Date: 19960918 City: BALTIMORE State: MD

THE RESPONDENT RESIDES IN A 2 STORY SINGLE FAMILY HOME IN BALTIMORE, MARYLAND. THE RESPONDENT LEFT HIS HOME FOR 3 HOURS AND CAME BACK TO FIND THE HOME FILLED WITH SMOKE. HE HAD LEFT THE ELECTRIC TOASTER OVEN PLUGGED INTO THE OUTLET. THE TOASTER OVEN CAME ON AND STARTED TO BURN THE WOODEN TABLE IT WAS SITTING ON. THERE WAS NO INJURY OR PROPERTY DAMAGE INVOLVED IN THIS INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19950325 City: ELIZABETH State: PA

A 6 OUTLET SURGE SUPPRESSOR INTO WHICH A TV, VCR AND A BOOM BOX WERE PLUGGED WAS THE SOURCE OF A FIRE. THE ADULT SON, TURNED OFF EVERYTHING AND LEFT THE BEDROOM IN THE MORNING. WHILE MOTHER WAS CLEANING IN THE AFTERNOON SHE SMELLED SMOKE, CHECKED ROOM AND SAW FIRE IN AREA OF THE SURGE SUPPRESSOR. NO ONE WAS INJURED IN THE FIRE.

Incident Date: 19960918 City: FRANKLIN TWP State: NJ

A FIRE IN A SECOND FLOOR BEDROOM CLAIMED THE LIFE OF A 17-MONTH OLD MALE WHO WAS SLEEPING IN A CRIB AT THE TIME. THE FIRE WAS BELIEVED TO HAVE ORIGINATED FROM A MALFUNCTION IN THE POWER CORD TO EITHER A TELEVISION SET OR A BOX FAN. BOTH WERE PLUGGED INTO A DUPLEX OUTLET, BUT ONLY THE TELEVISION SET WAS OPERATING AT THE TIME. TWO SMOKE DETECTORS IN THE DWELLING WERE NOT OPERATIONAL AT THE TIME.

Incident Date: 19960924 City: WOODBRIDGE State: VA

A 26 YEAR OLD MALE WAS HOLDING A SIX OUTLET POWER STRIP IN HIS LEFT HAND AND CONNECTING THE POWER PLUG OF THE POWER STRIP INTO A SURGE PROTECTOR. IMMEDIATELY UPON DOING SO, THE CASING FOR THE POWER STRIP BECAME ENERGIZED AND FLASHED A BRIGHT LIGHT. THIS ACTION CAUSED HIS LEFT HAND TO BE SHOCKED AND LEFT WRIST BURNED. THIS ACCIDENT HAPPENED AT HIS PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT.

Incident Date: 19961009 City: TOPEKA State: KS

ACCORDING TO A CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT INVESTIGATOR THIS APARTMENT BUILDING FIRE APPEARS TO HAVE RESULTED FROM A "FAILURE OF MULTI-PLUG ADAPTER ATTACHED TO A WALL OUTLET". THE INVESTIGATOR DID NOT DETERMINE THE SPECIFIC "FAILURE". NONE WERE INJURED. THE TOTAL DAMAGE WAS ESTIMATED AT \$60,000.

Incident Date: 19961209 City: MADISON State: WI

THIS INVESTIGATION WAS INITIATED AS A FOLLOW UP TO A FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT WHICH DEALT WITH A STRUCTURE FIRE AT A RESTAURANT WHICH WAS ALLEGEDLY DUE TO A VACUUM CLEANER WHICH WAS BEING STORED IN THE CLOSET. THE FIRE INVESTIGATOR INDICATED THAT THEIR INVESTIGATION IS ONGOING AND IS STILL NOT COMPLETED AT THIS TIME. THE VACUUM WAS THE TYPE WHICH TUNED ON OR OFF DEPENDING ON THE POSITION OF THE VACUUM CLEANER HANDLE. THE OWNER OF THE RESTAURANT STATED THAT THE VACUUM WAS STORED WITH THE HANDLE IN THE UPRIGHT OR "OFF" POSITION. THE VACUUM WAS PLUGGED INTO A NEARBY OUTLET AT THE TIME OF THE FIRE.

Incident Date: 19961113 City: WATERFORD State: CT

A RECHARGEABLE FLASHLIGHT STARTED TO SMOKE WHILE IT WAS PLUGGED INTO AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET. THERE WERE NO INJURIES OR DEATHS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19960701 City: FAIRFIELD State: IA

A CONSUMER STATED THAT A 43 YEAR OLD FEMALE FRIEND OF HIS, WHO HAS A DISEASE KNOWN AS (MS), MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS, WAS LYING IN HER BED ONE MORNING WATCHING TELEVISION AND SMELLED SOMETHING BURNING. SHE FOUND THAT A 6 PLUG POWER STRIP OUTLET WAS BURNING INTERNALLY AND SMOLDERING THROUGH THE BACK SIDE TO HER WHITE WOOL CARPET IN HER BEDROOM. THE POWER FUSE CIRCUIT BREAKER ON THE UNIT DID NOT TRIP, ALLOWING IT TO CATCH FIRE. THE WOMAN WAS NOT INJURED.

Incident Date: 19961111 City: COURTLAND TO State: MI

AN 8 MONTH OLD MALE DIED DUE TO STRANGULATION AFTER THE ELECTRICAL CORD TO A BABY MONITOR BECAME ENTANGLED AROUND THE VICTIM'S NECK, WHILE THE VICTIM WAS IN HIS CRIB. THE VICTIM'S PARENTS PLUGGED THE BABY MONITOR'S ELECTRICAL CORD INTO AN OUTLET NEXT TO THE CRIB, AND RAN THE ELECTRICAL CORD THROUGH THE SLATS OF THE CRIB'S SIDE RAIL & UP TO THE CUPBOARD ABOVE WHERE THE BABY MONITOR WAS LOCATED. THE EXCESS ELECTRICAL CORD WAS INSIDE OF THE CUPBOARD. THE VICTIM PULLED ON THE ELECTRICAL CORD & GOT IT WOUND AROUND HIS NECK. INVESTIGATING OFFICIALS BELIEVED THAT THE ACCIDENT WAS CAUSED BY MISUSE OF THE BABY MONITOR.

Incident Date: 19961216 City: MURFREESBORO State: TN

THE COMPLAINANT ALLEGED THAT A CURLING IRON WAS PLUGGED INTO A BATHROOM WALL OUTLET FOR ONE MIN., WHEN THE UNIT'S PLASTIC HANDLE HAD MELTED AND ITS METAL BARREL WAS SLIGHTLY BENT. THE COMPLAINANT DISCONTINUED USE.

Incident Date: 19961201 City: LAKE CHARLES State: LA

A RESIDENTIAL FIRE WAS CAUSED BY THE OVERLOADING OF SEVERAL HOMEMADE EXTENSION CORDS. THERE WERE AT LEAST (4) EXTENSION CORDS PLUGGED INTO ONE WALL OUTLET, WITH TWO SPACE HEATERS PLUGGED INTO TWO OF THE EXTENSION CORDS. THE TWO SPACE HEATER CORDS WERE PLUGGED INTO A SECOND RECEPTACLE THAT HAD BEEN SPLICED ONTO A 10" LONG CORD THAT WAS CONNECTED TO THE WALL OUTLET. NO ONE WAS HOME AT THE TIME OF THE FIRE. NO PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION WAS AVAILABLE FROM THE RESPONDENTS.

Incident Date: 19961124 City: EDISON State: NJ

EDISON'S CHIEF FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORTED THAT AN UNIDENTIFIED WIRING SYSTEM IN A BASEMENT OVERHEATED AND STARTED A FIRE WHICH EXTENDED TO THE SECOND FLOOR OF A FOUR-STORY BUILDING. THE BUILDING'S OWNER INFORMED THE FIREFIGHTERS THAT THE SMOKE WAS COMING FROM A CLOTHES DRYER THAT HAD BEEN LEFT ON. REPORTEDLY, THE FIRE WAS NOT STARTED BY THE DRYER, AND THE ACCIDENT REPORT INDICATED THAT THE IGNITION FACTOR WAS UNDETERMINED. WIRES, CONNECTED TO THE 220-V OUTLET OF THE DRYER, APPARENTLY OVERHEATED DUE TO ELECTRIC OVERLOAD. ALL INHABITANTS OF THE BUILDING SAFELY EVACUATED, AND THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19961212 City: DUNSEITH State: ND

AT ABOUT ELEVEN PM A FIRE STARTED IN THE KITCHEN OF A ONE STORY SINGLE FAMILY HOUSE. FIRE OFFICIALS BELIEVE THE ORIGIN WAS AN AUTOMATIC ELECTRIC DRIP COFFEEMAKER WHICH WAS ON A COUNTER AND PLUGGED INTO A RECEPTACLE. IT HAD BEEN USED EARLIER IN THE DAY. THERE WERE NO INJURIES AND PROPERTY DAMAGE WAS ESTIMATED AT \$20,000.

Incident Date: 19970124 City: DES PLAINES State: IL

A 5-YEAR OLD, ELECTRIC POWERED SNOW SHOVEL CAUGHT FIRE IGNITING A NEARBY GAS-POWERED WEED EATER. IT HAD BEEN LEFT, PLUGGED INTO AN OUTLET WITH AN EXTENSION CORD, IN AN UNATTACHED GARAGE FOR 1-2 WEEKS. THE FIRE WAS DISCOVERED BY THE OCCUPANT OF THE HOME AFTER HE EXPERIENCED A POWER OUTAGE IN HIS HOME. HE CALLED 911 WHEN HE SAW SMOKE COMING FROM THE GARAGE. THE FIRE WAS PUT OUT WITH A FIRE EXTINGUISHER. THERE WERE NO INJURIES. THERE WAS NO DAMAGE TO THE GARAGE.



Incident Date: 19961009 City: GROVELAND State: FL

AN 18 MONTH OLD MALE DIED OF THERMAL BURNS AND SMOKE INHALATION IN A HOUSE FIRE INVOLVING AN ELECTRIC SPACE HEATER. THE REPORTS INDICATE THE HEATER WAS IN THE VICTIM'S BEDROOM IN CLOSE ASSOCIATION WITH COMBUSTIBLES. THE WIRING TO THE OUTLET FOR THE SPACE HEATER SHOWED ARCING IN THE AREA ABOVE THE ROOM IN THE CEILING.

Incident Date: 19961103 City: THEINSVILLE State: WI

CONSUMER PURCHASED A 9.6 VOLT CORDLESS DRILL KIT WHICH INCLUDED A DIRECT PLUG-IN CLASS 2 TRANSFORMER USED TO RECHARGE THE DRILL'S NI-CAD BATTERY. THE CONSUMER STATED HE PLUGGED THE TRANSFORMER INTO A 3 PRONGED 110VAC RECEPTACLE IN HIS TO RECHARGE THE DRILL BATTERY. AFTER 4 HOURS HE NOTICED A BURNING ODOR AND DISCOVERED THE TRANSFORMER'S PLASTIC HOUSING STARTED TO MELT, RESULTING IN THE TRANSFORMER SEPARATING AT THE SEAM AND CAUSING PLASTIC TO CRACK. HE UNPLUGGED THE TRANSFORMER BEFORE ANY FURTHER DAMAGE OCCURED.

Incident Date: 19961212 City: CORAL SPRINGS State: FL

AN ELECTRIC BLANKET BEING USED BY A 13 YEAR OLD FEMALE ON THE CONVERTIBLE TYPE SOFA BED SHE WAS SLEEPING ON, SHORT CIRCUITED, AND SMOLDERED, ON THE BED, CHARRING THE BLANKET AND SHEET. THE USER JUMPED OFF THE BED AND PULLED THE PLUG OUT OF THE WALL RECEPTACLE. NO INJURIES WERE SUSTAINED.

Incident Date: 19951010 City: SPRINGFIELD State: MO

A 4 YEAR OLD BOY MAY HAVE STUCK HIS FINGER BETWEEN AND ELECTRICAL WALL OUTLET AND THE MALE PRONGS FROM A FLOOR LAMP AND BECAME ELECTROCUTED. THE FLOOR LAMP WAS CHECKED FOR AND ELECTRICAL SHORT WITH A V-O-M BY THE FIRE DEPT. AND NO SHORT WA FOUND. THE BOY WAS LEFT UNATTENDED FOR A SHORT (5 MINUTES) PERIOD OF TIME.

Incident Date: 19961223 City: CARMEL State: IN

A TOASTER OVEN THAT WAS NOT IN USE, BUT PLUGGED INTO AN OUTLET, CAUGHT FIRE CAUSING AN ESTIMATED \$80,000 IN DAMAGES TO THE COMPLAINANT'S HOME. THREE CATS AND A DOG WERE LOST IN THE FIRE, BUT THE COMPLAINANT WAS NOT INJURED.

Incident Date: 19961015 City: EL MONTE State: CA

A 33 YEAR OLD HISPANIC MALE WAS ELECTROCUTED DURING AN UNQUALIFIED ATTEMPT TO REPAIR A MICROWAVE OVEN. OFFICIAL RECORDS PROVIDED AN EVENT SCENARIO INDICATING THAT THE VICTIM DIED AFTER HE EXPOSED SOME OF THE INTERNAL MICROWAVE OVEN WIRING AND TOUCHED THESE WIRES WITHOUT DISCONNECTING THE POWER CORD FROM A 110 VOLT ELECTRICAL OUTLET. LOS ANGELES COUNTY CORONER'S OFFICE/AUTOPSY/TOXICOLOGY REPORT DOCUMENTS SHOW MULTI-DRUG USE BY THE VICTIM AND OFFICIALS OPINED THAT THIS MAY HAVE IMPAIRED THE VICTIM'S JUDGMENT.

Incident Date: 19970108 City: COLUMBUS State: OH

A SPACE HEATER THAT WAS PLUGGED INTO A WALL OUTLET, BUT OFF, CAUGHT FIRE CAUSING ROUGHLY \$15,000-\$20,000 IN DAMAGES TO THE RESIDENT'S HOME. NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19970208 City: LINCONSHIRE State: IL

THIS INVESTIGATION WAS INITIATED THROUGH A CONSUMER WHICH DEALT WITH AN INCIDENT INVOLVING A TORCHIERE FLOOR LAMP WHICH WAS GIVING OFF AN OFFENSIVE ODOR. THE LAMP WAS FOUND TO BE SMOKING AND WHEN THE CONSUMER WENT TO TURN OFF THE LAMP, THE OUTSIDE OF THE SWITCH CAME OFF IN HER HAND. THE INTERIOR SHAFT OF THE SWITCH HAD COMPLETELY MELTED. SHE TURNED OFF THE LAMP BY UNPLUGGING IT FROM THE OUTLET. THERE WAS NO FIRE INVOLVED.

Incident Date: 19970117 City: GALESBURG State: IL

A WALL ELECTRICAL OUTLET CAUGHT FIRE. THE FIRE WAS EXTINGUISHED BY THROWING A GLASS OF WATER ON IT.

