

## Re: Use of Extension Cord

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Terry wrote:

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>> Is there a specific reason why the instructions of some electrical  
>> appliances say not to use an extension cord? Some appliances that I can  
>> think of are a vaporizer, warm mist humidifier, some TVs, VCRs, and  
>> telephones.  
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> Since the poster specifically mentions devices which do not take 'heavy  
> amounts' of electric current my suggested answer would be 'For safety';  
> since there could be danger of tripping on the wire and/or pulling over an  
> electrical device in say a child's or adult's bedroom, thus spilling water  
> (possibly hot?) in the presence of electricity. A possibly lethal  
> combination!

I wasn't talking about using an extension cord with any heavy duty appliances such as a microwave or dryer. I meant the appliances/electronics that I mentioned (vaporizer, single room humidifier, tv, vcr, telephone).

I could see where using an extension cord with a vaporizer or humidifier might pose a safety/tripping hazard with some people (especially children) and I understand that. But I wanted to know if there are any other reasons the manuals say not to use them.

I don't see what the problem would be with using a regular extension cord with a vcr, tv, or cordless telephone since they're often located in areas of a room where the cord is not exposed. One of my problems is that my tv, vcr, and cable box can only be put in one area of the room and there is only one outlet there. This means that I can only plug in the tv and cable box. Where am I supposed to plug in the vcr at? That's why I need an extension cord. But of course, the manual says not to use it (and the same thing for the cordless telephone).

If it's a safety reason like people tripping over it then that's something I don't need to worry about. But if there's some other reason then I'd like to know. I think the manufacturers should say why in the manual.

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