

This Week's Learning Objective:

Working with Power Cords

Materials Needed for this Session:

A copy of "Working with Power Cords" safety sheet for each attendee.

A copy of the PestSure Loss Lesson "Trip and Fall".

Gather two or three different lengths and weights of power cords for the session. If able, have attendees bring in their cord(s) from their service vehicle.

Leader Notes / Training Outline

1. Review the "Working with Power Cords" safety sheet. Encourage discussion. Each attendee should have a copy of the sheet to take notes.
2. As a group, inspect the power cords that were brought to the session. Discuss ground prongs, casings, joining multiple cords, and stringing cords.
3. Review and discuss the PestSure Loss Lesson "Trip and Fall".
4. Open the discussion to the attendees. See Leader Tips below.

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Leader Tips:

Announce the learning objective: Our objective today is _____

Explain to the group why this topic is being reviewed:

- Prevent you from being injured
- Prevent property damage
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Ask the **group to discuss** the subject matter and give input by drawing from their work experiences:

- Attendee to relate a personal story involving this objective
- Attendee to share something learned on the job involving this objective
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What are some tips for working with power cords?

- Keep power cords clear of tools during use.
- Suspend power cords over aisles or work areas to eliminate stumbling or tripping hazards.
- Replace open front plugs with dead front plugs. Dead front plugs are sealed and present less danger of shock or short circuit.
- Do not use light duty power cords.
- Do not carry electrical tools by the power cord.
- Do not tie power cords in tight knots. Knots can cause short circuits and shocks. Loop the cords or use a twist lock plug.



Under what circumstances do you use extension cords at work?

List specific situations:

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From: Midyett, Linda
Sent: Thursday, February 15, 2006 11:17 AM
Subject: Loss Lesson – Trip and Fall

PestSure Members,

In a recent PestSure claim, a technician was working in a public area and he strung an electrical cord across a sidewalk. An elderly woman was walking down the sidewalk and tripped and fell on the cord. She sustained cracked ribs and a back injury in the fall.

While working in a public area it is important to be vigilant of your impact on the location. Customers homes and commercial locations all harbor challenges with the presence of other people in the work area. When we visit an account we can come in contact with employees, children, pets, customers of the business, and other contracted workers.

Lesson:

Some reminders for keeping our work area free of hazards:

- Any doors that were closed should be closed immediately behind you.
- Any tools such as ladders, power tools, cords, chemicals, and any other items should be in constant view of the technician and never left unattended onsite.
- Warning signs or cones should be utilized if a walkway is impacted or somehow altered by your work.
- A review of the premises should be completed both on arrival and departure to both review any hazards present and to assure that we have returned the premises to the same condition in which it was found.

As a guest at a location, we often have very little control over the conditions in which we work. It is important that we remain very conscious of our impact on the safety of the premises and its other occupants.

Please discuss this claim with your entire staff. Review the locations you service and situations that present issues and discuss ways to eliminate or reduce the hazards.

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