Incident Date: 19961229 City: BAYTOWN State: TX

THIS APARTMENT FIRE WAS CAUSED BY A LIVE christmas TREE DECORATED WITH VARIABLE CONTROLLED MINI LIGHTS. THE MINI LIGHTS WERE CONNECTED INTO AN ELECTRIC, MULTI-OUTLET EXTENSION STRIP. AN 11-YEAR OLD FEMALE DIED IN THE BLAZE. A 28-YEAR OLD FEMALE, AND TWO MALES, AGES 30-YEARS AND 39-YEARS OLD, WERE ALL HOSPITALIZED WITH BURN INJURIES. A 49-YEAR OLD FEMALE WAS TREATED AND RELEASED WITH A SPRAIN TO HER FOOT.

Incident Date: 19961104 City: CHAMPAIGN State: IL

A 61 YEAR OLD MALE DIED OF CARBON MONOXIDE INTOXICATION AND SMOKE INHALATION AND A 57 YEAR OLD MALE WAS INJURED, WHEN AN ELECTRIC SPACE HEATER PLUGGED INTO A WALL RECEPTACLE IGNITED POROUS WALL MATERIAL AND STARTED A FIRE. THE VICTIM WAS SEVERELY INTOXICATED AT THE TIME AND NEVER REACTED TO THE PRESENCE OF SMOKE OR FIRE. THE VICTIM'S CARBOXYHEMOGLOBIN LEVEL WAS 39 PCT. AT THE TIME OF DEATH.

Incident Date: 19970225 City: HOLLYWOOD State: FL

AN ELECTRIC COFFEE POT AT A COMMERCIAL RETAIL STORE BEGAN OVERHEATING/ SMOKING DURING NORMAL OPERATION. AN EMPLOYEE OBSERVED THIS AND REMOVED THE PLUG FROM THE WALL RECEPTACLE. PORTIONS OF THE PLASTIC HOUSING/ COMPONENTS WERE PARTIALLY MELTED. NO FIRE OCCURRED. NO INJURY.

Incident Date: 19970131 City: CHICAGO State: IL

ON 1/31/97, A 63 YEAR OLD MALE DIED AFTER WORKING ON A HOT WATER BOILER IN THE BASEMENT OF HIS HOME AFTER COMPLAINING TO HIS GRANDSON OF NOT FEELING WELL. FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS WHO RESPONDED TO THE SCENE MEASURED THE CO LEVELS IN THE HOME AT THE TIME OF THE ACCIDENT AT 1000 RPM. EXAMINATION OF THE BOILER BY GAS COMPANY OFFICIALS REVEALED THAT THE FLUE PIPE OUTLET ON THE HOT WATER BOILER WAS BLOCKED, WHICH CAUSED A BACK UP OF CARBON MONOXIDE INTO THE RESIDENCE.

Incident Date: 19970411 City: ATLANTA State: GA

THE COMPLAINANT SAID THAT SHE AND HER HUSBAND WERE ASLEEP IN BED WHEN THEY WERE AWAKENED BETWEEN 12:30 A.M. AND 1:00 A.M. BY A HISSING SOUND AND A STRONG BURNING ODOR. HER HUSBAND GOT UP AND WENT THROUGH THE APARTMENT TO INVESTIGATE. HE RETURNED TO THE BEDROOM AND NOTICED SPARKS EMITTING FROM A RECHARGEABLE FLASHLIGHT PLUGGED INTO AN OUTLET IN THE BEDROOM. HE UNPLUGGED IT AND THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19970208 City: KENOSHA State: WI

THIS INVESTIGATION WAS INITATED THROUGH A NEWSPAPER ACCOUNT OF A HOUSE FIRE WHICH WAS STARTED BY A COUNTERTOP TOASTER. THE FIRE SPREAD TO AN UNDER THE CUPBOARD TYPE CAN OPENER, MELTING THE CAN OPENER AND WARPING THE CUPBOARD ITSELF. THE FIRE CAUSED MINIMAL DAMAGE AS IT WAS DISCOVERED QUICKLY BY THE HOMEOWNER. THE TOASTER, WHICH HAD BEEN PLUGGED INTO THE WALL OUTLET AT THE TIME HAD NOT BEEN USED ON THE DATE OF THIS INCIDENT. IT WAS LESS THAN ONE YEAR OLD AND ONE SIDE OF THE FOUR SLICE TOASTER HAD NOT BEEN OPERATING PROPERLY.

Incident Date: 19970221 City: MARCO ISLAND State: FL

ON 2/21/97 AN OSHA INSPECTOR CONDUCTED AN OSHA INSPECTION AT A CONSTRUCTION SITE OF A 27 STORY HI-RISE CONDOMINIUM AND EXAMINED GROUND FAULT CIRCUIT INTERRUPTER RECEPTACLES IN TEMPORARY POWER SUPPLY STATIONS BEING USED BY CONSTRUCTION WORKERS. MANY OF THE GFCI'S WERE FOUND TO BE DYSFUNCTIONAL--SOME GFCI TEST BUTTONS WOULD NOT TRIP AT ALL AND SOME WOULD TRIP ONLY AT AMPERAGE LEVELS ABOVE THE 5MA SPECIFIED FOR THE GFCI. THERE WERE NO INJURIES. THE OSHA INSPECTOR WAS CONCERNED THAT THESE SAME GFCI RECEPTACLE MODELS ARE CONSUMER PRODUCTS USED IN CONSUMERS' RESIDENCES AND AVAILABLE DIRECTLY TO CONSUMERS AT RETAILERS.

Incident Date: 19970404 City: ATCHISON State: KS

THE INVESTIGATED INCIDENT INVOLVES A USED SIX OUTLET ELECTRIC POWER STRIP WHICH ALLEGEDLY PRODUCED A SMALL FLAME ABOUT 1 1/2 INCHES IN HEIGHT. THE SMALL FLAME WAS QUICKLY EXTINGUISHED, RESULTING IN NO INJURIES OR FIRE DAMAGE.

Incident Date: 19970410 City: MCADOO State: PA

AN OVERTURNED FLOOR LAMP, CONNECTED TO A RECEPTACLE AND SURROUNDED BY PLASTIC AND PAPER BAGS AND OTHER DEBRIS, WAS LEFT IN THE BEDROOM CLOSET OF A VACANT APARTMENT. THE HOME DID NOT HAVE UTILITIES. WITH THE RESTORATION OF POWER, THE FLOOR LAMP IGNITED THE DEBRIS. THE FIRE DESTROYED THE APARTMENT. NO INJURIES OCCURRED.

Incident Date: 19970428 City: PHILADELPHIA State: PA

THREE CHILDREN, AGED 2, 3, AND 4, ALL MALES, DIED OF BURNS AND SMOKE INHALATION AS THE RESULTS OF A HOUSE FIRE. INVESTIGATION BY THE LOCAL FIRE MARSHAL REVEALED THAT THE MOST PROBABLE CAUSE OF THE FIRE WAS A FAULTY EXTENSION CORD, ATTACHED TO AN OUTLET IN THE FIRST FLOOR MIDDLE BEDROOM. NO FIRE ALARMS OR SMOKE DETECTORS WERE PRESENT IN THE HOME.

Incident Date: 19970420 City: TUPELO State: MS

A HOUSE FIRE CAUSED THE DEATH OF A 21 YEAR OLD FATHER AND HIS FIVE MONTH DAUGHTER. AUTOPSY DISCLOSED EACH DEATH WAS DUE TO "SMOKE INHALATION". AN INVESTIGATOR, FROM THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL, DETERMINED THIS FIRE PROBABLY STARTED AT THE BACK OF A COUCH PUSHED AGAINST THE WALL. THE FIRE PROBABLY STARTED AT THE LEVEL OF AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET IN A WALL.

Incident Date: 19970506 City: PASSAIC CITY State: NJ

A FIRE STARTED FROM AN ELECTRICAL SHORT WHICH CAUSED AN OUTLET TO ARC AND IGNITE A MATTRESS. THE SHORT RESULTED WHEN THE CIRCUIT BREAKER WAS REPEATEDLY TRIPPED. SIX CHILDREN, AGED 11 MONTHS TO 10 YEARS, DIED IN THE FIRE. NO OFFICIAL REPORTS ARE AVAILABLE AS THE MATTER IS STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION.

Incident Date: 19970416 City: GRANDVIEW State: MO

AN ADULT MALE RECEIVED A FATAL ELECTRIC SHOCK WHILE WORKING IN THE BASEMENT OF HIS HOME. THE COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER'S INVESTIGATOR DETERMINED THAT A TABLE SAW WAS PLUGGED INTO A WALL RECEPTACLE WHICH WAS NOT PROPERLY GROUNDED. THE TABLE SAW HAD A VOLTAGE POTENTIAL FROM THE FRAME TO GROUND OF 120 VOLTS. THE VICTIM PURPORTEDLY LEANED AGAINST THE FRAME OF THE TABLE SAW, COMPLETED THE GROUND, AND RECEIVED A FATAL ELECTRIC SHOCK.

Incident Date: 19970430 City: NORTHAMPTON State: MA

A HOUSEFIRE WHICH CAUSED APPROXIMATELY \$40,000 DAMAGE HAS BEEN ATTRIBUTED TO THE IGNITION OF A COUNTER TOP BY HEAT FROM A TOASTER OVEN. THE CONSUMER HAD REMOVED THE BOTTOM FROM HIS TOASTER OVEN AND HAD LEFT IT PLUGGED INTO AN ELECTRICAL RECEPTACLE AND TURNED ON WHEN SHE LEFT HER CONDOMINIUM.

Incident Date: 19970622 City: FREEPORT State: NY

A 12 YEAR OLD FEMALE DIES OF SMOKE INHALATION WHEN SHE WAS TRAPPED IN A FIRE IN HER HOUSE WHEN A FIRE STARTED IN THE BASEMENT APARTMENT OF HER HOUSE. THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE WAS AN EXTENSION CORD WITH A SURGE PROTECTOR PLUGGED INTO THE OUTLET.

Incident Date: 19970530 City: PHILADELPHIA State: PA

TWO ADULTS AND TWO CHILDREN WERE ASLEEP IN SECOND FLOOR BEDROOMS. A REFRIGERATOR WAS IN THE FIRST FLOOR DINING ROOM, AGAINST THE WALL SEPARATING THE LIVING AND DINING ROOMS. THE ATTACHED APPLIANCE CORD WAS IN AN OUTLET IN THE LIVING ROOM. A SOFA WAS AGAINST THE RECEPTACLE. THE CORD OVERHEATED, IGNITING THE SOFA. THE FIRE SPREAD THROUGHOUT THE HOUSE. A 10 YEAR OLD BOY DIED OF SMOKE INHALATION.

Incident Date: 19970704 City: GRESHAM State: OR

A PLUG-IN AIR FRESHENER OVERHEATED AND IGNITED DURING NORMAL USE. THE OWNERS DISCOVERED THE FIRE AT AN EARLY STAGE. DAMAGE WAS CONFINED TO THE AIR FRESHENER AND ELECTRICAL OUTLET. THERE WERE NO INJURIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE EVENT.

Incident Date: 19970517 City: BENNETTSVILLE State: SC

A LOOSE ELECTRICAL CONNECTION IN A DRYER RECEPTACLE CAUSED A FIRE IN A UTILITY ROOM OFF A KITCHEN AREA IN A BRICK RESIDENCE. THE DRYER WAS UNATTENDED WHEN THE INCIDENT OCCURRED. FIRE DAMAGES TO THE RESIDENCE WERE ESTIMATED AT \$75,000.

Incident Date: 19970717 City: BETHESDA State: MD

THERE WERE NO INJURIES INVOLVED WITH THIS INCIDENT. THE CONSUMER NOTICED THAT WHEN HE WOULD PLACE THE CONTROL LEVER TO THE UP AND OFF POSITION, THE TOASTR OVEN WOULD CONTINUE TO HEAT. THE LEVER WOULD NO LONGER SHUT OFF THE HEATING ELEMENT. FOR ONE WEEK'S USAGE, THEY WOULD TURN IT OFF BY PULLING THE PLUG FROM THE WALL OUTLET OR OPENING THE OVEN DOOR. AFTER A WEEK, THE PROBLEM DID NOT CORRECT ITSELF SO THEY QUIT USING THE TOASTER OVEN .

Incident Date: 19970508 City: LAS VEGAS State: NV

A 20 MONTH OLD MALE DIED IN A FIRE IN HIS APARTMENT. HE WAS ALONE IN A BEDROOM AT THE TIME OF THE FIRE. THE DOOR WAS CLOSED. KITCHEN ELECTRICAL OUTLETS HAD CEASED TO WORK SO THE APARTMENT OCCUPANTS CALLED THE MAINTENANCE MAN. WHEN HE ARRIVED HE FOUND 1/2 OF THE CIRCUIT BREAKERS IN THE "OFF" POSITION. HE PLACED ALL BREAKERS ON. IN DOING SO HE ACTIVATED A BUILT-IN ELECTRICAL WALL HEATER IN THE VICTIM'S ROOM. THE SWITCH ON THE HEATER WAS INOPERATIVE AND IT WAS OPERATED BY THE BREAKER. A WOODEN EXERCISE TABLE WAS AGAINST THE HEATER AND IT CAUGHT FIRE.

Incident Date: 19970804 City: FARMVILLE State: NC

A 9 YEAR OLD FEMALE CHILD AND HER 13 YEAR OLD SISTER WERE AWAKENED BY A SMOKE ALARM AS THEY SLEPT. THEY WERE ABLE TO FLEE THE MOBILE HOME WITHOUT INJURY. THE FIRE STARTED WHERE A WINDOW AIR-CONDITIONING UNIT WAS PLUGGED INTO THE WALL RECEPTACLE. THE MOBILE HOME WAS DESTROYED. THERE WERE NO OTHER OCCUPANTS.

Incident Date: 19970809 City: BLUE RIDGE State: TX

ON AUGUST 9, 1997, A FOURTEEN YEARS OLD MALE SUSTAINED AN ELECTRIC SHOCK WHEN HE CAME IN CONTACT WITH AN AIR COMPRESSOR THAT WAS LOCATED IN A BARN BEHIND HIS PARENTS' HOME. THE AIR COMPRESSOR WAS PLUGGED INTO AN OUTLET THAT HAD BEEN WIRED IMPROPERLY WITH A REVERSED POLARITY. HE WAS RUSHED TO A LOCAL HOSPITAL FOR TREATMENT. HE WAS DOA. AN AUTOPSY WAS CONDUCTED TO DECIDE THE OFFICIAL CAUSE OF DEATH. THE AUTOPSY SAID THE VICTIM DIED AS THE RESULT OF ELECTROCUTION.

Incident Date: 19970821 City: RIVERSIDE State: IL

THIS INVESTIGATION WAS INITIATED THROUGH A CONSUMER COMPLAINT FROM AN ENGINEER WORKING FOR AN INSURANCE COMPANY. THE COMPLAINT DEALT WITH A 19" COLOR TELEVISION SET WHICH ALLEGEDLY STARTED A FIRE IN A BEDROOM. THE TELEVISION SET WAS PLUGGED INTO A WALL OUTLET, BUT WAS NOT TURNED ON. INVESTIGATION REVEALED THAT THE ACTUAL CAUSE OF THE FIRE IS UNDETERMINED AS A NUMBER OF QUESTIONS AROSE AS TO WHETHER THE FIRE HAD ACTUALLY BEEN STARTED BY THE TELEVISION SET OR HAD BEEN STARTED IN SOME OTHER MANNER.

