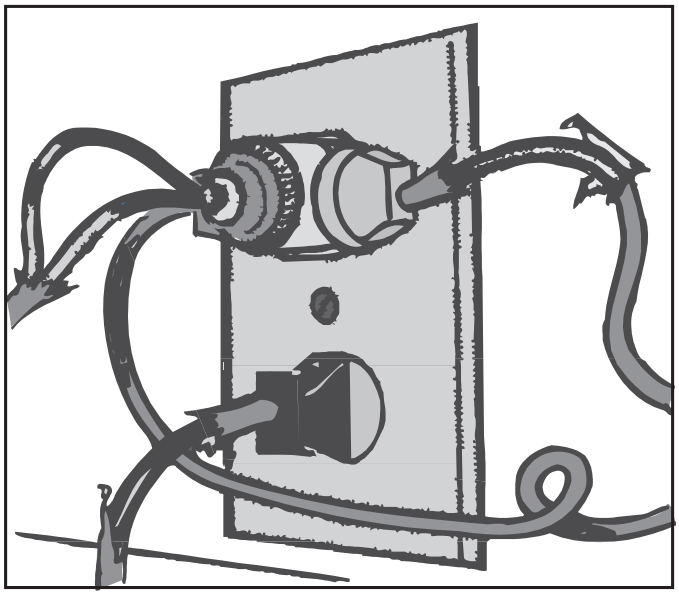
BUILDING SAFETY WEEK

TIPS FROM THE BUILDING INSPECTOR

Don't let an Octopus loose in your house!



Never overload on outlet with more appliances than it is designed to hold. One spark could start a very serious fire. Be sure to use a safe power-strip with surge protection instead, or unplug appliances when they are not being used. Also, avoid using appliances with damaged cords.

Building codes require homes to be built with a ground fault interrupter (GFI) in each outlet located near a water source (kitchen sink, bathroom basin or bathtub). Older homes may not have these, but homeowners can have GFI's installed or even install them themselves.