

## Re: Help! halogen lamp & fuse

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| This is a question that may offend the reader because it is so  
| incredibly basic, but my deep ignorance and fear of setting off a fire  
| compels me to make this inquiry. The floor dimmer box on my halogen  
| torchiere died. I noticed that I could probably just cut the power chord  
| where it enters the dimmer box, and install a plug to resuscitate the  
| lamp. But then I noticed that the dimmer box comes with a fuse. Since  
| I've heard that halogen lamps are rather accident prone, I wonder  
| whether the fuse is a necessary safety measure for the whole lamp, and  
| not just for the dimmer box. Would I be creating a fire hazard with my  
| proposed repair, just putting a plug on the power chord?

Assuming you are in the US, the whole assembly is UL rated. If you modify it  
it isn't. This can cancel your insurance. Also, is the lamp 110 VAC or 12  
VAC?

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