Incident Date: 19970826 City: BIRMINGHAM State: AL

THE 65 YEAR OLD FEMALE FILLED ELECTRIC PERCOLATOR WITH WATER AND PLUGGED IT INTO THE 110 VOLT ELECTRIC OUTLET AT 9:00 P.M. AT APPROXIMATELY 11:30 P.M. SHE WAS AWAKEN BY HER SMOKE DETECTOR. SHE DISCOVERED THE PERCOLATOR HAD CAUGHT FIRE. SHE EXTINGUISHED THE BLAZE BY POURING SALT ON IT. THE PERCOLATOR WAS DESTROYED, THERE WAS FIRE DAMAGE TO COUNTER TOP AND SMOKE DAMAGE TO ENTIRE APARTMENT. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19970816 City: MUSKOGEE State: OK

A NINE MONTH OLD FEMALE REACHED FROM THE BABY WALKER SHE WAS IN AND GRABBED THE EXPOSED SOCKET PORTION OF A TABLE LAMP WHICH WAS LAYING ON THE FLOOR IN HER HOME. IT WAS ORIGINALLY UNPLUGGED, HOWEVER, HER 4 YEAR OLD SISTER PLUGGED IT INTO A WALL OUTLET JUST PRIOR TO THE VICTIM GRABBING THE LAMP. THERE WAS NO BULB OR SHADE ON THE LAMP AND THE SOCKET PORTION WAS PULLED OUT OF THE BASE OF THE LAMP THUS EXPOSING LIVE WIRES AND CONNECTIONS.

Incident Date: 19970909 City: HOLLYWOOD State: FL

A BACK-UP POWER SUPPLY/SURGE PROTECTOR TYPE APPLIANCE, PLUGGED INTO A 120 VOLT RECEPTACLE, DESIGNED FOR USE WITH COMPUTERS, SHORT CIRCUITED, CAUSING THE OFFICE WHERE IT WAS SITUATED TO FILL WITH SMOKE AND ASH. THE INCIDENT CAUSED EVACUATION OF THE BUILDING WHICH HOUSES A RELIGIOUS SCHOOL. NO INJURIES WERE SUSTAINED. UPC: 8706700354

Incident Date: 19970925 City: ROUND HILL State: VA

A HOMEMAKER WAS USING AN ELECTRIC MIXER IN HER KITCHEN WHEN SUDDENLY A 12" FLAME SHOT FROM WHERE THE MIXER WAS PLUGGED INTO THE GFCI-EQUIPPED ELECTRICAL OUTLET. THE GFCI DID NOT ACTIVATE. NO PERSONAL OR PROPERTY INJURIES OCCURRED.

Incident Date: 19970921 City: VALPARAISO State: IN

AN 8 MONTH OLD, STAND-ALONE, TOASTER OVEN OVERHEATED, AND GLOWED ORANGE RED, WHILE PLUGGED INTO A WALL OUTLET, BUT NOT IN USE. IT WAS ON A COUNTER TOP. IT CAUSED LOTS OF SMOKE. NO ONE WAS INJURED. THE FIREMEN HAVE THE UNIT, BUT WILL NOT ALLOW IT TO BE SAMPLED.

Incident Date: 19941010 City: LINCOLN PARK State: MI

A FIRE IN A MIDDLE BEDROOM OF THE CONSUMER'S HOME WAS DETERMINED TO BE CAUSED BY A TOGGLE SWITCH FAILURE ON A SURGE PROTECTOR OUTLET STRIP.

Incident Date: 19970902 City: TOPEKA State: KS

FIRE INVESTIGATOR STATED IMPROPER USE OF EXTENSION CORDS IN HOME AND OVERLOADING OF HOUSE CIRCUIT CAUSED THIS HOUSE FIRE. SIX EXTENSION CORDS IN A SERIES WERE PLUGGED INTO ONE OUTLET ON THE FIRST FLOOR, AND ONE MORE EXTENSION CORD WAS ATTACHED AND RAN UPSTAIRS TO SUPPLY POWER TO THE SECOND FLOOR OF THE HOME. THE CORD RAN UNDER CARPETING AND IT WAS PLUGGED INTO A BOX FAN. INVESTIGATOR THINKS WALKING ON THE CORD OVER SEVERAL YEARS ALSO HELP THE CORD TO FAIL.

Incident Date: 19970927 City: MANTACHIE State: MS

A 36 YEAR OLD MALE WAS ELECTROCUTED WHILE RESTING HIS HANDS ON AN ELECTRICAL WASHER AND DRYER THAT WERE PLUGGED INTO A FAULTY WALL OUTLET. THE INCIDENT OCCURRED IN A MOBILE HOME THAT WAS RENTED BY THE VICTIM'S GIRLFRIEND. THE VICTIM WAS TRANSPORTED TO A LOCAL HOSPITAL WHERE HE WAS PRONOUNCED DOA.

Incident Date: 19961021 City: WESTPOINT State: TN

ON 10/21/96 A 28 YEAR OLD FEMALE SUSTAINED A LACERATION WHEN THE PUSHER ROD OF AN ELECTRIC STAPLE GUN SUDDENLY EJECTED AND STRUCK HER IN THE RIGHT EYE AS SHE PLUGGED THE GUN IN AN OUTLET AT A FRIEND'S HOME.

Incident Date: 19970402 City: NAPERVILLE State: IL

THE CONSUMER PURCHASED 2 NIGHT LIGHTS. ONE STOPPED WORKING WITHIN 2 WEEKS. AFTER 1 MONTH OF USE, THE OTHER UNIT WAS DISCOVERED TO BE MALFUNCTIONING WHILE TURNED ON. THE UNIT WAS HOT TO THE TOUCH, AND WAS BURNING FROM THE INSIDE OUT. IT HAD A 1/2" BURN SPOT ON THE EXTERIOR SIDE OF THE PLASTIC CASE. A BASSINET THAT WAS TOUCHING IT AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT WAS FOUND TO BE HOT TO THE TOUCH AND HAD A MELTED SPOT ON THE LEG. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT ATTEMPTED TO TEST A NEW UNIT WITHOUT INCIDENT. THE OUTLET TESTED AS CORRECTLY WIRED.

Incident Date: 19960423 City: MARION State: IN

ON APRIL 23, 1996, AT APPROXIMATELY 10:15 P.M., THE VICTIM, A 59 YEAR OLD FEMALE, WAS TAKING A BATH IN HER MARION, IN HOME. HER HUSBAND HEARD A NOISE, WENT INTO THE BATHROOM, AND FOUND HIS WIFE LYING COLLAPSED IN THE BATHTUB; SHE WAS NOT BREATHING. ALSO LYING IN THE BATHTUB WAS A HAIR CURLING IRON, IN THE "ON" POSITION AND PLUGGED INTO AN EXTENSION CORD WHICH WAS PLUGGED INTO AN ELECTRICAL WALL OUTLET.

Incident Date: 19961201 City: PORTAGE State: MI

THE CONSUMER HAS HAD PROBLEMS WITH 2 IDENTICAL MODELS AND UNITS OF ELECTRIC SPACE HEATERS. BOTH HEATERS STOPPED WORKING AND HAD SMOKE COMING FROM THE WALL OUTLETS. THERE WERE NO FIRES AND NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19950708 City: TEXARKANA State: TX

A COMMERCIAL BUSINESS SUFFERED A NON-INJURY FIRE. AN ATTORNEY FOR THE BUSINESS ALLEGES THE FIRE WAS CAUSED BY A DEFECTIVE DESK LAMP. THE ATTENDING FIRE DEPARTMENT STATES THE FIRE ORIGINATED NEAR A WALL OUTLET AND PAPER COMBUSTIBLES NEAR THE OUTLET. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT DID NOT FEEL THE LAMP WAS THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE.

Incident Date: 19971027 City: PLAISTOW State: NH

A 39 YEAR OLD FEMALE SUFFERED THIRD DEGREE BURNS AFTER PRESSING THE RESET BUTTON ON A SIX OUTLET POWER STRIP WHICH HAD FIVE ITEMS PLUGGED INTO IT. TWO OF THE ITEMS INCLUDED A 10 LIGHT STRING SET AND A PUMPKIN SHAPED GHOST LIGHT HAS SCORCH AND BURN MARKS ON THE PLUG PRONGS FOLLOWING THE INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19970914 City: HYDES State: MD

COMPLAINANT CONNECTED THE BATTERY CHARGER TO CHARGE THE POWER PACK OF THE ELECTRIC MOTORIZED VEHICLE. AFTER ONE HOUR INTO THE CHARGING CYCLE THE CONSUMER NOTICED AN ODOR EMANATING FROM THE CHARGER. THE CHARGER WAS "TOO HOT TO TOUCH" WHEN SHE UNPLUGGED IT FROM THE ELECTRICAL OUTLET IN THE GARAGE. CONSUMER WAS CONCERNED THAT THE CHARGER MIGHT START A FIRE.

Incident Date: 19970916 City: PLEASANT VIEW State: UT

A KEROSENE HEATER IN A GARAGE STARTED A FIRE. THE KEROSENE HEATER WAS OFF AND HAD NOT BEEN USED FOR THE PAST THREE WEEKS PRIOR TO THE INCIDENT. A DRIVER WHO SAW SMOKE COMING FROM THE DETACHED GARAGE CALLED THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. THE FIRE INVESTIGATOR DETERMINED THAT THE THERMOSTAT (ON THE POWER CORD) FAILED. THE POWER CORD WAS PLUGGED INTO A WALL RECEPTACLE. THE WIRE BETWEEN THE THERMOSTAT AND THE WALL RECEPTACLE OVERHEATED AND IGNITED PIECES OF WOOD ON A WOODEN SHELF. NO ONE WAS INJURED IN THIS INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19971113 City: BREMERTON State: WA

ON 11/13/97, A FIRE OCCURRED AT A 140 UNIT APARTMENT COMPLEX. THE FIRE CAUSED THE DEATHS OF 4 PEOPLE AND TOTALLY DESTROYED THE COMPLEX. THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE HAS NOT BEEN PRECISELY DETERMINED AT THIS TIME, BUT EITHER AN ELECTRIC BASEBOARD HEATER OR AN ELECTRIC OUTLET ARE SUSPECTED AS THE POINT OF ORIGIN.

Incident Date: 19970101 City: WHITE PLAINS State: NY

A PORTABLE SPACE HEATER, SET TO ABOUT 76 DEGREES F, WAS PLUGGED INTO AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET AND COMPLAINANT OBSERVED SMOKE EMITTING FROM OUTLET AFTER ABOUT 30 MINUTES OF USE.

Incident Date: 19971123 City: MONTICELLO State: MN

THE FAMILY PURCHASED AN ELECTRIC PORTABLE HUMIDIFIER FOR USE IN THEIR HOME DURING THE DRY WINTER MONTHS. THE UNIT WAS PLACED ON A FLAT CARPETED FLOOR AND PLUGGED INTO THE WALL RECEPTACLE. IT WAS USED ABOUT 10 TIMES WITHOUT ANY PROBLEMS. ON THE NIGHT OF THE INCIDENT THEY LEFT THE HOUSE TO GO TO THE MOVIES. THE HUMIDIFIER WAS LEFT RUNNING WHILE THEY WERE GONE. WHEN THEY ARRIVED HOME THEY DISCOVERED THAT THE HUMIDIFIER HAD SHORTED OUT, TRIPPING THE CIRCUIT BREAKERS. THEY FOUND THAT THE UNIT'S HEATING CHAMBER AND PROTECTIVE SAFETY COVER HAD MELTED AND WERE DESTROYED DURING THE INCIDENT. THERE WERE NO INJURIES. CONSUMER'S UNIT WAS SAMPLED AS 98-830-3254.

Incident Date: 19970614 City: WINDSOR State: CA

NO ONE WAS HOME AND NO INJURIES IN THIS RESIDENTIAL FIRE INCIDENT. CONSUMER REPORTS THAT THE RECHARGEABLE BATTERY, FOR A HAND-HELD VACUUM CLEANER, WAS BEING RECHARGED. THE VACUUM CLEANER WAS SNAPPED INTO ITS RECHARGER UNIT AT ABOUT 9AM OR 9:30AM, AND THE POWER CORD WAS PLUGGED INTO AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET (SO THAT THE BATTERY COULD BE RECHARGED) AND LEFT ON A WOODEN CART. AT ABOUT 12:30PM EVERYONE LEFT THE HOUSE. AT ABOUT 2:14PM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONDED, IT'S INVESTIGATOR DETERMINED THAT THE FIRE STARTED IN THE KITCHEN/DINING AREA (AT THE LOCATION OF THE WOODEN CART). FIRE DEPT'S REPORT LISTS THE CAUSE OF FIRE AS: SUSPECTED MALFUNCTION OF THE BATTERY CHARGER OF THE VACUUM CLEANER. FIRE DAMAGE TO THE HOME WAS ESTIMATED BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AT ABOUT \$20,000 -- TO STRUCTURE. CONSUMER

Incident Date: 19971118 City: PARMA State: OH

COMPLAINANT PURCHASED SANTA CLAUSE NIGHT LIGHT. LATER THAT DAY HER FIVE-YEAR-OLD SON PLUGGED LIGHT IN RECEPTACLE. ABOUT ONE MINUTE AFTER LIGHT WAS PLUGGED IN, IT SHORT OUT. LIGHT BROKE APART AND WALL PLATE WAS SCORCHED. CIRCUIT BREAKER TRIPPED. NO OTHER DAMAGE WAS DONE AND NO ONE WAS INJURED.

Incident Date: 19971219 City: MECHANICSVILLE State: MD

RESPONDENT PLUGGED ELECTRIC SPACE HEATER INTO WALL OUTLET. SHE THEN NOTICED A STRONG SMELL AND OBSERVED SPACE HEATER ON FIRE. RESPONDENT UNPLUGGED SPACE HEATER AND THE FLAMES EXTINGUISHED. THE SPACE HEATER WAS DAMAGED, NO OTHER PROPERTY WAS DAMAGED. NO INJURIES.



Incident Date: 19971121 City: SCOTCH PLAINS State: NJ

AN 8 MONTH OLD HUMIDIFIER SUDDENLY BURST INTO FLAMES SHORTLY AFTER THE RESERVOIR HAD BEEN FILLED WITH WATER AND THE RESET BUTTON ACTIVATED. THE FLAMES DIED OUT WHEN THE COMPLAINANT PULLED THE POWER CORD FROM THE OUTLET AND NO INJURY OR PROPERTY DAMAGE RESULTED. THE HUMIDIFIER HAD BEEN IN USE IN A DAUGHTER'S BEDROOM AT THE TIME. IT WAS SUBSEQUENTLY DISCARDED.

