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## **A Cooperative Effort**

*The Kahnawake Department of Occupational Safety and Health along with Mohawk Self Insurance are working closely to reduce workplace injuries. Workplace injuries cost employers, employees, insurance providers and families thousands of dollars each year. By providing the tools through promoting safety, providing training and or training materials and continued safety awareness, together we can reduce workplace injuries.*



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# **“Safety” Is No Accident**



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## **Electrical Safety**



## **Don't Be Shocked**

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# Electricity: Do we really need it?



Electricity is a part of our every day lives. We depend on electricity for many things.

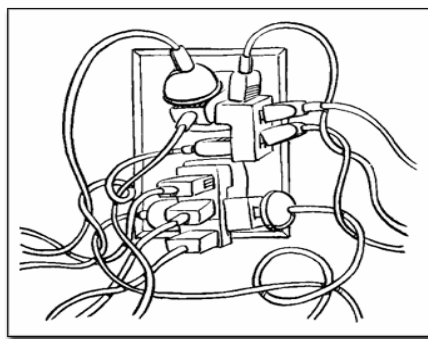
Many construction jobsites require employees to use electric tools such as circular saws, drills, chipping hammers and impact guns. In an office environment, it is common to use electrical extension cords for computers, monitors, projectors and cleaning equipment like vacuums. All electrical equipment which we use on the job require many of us to be exposed to electrical hazards. Electrical hazards can cause shocks, burns and electrocution.

## Safety Tips

Prior to commencing work near any overhead power lines, consult with the local utility company in your area.

Always consider overhead power lines to be energized. Never assume that a wire is safe to touch, even if it is down or appears to be insulated.

- Stay clear at least 10 feet (3 meters) away from overhead power lines.
- Never operate electrical equipment while you are standing in water.
- If working in damp areas, inspect electric cords and equipment to ensure that they are in good condition with no defects.
- Use Ground Fault Circuit Interrupters, especially when working in damp locations.



- Disconnect power source before working on tools or equipment.
- Never remove ground prong to fit a plug in a socket.
- When working on or near electricity, never wear metal objects such as jewelry.
- Do not run electrical cords through openings such as doorways and windows.
- Never repair electrical cords or equipment unless you are qualified and authorized to do so.
- Replace damaged switch or receptacle covers promptly.
- Never overload receptacles.
- Always use caution when working near electricity.