

Re: Use of Extension Cord

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> 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.
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> 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).
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> 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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As far as the electrical hazzard due to the power or current goes , if the total current drain is small such as a VCR, dvd, or telephone then there is no problem. For the TV and all the things like VCR and DVD that go with it, I like to use one of the power strips. Some have a minor surge protector built in. Probably not very effective. I do have a high dollar one on the TV setup and also on the computer equipment. Not that I put too much faith in them, but I got them at a very good price. I think they may have helped save the stuff in the house when a transformer went out on a power pole during a storm. The strips shorted but the equipment was fine. The electronic control on the oven went out.

One other thing you can do is to look around at the stores and you can find a product where you take off the plastic cover on the wall and plug in a much larger adaptor that will have 4 or 6 outlets in it. The screw will

hold it to the receptical.

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