Incident Date: 19971022 City: BROCKTON State: MA

THERE WAS NO INJURY WHEN AN ELDERLY MAN SET HIS ELECTRIC TIMER TO TURN OFF HIS COFFEE POT. WHEN THE MAN CAME HOME THE FOLLOWING DAY, THE COFFEE POT THAT THE ELECTRIC TIMER WAS PLUGGED INTO WAS STILL HOT AND THE ELECTRIC TIMER'S RECEPTACLE HAD PARTIALLY MELTED. THE COFFEE POT WAS NO LONGER AVAILABLE FOR EXAMINATION.

Incident Date: 19971230 City: LAKE OSWEGO State: OR

A CONSUMER REPORTED THAT A NEW EXTENSION CORD EMITTED A POP SOUND THE FIRST TIME THE CORD PLUGGED INTO A WALL RECEPTACLE. THE CONSUMER REMOVED THE CORD IMMEDIATELY AND REPLACED THE CORD WITH ANOTHER CORD. THE REPLACEMENT CORD FAILED IGNITING A PILLOW IN THE CONSUMER'S HOME ONE MONTH AFTER THE FIRST EVENT. THE CORD WAS SUPPLYING POWER TO A 75 WATT LAMP. THE CONSUMER WAS NEARBY AND EXTINGUISHED THE FIRE AT AN EARLY STAGE. THERE WERE NO INJURIES BUT THE FIRE CAUSED AN ESTIMATED \$1750 PROPERTY DAMAGE. THE CONSUMER ORIGINALLY BELIEVED THAT THE EXTENSION CORD INVOLVED IN THE FIRE WAS PURCHASED WITH THE CORD INVOLVED IN THE FIRST EVENT. THIS INVESTIGATION REVEALED THAT THE CORD INVOLVED IN THE FIRE WAS AN OLDER CORD WITH AN UNKNOWN HISTORY.

Incident Date: 19971229 City: TRION State: GA

A NIGHT LIGHT PLUGGED INTO A WALL RECEPTACLE FOR APPROXIMATELY 14 HOURS, OVERHEATED, MELTED AND BURNED. THE WALL BEHIND THE LIGHT WAS SCORCHED. NO INJURIES OR SIGNIFICANT PROPERTY DAMAGE OCCURRED.

Incident Date: 19971214 City: NEAR AMADO State: AZ

A MOBILE HOME WAS DESTROYED BY FIRE. IT BEGAN IN THE AREA OF AN ELECTRICAL WALL OUTLET WHICH CONTAINED ALUMINUM WIRING. AN EXTENSION CORD WITH AN ELECTRICAL SPACE HEATER WAS ATTACHED TO THE WALL OUTLET.

Incident Date: 19980121 City: NEWARK State: NJ

A FIRE BROKE OUT IN AN APARTMENT IN A THREE STORY BUILDING. SUBSEQUENT INVESTIGATION REVEALED THAT THE FIRE STARTED IN AN ELECTRICAL WALL RECEPTACLE WHICH HAD AN ELECTRIC HEATER PLUGGED INTO IT. NO INJURIES WERE INVOLVED.

Incident Date: 19980201 City: MILFORD State: MI

UPC 4889402025. THREE HUMIDIFIERS ALL TRIPPED THE GFCI OUTLET TO OFF WHEN CHANGING THE CONTROL KNOB TO DIFFERENT SPEEDS WITH THE UNITS FUNCTIONING. THESE 3 UNITS WERE ALL NEW WHEN THEY FAILED AND WERE PURCHASED AT THE SAME RETAILER AT TWO DIFFERENT LOCATIONS.

Incident Date: 19971212 City: OVERTON State: TX

THIS INCIDENT OCCURRED IN A SINGLE FAMILY HOME. IT INVOLVED THE DEATH OF A 75 YEAR OLD MALE AS THE RESULT OF ANOXIA, SMOKE INHALATION DUE TO AN OVERHEATED ELECTRICAL OUTLET THAT CAUGHT ON FIRE. TWO ELECTRICAL SPACE HEATERS WERE CONNECTED TO A 50-FOOT EXTENSION CORD THAT WAS PLUGGED INTO THE OUTLET. THE OUTLET OVERHEATED, CAUSING THE FIRE. THE OUTLET HAD COPPER WIRING.

Incident Date: 19980207 City: BELLEVUE State: WA

ON 2/7/98, A CONSUMER LEFT HER RESIDENCE TO GO SHOPPING. SHE RETURNED 1 HOUR LATER, UPON ENTERING THE HOME, SHE NOTICED A SMELL IN THE AIR. AFTER CHECKING HER RANGE/OVEN SHE NOTICED THE TOASTER OVEN WAS ON AND THE HEATING ELEMENTS WERE GLOWING RED HOT. THE CONSUMER HAD LAST USED TOASTER OVEN THE DAY BEFORE. THE UNIT WAS UNPLUGGED FROM THE OUTLET.

Incident Date: 19980201 City: RANDOLPH State: MA

THERE WAS NO INJURY WHEN A 34 YEAR OLD MALE PLUGGED IN HIS BACK MASSAGER INTO AN OUTLET IN HIS HOUSE AND AFTER 5 MINUTES THE MASSAGER STARTED TO SMOKE. A HOLE THE SIZE OF A SILVER DOLLAR BURNED THROUGH THE BACK MASSAGER MATERIAL. THERE WAS NO INJURY.

Incident Date: 19980215 City: MINNEAPOLIS State: MN

THE COMPLAINANT WAS SITTING IN THE LIVING ROOM OF HIS APARTMENT WATCHING TELEVISION. SUDDENLY, THE TELEVISION WENT OUT BY ITSELF AND HE HEARD A STRANGE NOISE. HE LOOKED OVER AND SAW SPARKS SHOOTING OUT FROM AN OUTLET WHERE AN AIR FRESHENER WAS PLUGGED IN. THE SPARKS STOPPED AS THE CIRCUIT BREAKER TRIPPED. THERE WERE NO INJURIES DURING THIS INCIDENT AND DAMAGE LIMITED TO THE ELECTRICAL OUTLET AND CARPET BENEATH IT.

Incident Date: 19970113 City: SANTA ANA State: CA

PENDING CIVIL SUIT, FILED BY THE VICTIMS' ATTORNEY, ALLEGES A RECLINING MESSAGE LOUNGE CHAIR CAUSED THE RESIDENTIAL FIRE RESULTING IN DESTRUCTION OF VICTIMS' HOME AND LOSS OF PERSONAL PROPERTY. FIRE INVESTIGATORS DID NOT RULE OUT THE CHAIR AS POSSIBLE ORIGIN, BUT EVIDENCE OF FLOOR OUTLET DAMAGE NEAR THE CHAIR LOCATION HAS LED FIRE OFFICIALS TO STRONGLY SUSPECT SHORTING OF THE ELECTRICAL RECEPTACLE AS THE CAUSE. VICTIMS' ATTORNEY HAD A CHAIR EXEMPLAR TESTED AT A PRIVATE LAB AND THE ATTORNEY MAINTAINS A BELIEF ELECTRICAL ARCHING OF THE INTERNAL WIRING OF THE CHAIR IS TO BLAME, BASED ON THE TEST RESULTS. THE VICTIMS' DOG WAS KILLED IN THE FIRE, BUT NO OTHER OFFICIALLY RECORDED INJURY OCCURRED.

Incident Date: 19980202 City: TITUSVILLE State: FL

CONSUMER INSTALLED AN ELECTRIC WIRELESS DOORBELL IN HIS MOBILE HOME AFTER APPROX. ONE MONTH, THE REMOTE PORTION OF THE DOORBELL MELTED AT THE 110 VOLT OUTLET WHERE IT WAS LOCATED. NO DAMAGES OCCURRED DURING THE INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19980219 City: MCCOOK State: NE

THIS INVESTIGATION WAS INITIATED THROUGH A NEWSPAPER ACCOUNT OF A HOUSE FIRE WHICH ALLEGEDLY STARTED BY AN OVERHEATED EXTENSION CORD. THE HOMEOWNER HAD AN EXTENSION CORD PLUGGED INTO A SURGE PROTECTOR STRIP. HE THEN PLUGGED A STEREO, COMPUTER, PRINTER AND TELEPHONE INTO THE EXTENSION CORD USING A PIGGYBACK CONNECTOR. THE STRIP, WHICH WAS PLUGGED INTO THE WALL OUTLET WAS FOUND NOT TO BE IN THE AREA OF THE FIRE. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19970603 City: BROWNSVILLE State: TX

A 15 MONTH OLD MALE WAS ELECTROCUTED WHEN HE PULLED AN EXTENSION CORD FROM A WALL OUTLET. THE EXTENSION CORD WAS CONNECTED TO ANOTHER EXTENSION THAT WAS ELECTRICALLY ALIVE.

Incident Date: 19980102 City: SPRINGFIELD State: VA

THE RESPONDENT'S WIFE TURNED ON 2 ELECTRIC COFFEE MAKERS, WHICH WERE PLUGGED INTO THE SAME ELECTRICAL OUTLET IN THEIR KITCHEN. SHE HEARD A SPITTING SOUND AND TURNED TO SEE ARCING AROUND THE ELECTRICAL OUTLET. THE COUNTER TOP WAS BURNED AND THE WALL AROUND THE ELECTRICAL OUTLET HAD SMOKE DAMAGE. THERE WAS NO INJURY INVOLVED IN THIS INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19980113 City: LONGS State: SC

A MOBILE HOME WAS DESTROYED BY FIRE REPORTEDLY STARTED IN AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET TO A FREEZER. ELECTRICAL POWER TO THE MOBILE HOME WAS BEING PROVIDED BY 2 EXTENSIONS CORDS SPLICED TOGETHER AND WIRED DIRECTLY INTO THE BREAKER BOX.

Incident Date: 19980106 City: EAST DOVER State: NJ

A FIRE OCCURRED IN A PRIVATE HOUSE. SUBSEQUENT INVESTIGATION REVEALED THAT THE FIRE STARTED IN AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET.

Incident Date: 19990520 City: MEADVILLE State: PA

AN 18-MONTH OLD FEMALE DIED IN A HOUSE FIRE WHILE SLEEPING IN HER CRIB. THE FIRE ORIGINATED FROM THE LOOSE WIRES IN A RECEPTACLE IN HER BEDROOM, WITH A TV PLUGGED INTO IT AND LEFT ON. THE WIRING OVERHEATED, IGNITED AND THE ENGULFED THE BEDROOM WITH FLAMES. THE OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS (5) ESCAPED AND IT CAUSED \$22,000 DAMAGE.

Incident Date: 19990406 City: PENSACOLA State: FL

FIRE OFFICIALS ARE OF THE OPINION THIS HOUSE FIRE ORIGINATED AT AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET AS A RESULT OF AN OVERLOADED AND POSSIBLY DAMAGED EXTENSION CORD. AN 80 YEAR OLD MALE LOST HIS LIFE IN THIS FIRE. THE CAUSE OF DAATH IS REPORTED AS CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING WITH A BLOOD SATURATION LEVEL OF 75.6%. THE MANNER OF DEATH IS CONSIDERED ACCIDENTAL.

Incident Date: 19971222 City: ALBANY State: GA

A 59 YEAR OLD MALE RECEIVED BURNS TO 99% OF HIS BODY IN A MOBILE HOME FIRE. THE VICTIM DIED A FEW DAYS LATER FROM THE INJURIES. AUTHORITIES BELIEVE THE BLAZE STARTED WHEN AN ELECTRICAL WALL OUTLET OVERHEATED AND IGNITED. AN ELECTRICAL SPACE HEATER, PLUGGED INTO THE OUTLET AND OPERATING AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT, WAS BLAMED FOR CAUSING THE OUTLET TO OVERHEAT.

Incident Date: 19980304 City: CARMICHAEL State: CA

ON THE DAY OF THIS INCIDENT, THE CONSUMER HAD BEEN AWAY FROM HOME FOR AWHILE, AND UPON RETURNING HOME SHE SOON HEARD A VERY LOUD HUMMING NOISE COMING FROM THE KITCHEN. SHE THEN WENT THERE AND FOUND THE TOASTER OVEN HUMMING, SMOKING AND WITH THE ELEMENT RED HOT. SHE UNPLUGGED THE TOASTER OVEN'S POWER CORD FROM THE NEARBY OUTLET AND THEN VENTILATED THE HOME. THE CONSUMER REPORTS THAT THE TOASTER OVEN'S CONTROLS WERE "OFF", BUT THE TOASTER OVEN SOMEHOW TURNED ITSELF "ON". THE CONSUMER CLAIMS NO SMOKE OR FIRE DAMAGE AND SHE REPORTS THAT NO ONE WAS INJURED.

Incident Date: 19980923 City: NORTH FT. MYER State: FL

A COFFEEMAKER THAT WAS NOT "ON" AT THE TIME BUT WAS PLUGGED INTO A RECEPTACLE ON THE KITCHEN COUNTER WAS BELIEVED TO HAVE STARTED A FIRE THAT RESULTED IN APPROXIMATELY \$20,000 DAMAGE TO A MOBILE HOME. NO ONE WAS HOME AT THE TIME. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19980307 City: SAN FRANCISCO State: CA

A TWO-YEAR OLD TWIN SPRAYED WATER INTO A OUTLET IN THE BATHROOM. IT WAS COVERED WITH A CHILDPROOF PLUG. THE SIZE AND DESIGN OF THE PLUG PREVENTED IT FROM TRIPPING. SMOKE STARTED TO COME FROM THE RED RESET BUTTON. FIRE PERSONNEL WERE CALLED AND THEY TURNED OFF POWER TO THE BATHROOM OUTLET. NO ONE WAS INJURED IN THIS INCIDENT. THE CHILDPROOF OUTLET AND SAFETY PLUGS WERE SAMPLED.

Incident Date: 19980105 City: FORT MILL State: SC

AN EIGHTY-FIVE YEAR OLD MAN DIED IN A RESIDENTIAL FIRE. THE VICTIM WAS APPARENTLY SLEEPING WHEN THE FIRE STARTED. THE ORIGIN OF THE FIRE WAS A PLUG TO AN ELECTRIC BLANKET OR THE ELECTRIC OUTLET. THE VICTIM WAS ALONE IN THE RESIDENCE. THE CAUSE OF DEATH WAS CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING.

Incident Date: 19980218 City: BURLINGTON State: WA

AN ELECTRIC VACUUM WAS USED FOR 3 MINUTES WHEN AN ODOR OF MELTING PLASTIC WAS NOTICED. ATTEMPTS TO SHUT OFF THE UNIT VIA IT'S ON/OFF SWITCH WAS MADE. THE SWITCH DIDN'T WORK AND THE ELECTRIC PLUG WAS PULLED FROM THE OUTLET. PLASTIC AROUND THE ON/OFF SWITCH WAS MELTED. REPLACEMENT SWITCH WAS INSTALLED AND THE VACUUM OPERATES WITHOUT ANY PROBLEM.

Incident Date: 19980202 City: SCHRIEVER State: LA

A 9 YEAR OLD MALE PLUGGED AN ELECTRIC SPACE HEATER INTO A DUPLEX OUTLET IN THE LIVING ROOM OF THE FAMILY'S MOBILE HOME. SPARKS FLEW OUT OF THE HEATER AND IGNITED COMBUSTIBLE MATERIALS. THE HOME AND CONTENTS WERE DESTROYED BUT THE FOUR INHABITANTS ESCAPED WITHOUT INJURY.

