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With the coming of summer, there will be plenty of hustle and bustle among the people in our state. All this activity means we must be careful of ourselves and others when working, on the highways, and "in the home." For the sake of yourself and your family, it is more than worth the effort. It may save your life. Follow these suggestions:

1. Make sure that all loose or torn carpeting is tucked down promptly. Throw rugs should be secured with non-slip material. Stairs in particular must be kept in good repair and their coverings fastened.

2. Don't stumble around in the dark. Have light switches in working order near every door.

3. Unless you have 20-20 vision in the dark, be sure to paint the bottom of basement stairs with visible for the fee.

Keep Flashes Aplenty Available

4. In case of power failure, keep at least four flashlights in easily accessible places around the house. If you have a basement and attic, make it six flashlights.

5. Prevent bathrub accidents by installing firm grip rails. A non-slip rubber mat makes it safer to stand in the tub.

6. Paint all low wires and fences a bright color or mark them with cloth strips. You'll have a chance to see them in time.

7. You might be a white with tools, but don't try to fix everything yourself. Let experts know their business check and repair your electrical appliances.

8. Waterproofing cracks can save fires in your house. Get in touch with an electrician and let him examine your wiring and its capacity.

Keep Extinguisher Handy


10. A great accident target is a stalled car at night. Always carry flashers in your trunk and a working flashlight in the glove compartment for signaling help.

11. Don't use chairs and tables for climbing; not even curses do people that.

12. Don't touch electrical equipment if you are wet. That means anything electrical - radio, TV, or what have you. It can be fatal.

13. If safety shoes and goggles are needed in your work. Wear them. They can't help you hanging in your locker.

Pennies Not for Fuse Boxes

14. Fuse boxes were not made to operate with pennies. Give the pennies to the kids and use a few to buy fuses and install them where they belong.

15. Finally, and most importantly, repair any and all hazards when they're spotted. Wasting until tomorrow may be too late.

REMEMBER, accidents don't happen. People cause them.

"Well, it all started when the doctor told me he ought to get more exercise . . ."

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