Incident Date: 19980210 City: EUNICE State: LA

A COTTON FABRIC TOASTER COVER WAS LEFT ON AN ELECTRIC TOASTER WHICH WAS PLUGGED INTO AN OUTLET. THE FABRIC IGNITED AND CAUGHT THE WOOD CABINETS ABOVE IT ON FIRE. ABOUT \$18,000-\$20,000, PROPERTY DAMAGE RESULTED. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19971223 City: SEATTLE State: WA

CONSUMER PLUGGED AN ELECTRIC ADAPTER INTO A WALL OUTLET. A FLOOR LAMP WAS PLUGGED INTO THE ADAPTER. ADAPTER WORKED FOR A DAY, WHEN TRIED AGAIN IT DIDN'T WORK AND A SMELL OF BURNING PLASTIC WAS NOTICED. ADAPTER WAS UNPLUGGED AND CONSUMER OBSERVED AREA OF ADAPTER WAS BURNED.

Incident Date: 19980225 City: SELAH State: WA

THE CONSUMER DISCOVERED THAT HER HOUSE WAS FULL OF SMOKE AND SHE ALERTED THE LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENT TO THIS SITUATION. THEY RESPONDED TO THE SCENE TO FIND THE ELECTRIC TOASTER (ON THE KITCHEN COUNTER) SMOKING AND MELTING; ALSO THE TOASTER'S HEATING ELEMENTS WERE GLOWING RED HOT. THE POWER CORD OF THIS TOASTER WAS LEFT PLUGGED INTO ITS ELECTRICAL OUTLET AND THE CONSUMER SAID THAT THE TOASTER MUST HAVE TURNED "ON" BY ITSELF. THE CONSUMER BELIEVES THAT SHE LAST USED THIS ELECTRIC TOASTER TO MAKE TOAST ABOUT 12 HOURS EARLIER.

Incident Date: 19980221 City: ARCHDALE State: NC

A FIRE INCIDENT OCCURRED AT APPROXIMATELY 8:00 AM ON 2/21/98 IN A SMALL FOUR-ROOM RENTED HOUSE, ACCIDENTALLY CAUSED BY A SHORT IN AN UNATTACHED ELECTRIC BLANKET CONTROL CORD CONNECTED TO AN ELECTRICAL WALL OUTLET. TWO DOGS DIED DURING THE FIRE. THERE WERE NO OTHER INJURIES. THE HOUSE AND CONTENTS WERE DESTROYED. ESTIMATED DAMAGE WAS \$24,500.

Incident Date: 19980101 City: BALTIMORE State: MD

RESPONDENT NOTICED SMALL FLAMES COMING FROM THE ELECTRICAL OUTLET WHERE A PORTABLE ELECTRIC SPACE HEATER WAS PLUGGED IN. RESPONDENT PULLED PLUG AND FLAMES EXTINGUISHED THEMSELVES. THERE WAS NO INJURY OR PROPERTY DAMAGE INVOLVED IN THIS INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19880701 City: WADSWORTH State: OH

COMPLAINANT WAS USING A TEN-YEAR-OLD DETAIL SANDER IN HIS WORKSHOP. HE STOPPED USING IT AND HAD TURNED IT OFF, BUT LEFT IT PLUGGED INTO AN OUTLET. ABOUT THREE MINUTES AFTER HE STOPPED USING IT, IT STARTED UP BY ITSELF. HE UNPLUGGED IT AND NO ONE WAS INJURED. IT WAS SUBSEQUENTLY DETERMINED THAT THE ON/OFF MALFUNCTIONED.

Incident Date: 19980321 City: EDMONDS State: WA

ON 3/21/98, AN INCIDENT OCCURRED THAT DID NOT INVOLVE INJURY, AND PROPERTY DAMAGE WAS LIMITED TO A MALFUNCTIONING ELECTRIC TOASTER. ALTHOUGH THE FIRE DEPARTMENT WAS PRESENT AND TOOK THE TOASTER TO THE DAMAGED WALL OUTLET, NO FURTHER FIRE DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY WAS NEEDED.

Incident Date: 19980210 City: NEW DANVILLE State: PA

A MINIMUM OF FIVE ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES WERE CONNECTED TO A SIX OUTLET POWER STRIP. ONE OF THE UNIDENTIFIED APPLIANCES MALFUNCTIONED, RESULTING IN A FIRE THAT HEAVILY DAMAGED A HOME. NO INJURIES OCCURRED.

Incident Date: 19980413 City: PALMYRA State: PA

AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET WAS THE ORIGIN OF THE FIRE OF A TEMPORARY CLASSROOM IN A SCHOOL. PLUGGED INTO THE OUTLET WAS A COMPUTER TERMINAL WHICH HAD BEEN LEFT ON WHILE SCHOOL WAS CLOSED FOR VACATION. NO INJURIES OR DEATH ARE ASSOCIATED WITH THIS INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19980518 City: FAIRFAX State: VA

A FAMILY HOMEOWNER ATTEMPTED TO TURN OFF A FLOOR LAMP WHICH WAS LOCATED IN HER FAMILY ROOM. WHILE HAVING CONTACT WITH THE LAMP'S SOCKET AREA, THE COMPLAINANT HEARD A SIZZLING SOUND AND THEN OBSERVED 1/2 INCH FLAMES COMING FROM THE LAMP'S SOCKET AREA. COMPLAINANT UNPLUGGED THE LAMP'S CORD FROM ITS OUTLET.

Incident Date: 19980503 City: PITTSBURGH State: PA

A 39 YEAR OLD WOMAN WAS USING A HAND-HELD ELECTRIC HAIR DRYER, IN HER HOME, TO DRY HER DAUGHTER'S HAIR WHEN THE DRYER CAUGHT ON FIRE. BLACK SMOKE INITIATED AT THE RECEPTACLE AND THE GFCI AREA, BUT NO FLAMES WERE VISIBLE. THE DRYER PLUG WAS REMOVED FROM THE RECEPTACLE AND THE FIRE WENT OUT. NO INJURIES OCCURRED.

Incident Date: 19980601 City: WEATHERFORD State: TX

A MOBILE HOME WAS ON FIRE. APPARENTLY THE MALE VICTIM (14 YEAR OLD) HAD AWAKENED HIS MOTHER WHO WENT NEXT DOOR TO A NEIGHBOR TO CALL 911. THE MALE VICTIM THEN TOLD HIS MOTHER THAT HE WAS GOING BACK TO GET HIS SISTER (10 YEAR OLD). BOTH CHILDREN PERISHED IN THE FIRE. THE VICTIM'S MOTHER TOLD FIRE INVESTIGATORS THAT THEY WERE HAVING A LOT OF ELECTRICAL PROBLEMS IN THE MOBILE HOME & THAT WHEN BOTH WINDOW A/C WERE TURNED ON THE BREAKER WOULD TRIP. BECAUSE OF THIS, THE A/C IN THE LIVING ROOM WAS CONNECTED TO A WALL RECEPTACLE. AN APPROX. 100 FT. OUTDOOR EXTENSION CORD WAS USED.

Incident Date: 19980517 City: MONESSEN State: PA

A FIRE IN AN APARTMENT STARTED BEHIND A STEREO SYSTEM AND THE WALL OUTLET. NO ONE WAS INJURED IN THE FIRE. DAMAGES WERE CONFINED TO THE ONE BEDROOM IN THE TOWNHOUSE STYLE APARTMENT.

Incident Date: 19980615 City: WESTON State: FL

A BATTERY BACK UP APPLIANCE, DESIGNED FOR USE WITH COMPUTERS AND THEIR ACCESSORIES, MALFUNCTIONED WHILE PLUGGED INTO A WALL OUTLET, WITH SMOKE EMITTED FROM THE SIDES OF THE UNIT. NO DAMAGE OR INJURIES WERE SUSTAINED IN THE INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19980608 City: LONGBOAT KEY State: FL

AN EXTENSION CORD LEFT PLUGGED INTO A RECEPTACLE UNDERNEATH A WOODEN DECK AND WRAPPED AROUND A WOODEN POST WAS BELIEVED TO HAVE STARTED A HOUSE FIRE. THERE WERE NO INJURIES. EXTENT OF DAMAGES WAS ESTIMATED TO BE \$400,000.

Incident Date: 19980323 City: WILLINGBORO State: NJ

AN ELECTRICAL DEVICE PLUGGED INTO A BEDROOM WALL OUTLET WHICH TURNS ON AND OFF ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES WITH THE CLAP OF THE HANDS APPARENTLY MALFUNCTIONED AND CAUGHT ON FIRE. THE FIRE SCORCHED THE WALL AND CEILING OF THE BEDROOM BEFORE THE COMPLAINAT BEAT OUT THE FLAMES WITH A DRY TOWEL. THE COMPLAINANT REPORTS SLIGHT BURNS TO THE HANDS.

Incident Date: 19980627 City: FRANKLIN State: PA

A 3 MONTH OLD FEMALE SUFFERED SCRATCHES AND BRUISES WHEN THE CHILD CARRIER SHE WAS STRAPPED INTO WAS EJECTED FROM A STROLLER IT WAS ATTACHED TO AND LANDED ON A SIDEWALK. THE INCIDENT OCCURRED AT AN OUTLET MALL WHILE THE VICTIM'S MOTHER WAS SHOPPING.

Incident Date: 19980508 City: NORTH WILKESB State: NC

THIS INVESTIGATION INVOLVED A RESIDENTIAL APARTMENT FIRE. NO ONE WAS HOME AND NO INJURIES OCCURRED. THE FIRE ORIGIN WAS AN ELECTRICAL RECEPTACLE ABOVE THE KITCHEN COUNTER TOP.

Incident Date: 19980602 City: EAST PEORIA State: IL

AN AIR CONDITIONER FIRE OCCURRED IN AN APARTMENT. THE WINDOW UNIT WAS PLUGGED INTO AN OUTLET DIRECTLY BELOW THE WINDOW WITHOUT THE USE OF AN EXTENSION CORD. NO INJURIES OCCURRED.

Incident Date: 19980709 City: COLUMBIA HEIGH State: MN

THERE WAS A ONE YEAR OLD ELECTRIC TOASTER OVEN SITTING ON THE COUNTER OF A KITCHEN PLUGGED INTO A WALL OUTLET. THE UNIT APPEARED TO TURN ON BY ITSELF WITH THE CONTROL BUTTON IN THE "OFF" POSITION. ESTIMATED \$250 DAMAGE TO THE TOASTER OVEN AND THE BACK WALL (SCORCHED).

Incident Date: 19980603 City: PORT DEPOSIT State: MD

A HOUSE FIRE WAS THE CAUSE BY EITHER A TOASTER OR COFFEE POT ON A KITCHEN COUNTER TOP, LOCATED BETWEEN THE SINK AND REFRIGERATOR. BOTH ITEMS WERE PLUGGED INTO AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET. FOOD IN THE TOASTER IS PROBABLY THE MOST LIKELY SOURCE OF IGNITION FOR THIS FIRE. NO INJURIES OR DEATHS INVOLVED, BUT AN ESTIMATED LOSS OF \$30,000 RESULTED.

Incident Date: 19980715 City: RICHFIELD State: WI

A 10 MONTH OLD MALE WAS ELECTROCUTED WHEN HE BUMPED AGAINST AN ELECTRICAL RECEPTACLE MOUNTED TO THE SIDE OF A PIER AT HIS GRANDFATHER'S LAKE HOME. THE RECEPTACLE WAS NOT PROTECTED BY A GROUND FAULT CIRCUIT INTERRUPTER.

Incident Date: 19980612 City: ELKTON State: MD

A HOUSE FIRE WAS CAUSED BY OVERLOADING IN A LARGE AMOUNT OF ELECTRICAL WIRES AND EXTENSION CORDS ATTACHED TO AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET. THE WIRES OR EXTENSION CORDS ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN FRAYED AND OTHERWISE DAMAGED, WHICH STARTED THE FIRE. NO INJURIES OR DEATH OCCURRED FROM THIS FIRE BUT HERE WAS ABOUT \$10,000 WORTH OF DAMAGE.

Incident Date: 19980624 City: MELBOURNE State: FL

A 19 YEAR OLD MALE WAS ELECTROCUTED WHEN HE WAS PLAYING AN ELECTRIC GUITAR AND REACHED FOR THE MICROPHONE. THE RECEPTACLE THAT WAS USED FOR THE INSTRUMENTS DID NOT HAVE A GROUND WIRE PROPERLY INSTALLED.

Incident Date: 19980730 City: KINGSLAND State: GA

COMPLAINANT PURCHASED THE WALK BEHIND LAWNMOWER, BROUGHT IT HOME, ATTACHED HANDLE, AND PLUGGED BATTERY CHARGER INTO 110 VOLT A.C. OUTLET TO CHARGE THE BATTERY BEFORE USING THE LAWN MOWER FOR THE FIRST TIME. AFTER TWO HOURS, COMPLAINANT DISCOVERED THE BATTERY CHARGER HAD MELTED AND WAS STARTING TO BURN. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19980721 City: EAST BRUNSWIC State: NJ

A FIRE THAT BROKE OUT IN FAMILY ROOM OF A HOUSE WAS TRACED TO A SHORT CIRCUIT IN AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET. A CIRCUIT BREAKER FAILED TO OPERATE IN TIME TO PREVENT THE FIRE. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19970501 City: HAMILTON State: NJ

FLAMES EMANATED FROM THE MOTOR HOUSING OF A 22" ELECTRIC HEDGE TRIMMER WHEN THE MOTOR WAS ACTIVATED. THE COMPLAINANT PULLED THE EXTENSION CORD PLUG FROM THE OUTDOOR OUTLET AND THE FLAMES SUBSIDED. NO INJURY RESULTED.

Incident Date: 19980616 City: PROVIDENCE State: RI

A FIRE WHICH CAUSED APPROXIMATELY \$10,000 DAMAGE TO A ROOMING HOUSE HAS BEEN ATTRIBUTED TO THE IGNITION OF COMBUSTIBLES BY AN ELECTRIC POWER STRIP WHICH WAS CONNECTED TO AN ELECTRICAL RECEPTACLE BY AN EXTENSION CORD.

Incident Date: 19980630 City: SULLIVAN State: NH

NO INJURY OCCURRED WHEN AN IMPROPERLY INSTALLED UNCOVERED RECEPTACLE ELECTRICAL WALL OUTLET HAD A MATTRESS PUSHED INTO THE OUTLET. THIS EITHER CREATED A SPARK OR GENERATED ENOUGH HEAT WHICH CAUSED THE MATTRESS TO IGNITE. THE FIRE WAS CONFINED TO A BEDROOM AND CAUSED APPROXIMATELY \$1,000.00 IN DAMAGES.

Incident Date: 19980629 City: NORTH BERGEN State: NJ

AN UNIDENTIFIED, TABLE LAMP WITH DEFECTIVE WIRING, WHILE PLUGGED INTO A WALL OUTLET, MALFUNCTIONED, (FOR 2ND TIME), OVERHEATED AND ERUPTED INTO FLAMES. AN OFFICIAL FD STATEMENT ESTIMATES THE DAMAGES TO THE STRUCTURE AND TO THE BUSINESS GOODS OVER \$300,000.00. NO PERSONAL INJURIES WERE SUSTAINED DURING THE INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19980813 City: E. PATCHOGUE State: NY

NO INJURY OCCURRED WHEN A CONSUMER PLUGGED A HAIRDRYER INTO AN EXTENSION CORD, TURNED THE DRYER ON, AND A FLAME WAS EMITTED BY THE OUTLET WHERE THE EXTENSION CORD WAS PLUGGED IN.



Incident Date: 19980721 City: ALBUQUERQUE State: NM

COMPLAINANT PURCHASED AN EMERGENCY NITELITE, BUT DID NOT IMMEDIATELY USE IT. SHE THEN PLACED IT IN AN OUTLET IN A HALLWAY, IN THE EVENING. WHEN SHE CAME HOME FROM WORK THE NEXT DAY, THE UNIT WAS MELTED AND THE OUTLET AND WALL WERE BLACKENED WITH SMOKE.

Incident Date: 19980417 City: HARTVILLE State: MO

A TWO YEAR OLD FEMALE DIED OF AN ELECTROCUTION FROM SOME BARE ELECTRICAL WIRES STICKING OUT FROM A 110 VOLT A.C. OUTLET UNDER A KITCHEN TABLE. THE VICTIM BECAME A GROUNDING SOURCE WHEN SHE TOUCHED A HEATER FURNACE VENT COVER.

Incident Date: 19980724 City: ABINGTON State: MA

A 68 YEAR OLD MALE WAS DISCOVERED LYING FACE DOWN IN AN ABOVE GROUND POOL AND WAS DECEASED. LOCATED IN THE VICINITY OF THE POOL WAS A POWER DRILL AND A 100 FT EXTENSION CORD WHICH WAS PLUGGED INTO AN EXTERIOR GROUNDED ELECTRICAL OUTLET, HOWEVER THE DRILL WAS NOT PLUGGED INTO THE EXTENSION CORD. CONTACT WITH THE CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER IN POCASSET, MA DISCLOSED THIS WAS A DEATH BY NATURAL CAUSES AND WAS NOT DUE TO ELECTROCUTION.

Incident Date: 19980101 City: CUYAHOGA FALL State: OH

THE COMPLAINANT HAD A CO DETECTOR PULGGED INTO AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET IN HIS HOME. THE CO DETECTOR EMITTED SOME SMOKE AND AN ODOR THAT SMELLED LIKE ELECTRICAL COMPONENTS BURNING. HE UNPLUGGED THE UNIT AND TOOK IT TO THE LOCA FIRE STATION.

Incident Date: 19980906 City: STEM State: NC

THE COMPLAINANT USED AN ORBITAL SANDER FOR 15 MINUTES, TURNED IT OFF, LEFT IT PLUGGED INTO AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET AND PLACED IT ON A LADDER PAINT TRAY EDGE. LESS THAN 5 SECONDS LATER, THE SANDER TURNED ITSELF ON. NO DEATHS OR INJURIES ARE REPORTED.

Incident Date: 19980813 City: CROSS PLAINS State: TN

A 2 YEAR OLD MALE BURNED THE PALM OF HIS RIGHT HAND WHEN HE PULLED THE FRONT COVER OFF AN AIR FRESHENER THAT WAS PLUGGED INTO THE ELECTRICAL OUTLET AND HIS HAND TOUCHED PART OF THE 2 PRONG PLUG. ACCORDING TO THE VICTIM'S MOTHER, THE BACK PART OF THE 2 PRONGS THAT PLUG INTO THE OUTLET ARE COMPLETELY EXPOSED INSIDE THE AIR FRESHENER WHEN THE COVER IS REMOVED AND IF TOUCHED, CAN CAUSE BURNS.

Incident Date: 19980815 City: BETHESDA State: MD

RESPONDENT PLUGGED A LAMP'S REPLACEMENT PLUG INTO A WALL OUTLET. REPLACEMENT PLUG STARTED SPARKING. RESPONDENT UNPLUGGED REPLACEMENT PLUG AND DISCONTINUED USE. THERE WERE NO INJURIES OR PROPERTY DAMAGE INVOLVED IN THIS INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19980915 City: BROOKLYN State: MI

A FIRE STARTED IN A DISHWASHER APPROXIMATELY 15 MINUTES INTO THE WASH CYCLE. THE CONSUMER WAS HOME, NOTICED FLAMES AND UNPLUGGED UNIT FROM THE WALL OUTLET. NO ONE WAS INJURED. USE OF DISHWASHER WAS DISCONTINUED.

Incident Date: 19980916 City: PRIOR LAKE State: MN

THE COMPLAINANT HAD A 3 YEAR OLD RECHARGEABLE FLASHLIGHT THAT WAS PLUGGED INTO THE WALL OUTLET. DURING THE NIGHT HER HUSBAND WOKE UP HEARING A "HISSING" SOUND. HE DISCOVERED SMOKE COMING FROM THE FLASHLIGHT. DAMAGE WAS LIMITED TO THE UNIT.

Incident Date: 19980827 City: SMITHBURG State: MD

AN ACCIDENTAL FIRE WAS CAUSED BY AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET THAT HAD FAILED. A CLOCK RADIO WAS PLUGGED INTO THE OUTLET AND LEFT ON. THE CLOCK RADIO WAS ON THE TOP OF A PLASTIC BOOK SHELF CONTAINING COMBUSTIBLES WHICH IGNITED. \$50,000 IN DAMAGE OCCURRED.

Incident Date: 19981025 City: STILLWATER State: MN

THE MINI STEREO SYSTEM WAS PLUGGED INTO A WALL OUTLET, BUT NOT TURNED ON. IT WAS ON THE CD SETTING. THE COMPLAINANT SMELLED A "BURNING PLASTIC" ODOR AND NOTICED SMOKE COMING OUT FROM INSIDE THE STEREO. HE UNPLUGGED THE UNIT AND THE SMOKING STOPPED.

Incident Date: 19980906 City: CALDWELL State: ID

THE POWER CORD ON AN AIR CONDITIONING UNIT SHORTED-OUT AND IGNITED THE CARPET. THE FIRE THEN SPREAD TO THE REST OF THE ROOM AND HOUSE. THE POWER CORD HAD BEEN SPLICED AT ONE TIME, ONE WIRE WAS NOT CONNECTED AND THE OTHER TWO WIRES WERE TWISTED TOGETHER. THE POWER CORD WAS PLUGGED INTO A 6-OUTLET POWER STRIP. THE POWER STRIP FAILED BY NOT TRIPPING WHEN THE AC POWER CORD SHORTED-OUT. NO ONE WAS HOME AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19980821 City: PETALUMA State: CA

COMPLAINANT'S WIFE WAS USING A BABY MONITOR. SHE PLUGGED THE AC ADAPTER INTO A KITCHEN WALL OUTLET. FLAMES AND SPARKS CAME OUT OF THE WALL OUTLET AND FROM THE AC ADAPTER. AN ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR EXAMINED THE AC ADAPTER AND NOTED A "DIRECT SHORT". MANUFACTURER ALSO EXAMINED THE AC ADAPTER, BUT DID NOT FIND ANYTHING WRONG WITH THE AC ADAPTER. NO ONE WAS INJURED IN THIS INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19981019 City: BOWLER State: WI

THIS INVESTIGATION WAS INITIATED THROUGH A COMPLAINT AND REQUEST FOR INFORMATION FROM AN AREA SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. THE COMPLAINT DEALT WITH A HOUSE FIRE THAT WAS ALLEGEDLY STARTED BY A PLUG-IN AIR FRESHENER. THE AIR FRESHENER HAD BEEN PLUGGED INTO THE OUTLET FOR OVER ONE YEAR. THE AIR FRESHENER AND OUTLET WERE SAMPLED.

Incident Date: 19981022 City: LATHROP State: CA

THE FIRE MARSHAL REPORTS THAT THIS APT FIRE STARTED IN THE SW BEDROOM OF THE HOME, WHERE A CURLING IRON (WITH THE SWITCH LEFT "ON" AND ITS POWER CORD LEFT PLUGGED INTO A WALL OUTLET) HAD FALLEN DOWN OFF OF A DRESSER. HE SAID THAT THE CURLING IRON IGNITED DEBRIS, BETWEEN THE DRESSER AND THE BED. TWO TENANTS (26 YEAR OLD WOMAN AND HER 4 YEAR OLD SON) SAW THE SMOKE AND ESCAPED. FIRE DAMAGE TO THE HOME AND ITS CONTENTS IS ESTIMATED AT ABOUT \$25,000.

Incident Date: 19981025 City: BOLIVAR State: MO

A FIRE STARTED FROM A DAMAGED LAMP CORD IN AN APARTMENT. THE 79 YEAR OLD OCCUPANT HAD PLACED HER BED AGAINST A WALL PUSHING ON A LAMP CORD IN THE OUTLET. IT IS BELIEVED THAT OVER A LONG PERIOD OF TIME, THE PINCHED CORD CAUGHT FIRE AND SPREAD TO HER MATTRESS. THE VICTIM DIED FROM SMOKE INHALATION.

Incident Date: 19981123 City: CHICAGO State: IL

A 6 MONTH OLD BABY WIPE WARMER BEGAN EMITTING SMOKE WHILE IT WAS PLUGGED INTO AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET IN A 17 MONTH OLD MALE'S BEDROOM. THE WARMER'S HEATING COILS HAD BURNED THROUGH THE VINYL INSULATION AND HAD SINGED THE OUTER CLOTH COVER. SMOKE WAS OBSERVED IN THE ROOM BY THE VICTIM'S FATHER AND THE UNIT WAS UNPLUGGED BEFORE A FIRE STARTED.

Incident Date: 19981128 City: MATTOON State: IL

THE 32 YEAR OLD CONSUMER WAS HOME SHOWERING. HIS 6 MONTH OLD NIGHT LIGHT PLUGGED INTO A BATHROOM'S ELECTRICAL OUTLET, SHORT CIRCUITED AND BEGAN EMITTING A FLAME. NO ONE WAS INJURED AND ONLY THE NIGHT-LIGHT SUSTAINED DAMAGE.

Incident Date: 19981112 City: BETHAL PARK State: PA

A 39 YEAR OLD FEMALE WAS USING A HAND-HELD ELECTRIC HAIRDRYER, IN HER HOME, WHEN IT SPARKED AND CAUGHT ON FIRE. FLAMES WERE VISIBLE AND THEY SELF-EXTINGUISHED WHEN THE HAIRDRYER'S POWER CORD WAS UNPLUGGED FROM THE RECEPTACLE. NO INJURIES OCCURRED. UPC 074108

Incident Date: 19981210 City: VISALIA State: CA

THE CONSUMER REPORTS THAT HE LEFT THE PORTABLE ELECTRIC SPACE HEATER OPERATING, UNATTENDED, FOR ABOUT 3 HOURS IN HIS MOBILE HOME. WHEN HE RETURNED TO HIS MOBILE HOME, HE DISCOVERED A FIRE HAD STARTED. THE FIRE DAMAGE WAS LIMITED TO THE IMMEDIATE AREA ABOUT: THIS PORTABLE ELECTRIC SPACE HEATER; ITS POWER CORD; AND THE WALL OUTLET INTO WHICH THIS HEATER'S POWER CORD WAS PLUGGED. NO ONE WAS INJURED. FIRE DAMAGE IS ABOUT \$10,000.

Incident Date: 19981023 City: DANVILLE State: IL

A CONSUMER SUFFERED MONETARY DAMAGES TO HIS HOUSE AFTER A FAULTY ELECTRICAL OUTLET CAUGHT ON FIRE. THE CONSUMER PLUGGED AN ELECTRICAL SPACE HEATER INTO THE OUTLET, SAW SPARKS COMING FROM IT AND TRIED TO PUT IT OUT WITH BLANKET. THE BLANKET CAUGHT ON FIRE AND DESTROYED CERTAIN ROOMS IN THE HOUSE. NO ONE WAS INJURED.

Incident Date: 19981219 City: HOMER State: IL

A CONSUMER'S 16 YEAR OLD SON HAPPENED TO BE IN THE KITCHEN USING THE MICROWAVE. JUST THEN, FLAMES SHOT OUT THE TOP OF THE TOASTER WHICH WAS ALSO ON THE KITCHEN COUNTER, BUT PLUGGED INTO ANOTHER ELECTRICAL OUTLET AND TURNED OFF. NO ONE WAS INJURED AND ONLY THE TOASTER SUSTAINED DAMAGE. TOASTER WAS COLLECTED AS SAMPLE #99-830-4104.

Incident Date: 19971023 City: WASILLA State: AK

THE ORIGIN OF A RESIDENTIAL FIRE WAS FOUND TO BE EITHER A PLUG-IN AIR FRESHENER, OR A HALLOWEEN DECORATION THAT WAS PLUGGED INTO THE EXTRA OUTLET OF THE AIR FRESHENER. THE AIR FRESHENER IS IN THE CUSTODY OF THE INSURANCE COMPANY; THE DECORATION WAS DESTROYED IN THE FIRE. TEST RESULTS WERE INCONCLUSIVE.

Incident Date: 19981204 City: HICKSVILLE State: OH

A FIRE THAT CAUSED \$140,000 IN DAMAGES TO A HOME WAS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY EITHER christmas TREE LIGHTS, OR A SHORT IN THE ELECTRICAL OUTLET THAT THE LIGHTS WERE PLUGGED INTO. NO INJURIES OCCURRED.

Incident Date: 19981221 City: SEBASTIAN State: FL

TWO DOGS WERE KILLED IN A FIRE INSIDE A RESIDENTIAL HOME BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY A SHORT CIRCUIT IN A SEWING MACHINE PLUGGED INTO A LIVING ROOM WALL OUTLET. DAMAGE WAS ESTIMATED AT \$75,000. THE HOMEOWNER OR HER FAMILY WERE NOT AT HOME AT THE TIME OF THE FIRE.

Incident Date: 19981228 City: DES MOINES State: IA

CONSUMER NOTICED THAT POWER HAD GONE OUT IN SON'S ROOM AND ANOTHER ROOM. CONSUMER CHECKED CIRCUIT BREAKER AND FOUND IT HAD NOT SWITCHED OFF. WHEN CONSUMER UNPLUGGED BABY MONITOR'S ADAPTER FROM THE WALL OUTLET, THE POWER CAME BACK ON. THE WALL OUTLET ADAPTER AND SAFETY PLUG WERE BURNED AND MELTED. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19990105 City: SAN ANTONIO State: TX

ON JANUARY 5, 1999 A FIRE OCCURRED IN THE BEDROOM OF AN 84 YEAR OLD FEMALE. THE DISTRICT FIRE CHIEF SAID THE FIRE WAS CAUSED BY AN ELECTRIC BLANKET THAT SHORTED OUT WHILE PLUGGED INTO THE WALL OUTLET BEHIND THE OWNER'S BED.

Incident Date: 19990121 City: MONTEVIDEO State: MN

A CHILD'S RIDE-ON BATTERY OPERATED TOY VEHICLE NEEDED RECHARGING. THE BATTERY WAS RECHARGED OVERNIGHT AND THEN THE CHARGER WAS UNPLUGGED FROM THE WALL OUTLET. THE CHARGER APPARATUS WAS STILL CONNECTED TO THE BATTERY AS IT WAS LAYING ON THE CARPETED FLOOR. THE WIRING FROM THE CHARGER HAD APPARENTLY OVERHEATED AND MELTED THE CARPETING. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19980826 City: MYRTLE BEACH State: SC

A 50 YEAR OLD MALE WAS ELECTROCUTED WHILE WORKING ON A GENERATOR THAT WAS SUPPLYING POWER TO AN EXTENSION CORD PLUGGED INTO A KITCHEN OUTLET IN A CONDOMINIUM. THE VICTIM WAS LYING ON WET PAVEMENT, UNDERNEATH HIS RECREATION VEHICLE, WHEN THE INCIDENT OCCURRED.

Incident Date: 19990107 City: WINSTON-SALEM State: NC

A 53 YEAR OLD MALE DIED OF CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING/SMOKE OF SOOT INHALATION AND TWO OTHER INDIVIDUALS WERE INJURED IN A FIRE INVOLVING AN OIL FILLED, PORTABLE ELECTRIC HEATER. THE LINE CORD OF THE APPLIANCE WAS FOUND TO BE SPLICED INTO A LIGHT GAUGED EXTENSION CORD FOR INCREASED DISTANCE FROM THE OUTLET.

Incident Date: 19990305 City: FOND DU LAC State: WI

DURING A HIGH SCHOOL PHYSICAL EDUCATION CLASS THE PENDANT SWITCH RECEPTACLE FOR THE POWER RETRACTABLE BLEACHERS LOCATED IN THE GYMNASIUM WAS ACCIDENTALLY BUMPED BY A STUDENT WHO WAS ROLLER SKATING, CAUSING THE BLEACHERS TO EXPAND UNEXPECTEDLY. NO INJURY OCCURRED.

Incident Date: 19990312 City: LAKEWOOD State: WA

COMPUTER SURGE/POWER SYSTEM SHUT DOWN WITHOUT WARNING. WHILE UNPLUGGING ITEMS FROM SYSTEM, AN ELECTRIC ARC WAS OBSERVED AND ODOR OF BURNT PLASTIC WAS SMELLED. SYSTEM'S ELECTRIC CORD PULLED FROM WALL OUTLET. NO INJURIES OR DAMAGE FROM INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19990316 City: BRIDGEVIEW State: IL

HOME OWNER'S DAUGHTER HEARD A POPPING NOISE AND DISCOVERED THAT THE OUTLET STRIP WAS ON FIRE. A TELEPHONE CHARGER WAS REMOVED FROM OUTLET AND THE FIRE SELF-EXTINGUISHED. AN ELECTRICIAN STATED THAT A POWER SURGE CAUSED THE FIRE. THERE WERE NO INJURIES. THE OUTLET STRIP WAS DISCARDED PRIOR TO CONTACT WITH THIS INVESTIGATOR.

Incident Date: 19981201 City: OLATHE State: KS

A PROGRAMMABLE APPLIANCE OUTLET, ON AN ELECTRIC AM/FM RADIO AND CASSETTE PLAYER, MAY HAVE MALFUNCTIONED. THE POWER CORD, ON A PLUGGED IN COFFEE MAKER, ALLEGEDLY BECAME "HOT" TO THE TOUCH. NO FIRE OCCURRED AND NO ONE WAS INJURED.

Incident Date: 19990321 City: ROCKVILLE State: MD

NO INJURIES WERE INVOLVED IN THIS INCIDENT. WHILE AN ELECTRIC HAIR DRYER WAS IN THE OFF POSITION AND CONNECTED TO A HOME BATHROOM ELECTRIC WALL OUTLET, IT BEGAN PRODUCING SMOKE AND SPARKS. IT WAS UNPLUGGED AND THERE WAS NO FURTHER INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19990224 City: COLLINSVILLE State: IL

THE PLUG TO A CERAMIC SPACE HEATER OVERHEATED, CAUSING THE CIRCUIT BREAKER TO TRIP. EXAMINATION REVEALED THAT THE PLUG WAS MELTED AND THE RECEPTACLE SOOT DAMAGED.

Incident Date: 19981101 City: AUGUSTA State: NE

NO INJURY OCCURRED WHEN A NIGHT LIGHT WHICH WAS PLUGGED INTO A TWO PRONGED BATHROOM OUTLET APPARENTLY OVERHEATED AND EMITTED SMOKE. THE HOMEOWNER NOTICED THE SMOKE COMING FROM THE NIGHT LIGHT AND WAS ABLE TO UNPLUG IT BEFORE IT COULD CAUSE A FIRE.

Incident Date: 19981212 City: MIDLAND State: TX

THIS INVESTIGATION INVOLVES A HOUSE FIRE THAT STARTED FROM AN ELECTRIC SPACE HEATER CORD THAT HAD BEEN SPLICED INTO ANOTHER ELECTRICAL LINE AND IT WAS PLUGGED INTO AN OUTLET BEHIND THE COUCH. THE LINE HAD A KNOT IN IT. THE KNOT CREATED A HIGH RESISTANCE ALONG WITH THE SPLICE CAUSING OVERHEATING WHICH CAUSED THE FIRE.

Incident Date: 19990331 City: TELFORD State: TN

A 13-YEAR OLD FEMALE RECEIVED 2ND DEGREE BURNS TO HER INDEX AND MIDDLE FINGERS OF HER RIGHT HAND WHEN A FAULTY ELECTRICAL WALL RECEPTACLE ARCED WHEN SHE ATTEMPTED TO PLUG A BOOM BOX INTO THAT RECEPTACLE. THE VICTIM WAS TREATED AT A LOCAL HOSPITAL AND RELEASED.

Incident Date: 19990405 City: MILWAUKEE State: WI

THIS INCIDENT INVOLVED AN ELECTRIC ADAPTER BEING USED IN AN OUTLET WHICH SUPPLIED POWER TO A REFRIGERATOR. WHEN THE REFRIGERATOR WAS REPLACED THE ELECTRICAL OUTLET WAS FOUND TO HAVE BROWN SCORCH MARKS SURROUNDING THE PLUG AREA. THE ADAPTER WHICH WAS PLUGGED INTO THE OUTLET WAS FOUND TO BE VERY HOT.

Incident Date: 19970901 City: PUTHAM TWP. State: MI

A 14 YEAR OLD MALE WAS ELECTROCUTED AND DIED AT HIS GRANDPARENT'S HOME. THE VICTIM CAME INTO CONTACT WITH A FIFTH WHEEL CAMPER TRAILER THAT WAS ELECTRIFIED DUE TO IT BEING CONNECTED TO A NON-POLARIZED EXTENSION CORD THAT WAS PLUGGED INTO AN IMPROPERLY WIRED NON-GROUNDED OUTLET.

Incident Date: 19980401 City: STATEN ISLAND State: NY

A MINUTE OR TWO AFTER TURNING ON THE FLOOR LAMP IN HER 2 YEAR OLD SON'S BEDROOM, FLAMES CAME OUT OF THE VENT OF COMPLAINANT'S HUMIDIFIER WHICH WAS PLUGGED INTO THE SAME WALL OUTLET AS THE LAMP, BUT WAS NOT IN USE. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19990412 City: ALBANY State: NY

UPC 089786224831 A 42 YEAR OLD FEMALE PLUGGED HER NEW NIGHT LIGHT INTO THE WALL OUTLET AND A FEW MINUTES LATER HEARD A LOUD POP, SMELLED SOMETHING BURNING AND OBSERVED SMOKE COMING FROM THE LIGHT. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19990320 City: WEST MIFFLIN State: PA

UPC 752851 A STANDARD-SIZE ELECTRIC REFRIGERATOR IGNITED INSIDE THE CABINET AT THE UNIT'S TEMPERATURE CONTROL DIALS. THE HOMEOWNER DISCOVERED THE BLAZE, UNPLUGGED THE POWER CORD FROM THE WALL OUTLET AND THE FIRE SELF-EXTINGUISHED. THERE WERE NO INJURIES OR PROPERTY DAMAGES SUSTAINED.

Incident Date: 19990301 City: ROCKVILLE State: MD

A 4-1/2 YEAR OLD MALE CONNECTED A COFFEE GRINDER TO A KITCHEN WALL OUTLET AND PLACED HIS LEFT HAND INTO THE TURNING BLADES. HE FRACTURED AND SHEARED OFF THE TIP OF HIS MIDDLE FINGER AND DAMAGED NAIL BEDS ON OTHER FINGERS ON HIS LEFT HAND.

Incident Date: 19990405 City: BALTIMORE State: MD

VICTIM WAS SLEEPING IN HIS HOME IN BALTIMORE, MARYLAND WHEN HIS ELECTRIC BLANKET CAUGHT FIRE AND IGNITED HIS MATTRESS. VICTIM REMOVED BLANKET FROM BED AND EXTINGUISHED THE FLAMES THEN UNPLUGGED ELECTRIC BLANKET FROM WALL OUTLET. VICTIM SUSTAINED MINOR BURNS TO HIS FINGERS, WHICH HE TREATED HIMSELF AT HOME.

Incident Date: 19990417 City: DEERFIELD TWP. State: OH

A 42 YEAR OLD MALE RECEIVED MINOR BURNS ON HIS LEFT WRIST AND BETWEEN HIS TOES WHEN HE EXTINGUISHED AN ELECTRIC BLANKET THAT HAD CAUGHT FIRE. THE INCIDENT OCCURRED IN THE COMPLAINANT'S BEDROOM. THE BLANKET HAD BEEN LEFT PLUGGED INTO AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET, BUT THE CONTROLS WERE IN THE "OFF" POSITION.

Incident Date: 19990424 City: GRANT State: AL

THE POWER ADAPTER ON AN ELECTRIC BABY MONITOR BECAME HOT TO THE TOUCH AND BEGAN TO MELT WHILE PLUGGED INTO A WALL RECEPTACLE. THE MOTHER UNPLUGGED THE UNIT BEFORE ANY FIRE OCCURRED. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19990429 City: ASHDOWN State: AR

STRUCTURAL FIRE ALLEGEDLY RESULTING FROM A FAILED ELECTRICAL OUTLET.

Incident Date: 19990516 City: QUINCY State: MA

A CONSUMER REPORTED THAT AN ENERGY SAVING RECEPTACLE THAT HE HAD USED ON HIS 2 MONTH OLD GAS DRYER HAD OVERHEATED AND CAUSED A SHORT CIRCUIT IN HIS GAS DRYER. NO INJURIES RESULTED FROM THIS OCCURRENCE.

Incident Date: 19990428 City: BEDFORD State: IN

IT WAS BELIEVED THAT A SMALL ELECTRIC SPACE HEATER STARTED A FIRE IN AN UPSTAIRS APARTMENT BEDROOM. INVESTIGATION AND ANALYSES INTO ORIGIN AND CAUSE BY AN ENGINEERING CONSULTING FIRM INSTEAD ESTABLISHED AN ELECTRICAL WALL OUTLET AS THE ORIGIN. NO ONE WAS INJURED.

Incident Date: 19990601 City: SPRINGFIELD State: VA

UPC 052181 AFTER UNPLUGGING A BABY MONITOR'S AC/DC ADAPTER FROM A WALL RECEPTACLE, A MOTHER NOTICED THAT BOTH THE ADAPTER AND THE RECEPTACLE WERE CHARRED. 24 TO 48 HOURS PRIOR TO THE DISCOVERY, THE MOTHER NOTICED A BURNT ELECTRICAL ODOR WITHIN THEIR HOME BUT SHE WAS UNABLE TO IDENTIFY THE ODOR'S SOURCE. NO INJURIES OR PROPERTY DAMAGE.

Incident Date: 19990601 City: MONROEVILLE State: OH

COMPLAINANT HAD PHOTOELECTRIC NIGHT LIGHT IN A HALLWAY OUTLET FOR ABOUT 18 MONTHS. ON 6/1/99 HE SMELLED SOMETHING BURNING AND HE DISCOVERED A 1/2 INCH FLAME COMING OUT OF THE SENSOR EYE OF THE NIGHT LIGHT. HE UNPLUGGED IT AND BLEW OUT THE FLAMES. NO INJURIES OCCURRED AND DAMAGE WAS LIMITED TO THE NIGHT LIGHT.

Incident Date: 19990609 City: DAYTON State: OH

ACCORDING TO A 31 YEAR OLD FEMALE, WHEN SHE PLUGGED A BABY MONITOR INTO THE OUTLET IN THE KITCHEN OF HER HOME, SHE SAW FLAMES AND SPARKS COMING FORM THE OUTLET. SHE UNPLUGGED THE MONITOR AND ONE OF THE PRONGS ATTACHED TO THE ELECTRICAL CORD BROKE OFF IN THE OUTLET AND FLAMES STARTED TO GO UP THE CORD. SHE RECEIVED BURNS TO THE MIDDLE FINGER OF HER LEFT HAND AS SHE TRIED TO REMOVE THE PRONG AND WAS TREATED AT THE DOCTOR'S OFFICE.

Incident Date: 19990624 City: SAN FRANCISCO State: CA

THE COMPLAINANT, AN ELECTRICAL ENGINEER, WHO IS EMPLOYED BY A PUBLIC TRANSIT AGENCY REPORTED THAT HE HAD ORDERED 8 NEW EXTENSION CORDS FOR USE IN HIS SHOP. UPON RECEIVING THE EXTENSION CORDS, HE NOTED THAT THE FEMALE END ON THE EXTENSION CORDS HAD NO TENSION. OFFICE EQUIPMENT MADE END PLUGS FELL OUT OF THE SLOTS OR HOLES OR REMAINED PARTIALLY UNPLUGGED DUE TO THE LACK OF TENSION IN THE RECEPTACLE.

Incident Date: 19990702 City: JUSTIN State: TX

THIS CASE INVOLVED A 31 YEAR OLD FEMALE RESPONDENT, WHO AFTER CLEANING THE COFFEE GRINDER/BREWER, PLUGGED THE UNIT INTO THE RECEPTACLE AND SMELLED PLASTIC BURNING A FEW MINUTES LATER. THE UNIT WAS UNPLUGGED BEFORE ANY SMOKE OR FIRE OCCURRED. NO INJURIES WERE SUSTAINED.

Incident Date: 19990604 City: FAIRFIELD State: CA

A MALFUNCTION IN AN ELECTRICAL WALL OUTLET IS THE SUSPECTED CAUSE OF A RESIDENTIAL FIRE. FIRST MATERIAL IGNITED WAS NOT DETERMINED. FIRE DAMAGE WAS ESTIMATED AT \$100,000. NO INJURY OCCURRED.

Incident Date: 19990705 City: APPLE RIVER State: IL

THIS INCIDENT INVOLVED A SEVERE ELECTRIC SHOCK WHICH WAS RECEIVED WHEN THE VICTIM ATTEMPTED TO PLUG A 12" PORTABLE ELECTRIC FAN INTO THE WALL OUTLET. THE VICTIM WAS STANDING ON A METAL FLOOR GRILL AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19990616 City: NEWPORT State: NY

A SMALL FIRE STARTED WHEN A PROPERLY OPERATING FREEZER WAS PLUGGED INTO AN OUTLET. THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE WAS A PINCHED WIRE RUNNING FROM THE JUNCTION BOX OR PANEL TO THE OUTLET. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19990703 City: DE KALB State: IL

ON 7/3/1999, A SURGE SUPPRESSOR STARTED TO SMOKE AND FLAME, WHILE THE CONSUMER WAS IN THE ROOM. SHE IMMEDIATELY DISCONNECTED IT FROM THE ELECTRIC OUTLET, BUT HAD TO USE A FIRE EXTINGUISHER TO PUT OUT THE FLAMES. NO ONE WAS INJURED.

Incident Date: 19990717 City: SABBETHA State: KS

A 7 YEAR OLD BOY WAS ELECTROCUTED BY AN ELECTRIC REPLACEMENT MOTOR. HE PLUGGED THE BARE WIRES INTO AN ELECTRICAL WALL OUTLET ON A KITCHEN COUNTERTOP. THE TOP WAS WET FROM DISHES AND THE SINK WAS METAL. THE METAL CASING OF THE MOTOR ALLOWED THE CURRENT TO FLOW THROUGH THE BOY'S BODY AND FIND GROUND AT THE SINK.

Incident Date: 19990727 City: WARREN State: MI

WHILE IN THE OFF POSITION, A CONSUMER PLUGGED A COMPUTER TOWER INTO A SURGE PROTECTOR, WHICH WAS PLUGGED INTO AN OUTLET. TEN SECONDS LATER, THE CONSUMER HEARD A LOUD "POP" AND SMELLED A BURNING ODOR COMING FROM THE BACK OF THE COMPUTER. NO INJURIES WERE SUSTAINED.



Incident Date: 19990801 City: WATERBURY State: CT

THERE WERE NO INJURIES WHEN THE COMPLAINANT DISCOVERED THAT HER TOASTER OVEN WOULD NOT SHUT OFF AFTER COMPLETING THE TOASTING CYCLE. SHE SHUT THE UNIT OFF BY REMOVING THE PLUG FROM THE ELECTRICAL OUTLET. SHE OPERATED THE OVEN USING THE PLUG FOR APPROXIMATELY ONE MONTH, BEFORE DISCONTINUING USE OF THE UNIT.

Incident Date: 19990812 City: LOS OSOS State: CA

THE VICTIM, AN ADULT MAN, PURCHASED 5 NEW ELECTRIC OUTLET CENTERS. HE DISCOVERED THAT THE OUTLET METAL CONTACTS, INSIDE THESE PRODUCTS, WERE DAMAGED AND BENT AFTER HE INSERTED AN ELECTRIC PLUG. THE VICTIM WAS NOT INJURED.

Incident Date: 19970403 City: SANTA ROSA State: CA

FIRE INVESTIGATORS DETERMINED THAT A RESIDENTIAL FIRE WAS CAUSED BY A 2 YEAR OLD DISHWASHER, WHICH WAS IN THE "OFF" POSITION AT THE TIME OF THE FIRE. AN ENGINEERING ANALYSIS WAS NOT CONDUCTED, BUT INVESTIGATOR FOUND THAT THE 3-PRONG PLUG OF THE UNIT WAS MODIFIED INTO A 2-PRONG PLUG, AND IT WAS PLUGGED INTO AN UNGROUNDED OUTLET. INSURER IS HOLDING THE FIRE DAMAGED DISHWASHER IN EVIDENCE. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19990804 City: FORESTVILLE State: NY

NO INJURIES WERE REPORTED AND DAMAGE WAS MINIMAL WHEN A 240 V ELECTRICAL OUTLET MALFUNCTIONED, CAUSING A SMALL FIRE. THE FIRE DESTROYED THE OUTLET AND DAMAGED THE ELECTRIC CLOTHES DRYER CORD THAT WAS ATTACHED.

Incident Date: 19990910 City: NEW LONDON State: MN

THE FAMILY HAD A NIGHTLIGHT PLUGGED INTO A WALL OUTLET IN THEIR DAUGHTER'S BEDROOM. IT WAS TURNED ON ONE EVENING AND TEN HOURS LATER THEY WENT TO TURN IT OFF. THEY FOUND THAT THE HARD PLASTIC COVER HAD MELTED ONTO THE LIGHT BULB. PORTIONS OF THE MELTED PLASTIC HAD FALLEN ONTO A BOOK BAG AND CARPET BENEATH IT. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19990819 City: ALLEN PARK State: MI

A SURGE PROTECTOR WAS PLUGGED INTO A WALL OUTLET WITH A SEWING MACHINE AND A LIGHT PLUGGED INTO ITS OUTLETS. A LAMP WAS PLUGGED INTO THE SURGE PROTECTOR AND A CRACKLING NOISE WAS HEARD AND THE POWER ON THE PROTECTOR WENT OUT. A WHITE FLASH WAS OBSERVED COMING FROM THE OUTLETS OF THE SURGE PROTECTOR. NO INJURY OCCURRED.

Incident Date: 19990915 City: TAMPA State: FL

THE BABY WIPES ON THE BOTTOM OF AN ELECTRICAL BABY WIPE WARMER, THAT HAD BEEN PLUGGED INTO A WALL RECEPTACLE FOR SEVERAL DAYS, TURNED BROWN, HARD AND HAD A BURNT SMELL. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19990801 City: ELIZABETHTOWN State: KY

ONE-YR-OLD COFFEE MAKER HAD JUST BEEN USED AND CLEANED. UNIT WAS "OFF" ALTHOUGH PLUGGED INTO ELECTRICAL WALL RECEPTACLE. CONSUMER PUSHED THE UNIT AND INADVERTENTLY TOUCHED THE HOT PLATE & RECEIVED A STRONG ELECT. JOLT. CURRENT CAUSED THE GFCI RESET BUTTON IN THE WALL OUTLET TO POP OUT. CONSUMER WAS NOT INJURED.

Incident Date: 19990922 City: HAGERSTOWN State: MD

A SLOW COOKER BEING USED TO COOK A POT ROAST WAS PLUGGED INTO THE WALL OUTLET IN THE KITCHEN OF THE HOME. AFTER ONE HOUR, SMOKE WAS SEEN COMING FROM THE KITCHEN. THE SLOW COOKER WAS UNPLUGGED AND REMOVED. DAMAGE WAS ESTIMATED AT APPROXIMATELY \$100.00 AND WAS CONFINED TO THE COUNTER TOP, CABINETS, AND COOKER. THE COOKER WAS RETURNED TO THE MANUFACTURER.

Incident Date: 19991002 City: WHITEMAN AIR F State: MO

A POWER STRIP SURGE SUPPRESSOR MAY HAVE OVERHEATED AND SCORCHED A PART OF THE HARD PLASTIC-LIKE COVERING AROUND ONE OF ITS OUTLETS. NO FIRE OCCURRED AND NO ONE WAS INJURED.

Incident Date: 19990801 City: CHANDLER State: AZ

DURING AUGUST 1999 A FAMILY COOKED TWO ROASTS IN AN ELECTRIC ROTISSERIE WITH ITS PLUG CONNECTED TO THE APPLIANCE OUTLET LOCATED ON AN UNDER-THE-COUNTER RADIO. THE ROTISSERIE CORD AND PLUG BECAME VERY HOT & THE PLUG MELTED INTO THE APPLIANCE OUTLET ON THE RADIO. THE POWER WAS DISCONNECTED BEFORE A FIRE STARTED. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19990815 City: SAINT MARY'S State: PA

A RESIDENTIAL FIRE ORIGINATED WHEN AN EXTENSION CORD USED TO POWER TWO ELECTRICAL FISH AQUARIUM ACCESSORIES, SHORT CIRCUITED. THE ELECTRICAL CORD BURST AND CAUGHT FIRE AT THE "RECEPTACLE END" OF THE CORD. NO INJURIES OCCURRED AS A RESULT OF THE FIRE AND DAMAGES WERE ESTIMATED TO BE \$3,000.

Incident Date: 19990801 City: NEW CASTLE State: DE

AN ELECTRICAL EXTENSION CORD AND AN ELECTRICAL PLUG STRIP WERE DETERMINED BY FIRE INVESTIGATORS TO BE THE CAUSE OF A HOUSE FIRE, IN WHICH THE DAMAGE IS ESTIMATED AT \$10,000. THE ELECTRIC CORD RATED AT 10 AMPS WAS PLUGGED INTO AN OUTLET RATED AT 25 AMPS ON THE BREAKER. NO DEATH OR INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19990928 City: SAN FRANCISCO State: CA

THE COMPLAINANT REPORTS THAT HIS DAUGHTER WAS USING AN ELECTRIC HAIR DRYER, WHEN IT BEGAN TO SPARK AND FLAME ON ITS HANDLE (NEAR THE SWITCH). THE HAIR DRYER WAS UNPLUGGED FROM THE ELECTRICAL OUTLET. THE SPARKING AND FLAMING THEN STOPPED. THE COMPLAINANT'S DAUGHTER WAS NOT INJURED IN THIS INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19991001 City: HAYMARKET State: VA

A FEMALE HOMEOWNER WAS MAKING BREAD IN HER BREAD MAKING MACHINE IN HER KITCHEN. AFTER PLACING THE WATER AND INGREDIENTS IN THE MACHINE, SHE STARTED THE MACHINE. AFTER ONE HOUR, SMOKE BEGAN TO EMIT FROM THE COVER. SHE UNPLUGGED THE PRODUCT FROM ITS RECEPTACLE.

Incident Date: 19991021 City: CLARENDON HILL State: IL

UPC 0 14575 80104 7 AFTER SEVERAL MONTHS OF USE, ON 10/21/1999, A CONSUMER NOTICED HER THREE(3) NIGHT LIGHTS HAD EACH LEFT A RESIDUE OR DISCOLORATION ON EACH OF THE OUTLETS THEY WERE PLUGGED INTO. SHE HAD SEEN SOME SMOKE EMITTED FROM TWO(2) OF THEM. NO ONE WAS INJURED.

Incident Date: 19991030 City: SAN ANGELO State: TX

THE VICTIM IS A 53 YEAR OLD FEMALE WHO WAS INJURED AT HOME WHEN SHE REPLACED A CORD ON HER CLOTHES DRYER AND TOUCHED SOME LOOSE WIRES ON THE OUTLET SHE SHOCKED HER HAND. THE VICTIM WAS TAKEN TO THE HOSPITAL AND TREATED FOR 2ND DEGREE BURNS TO HER HAND. THE VICTIM WAS THEN RELEASED FROM THE HOSPITAL.

Incident Date: 19991109 City: FT. LAUDERDALE State: FL

A 37 YEAR OLD MALE FIREFIGHTER SUFFERED 2ND AND 3RD DEGREE THERMAL BURNS ON HIS RIGHT FOREARM WHILE FIGHTING AN APARTMENT FIRE THAT STARTED IN THE AREA OF A LAMP PLUGGED INTO A HOUSEHOLD EXTENSION CORD CONNECTED TO A 120-VOLT AC RECEPTACLE. THE FIVE OCCUPANTS IN THE APARTMENT AS WELL AS TEN OR MORE OCCUPANTS IN THE BUILDING ESCAPED WITHOUT INJURY. FIRE DAMAGE WERE ESTIMATED AT \$7,000 TO CONTENTS AND \$65,000 FOR THE APARTMENT BUILDING STRUCTURE.

Incident Date: 19991202 City: GODEFFROY State: NY

A 4 1/2 YEAR OLD MALE PLUGGED A STRING OF christmas LIGHTS INTO AN INDOOR WALL OUTLET AND IMMEDIATELY RECEIVED AN ELECTRIC SHOCK AND SEVERE THERMAL BURNS TO ALL 4 FINGERS OF HIS LEFT HAND.

Incident Date: 19991207 City: TOWER CITY State: PA

UPC 4969623600 A CRAFT CONSISTING OF POTPOURRI AND A STRING OF 20 MINIATURE christmas LIGHTS WHICH WERE CONTAINED IN A 32 OZ. MASON JAR AND COVERED WITH A CLOTH DOILY BEGAN TO EMIT SMOKE 1/2 HOUR AFTER THE CORD FROM THE LIGHTS WAS PLUGGED INTO A WALL OUTLET. NO INJURIES OCCURRED DURING THE INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19991127 City: MODESTO State: CA

COMPLAINANT'S WIFE HAD BEEN USING THEIR TREADMILL FOR ABOUT 35 MINUTES AT 2.5 MPH SPEED AND JUST STEPPED OFF OF THE TREADMILL BELT WHEN IT BEGAN TO RACE OUT OF CONTROL. THE TREADMILL CONTROLS WERE INOPERATIVE AND IT WOULD ONLY TURN OFF BY REMOVING THE POWER CORD FROM THE WALL OUTLET. THE TREADMILL CONTINUES TO RACE OUT OF CONTROL, AND IS NO LONGER IN USE. THE COMPLAINANT IS MAINTAINING CUSTODY OF THE TREADMILL.

Incident Date: 19991212 City: ST. PAUL State: MN

1 26 YEAR OLD FEMALE WAS PLUGGING AN ELECTRICAL CANDLE INTO AN OUTLET OF HER HOME WHEN THE TOP HALF OF THE PLUG'S CASING FELL OFF, LEAVING 2 ELECTRICAL PRONGS EXPOSED. PLUG WAS REMOVED WITHOUT INCIDENT. NO INJURIES OCCURRED.

Incident Date: 19991118 City: BOURBONNAIS State: IL

THE NIGHT-LIGHT HAD BEEN PLUGGED IN AND "ON" FOR 9-10 HOURS WHEN THE CONSUMER SMELLED A BURNING PLASTIC ODOR. THE 7-WEEK- OLD NIGHT-LIGHT HAD OVERHEATED, WAS PARTIALLY MELTED AND SO HOT SHE COULD NOT TOUCH IT TO PULL IT OUT OF THE WALL OUTLET. SHE TURNED IT'S SWITCH "OFF". NO ONE WAS INJURED.

Incident Date: 19991219 City: TULSA State: OK

A 24 YEAR OLD MALE WAS TRYING TO REMOVE A NIGHT LIGHT FROM AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET WHEN HE WAS SHOCKED. HE WAS INJURED BUT DID NOT REQUIRE MEDICAL ATTENTION. THE INCIDENT OCCURRED IN THE BEDROOM OF A SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLING. THE VICTIM'S SON HAD ORIGINALLY REMOVED THE FACEPLATE OF THE NIGHT LIGHT EXPOSING THE WIRING OF THE PRODUCT.

Incident Date: 19991225 City: SAINT AUGUSTIN State: FL

ON christmas MORNING 1999, A 13 YEAR OLD FEMALE SMELLED SOMETHING BURNING AND OBSERVED A NIGHTLIGHT PRODUCING SMOKE, GLOWING RED IN COLOR, AND EMITTING SMALL SPARKS AND FLAMES. THE NIGHTLIGHT WAS REMOVED FROM THE ELECTRICAL OUTLET BEFORE CAUSING ANY DAMAGE. NO DEATHS, INJURIES ARE REPORTED.