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This month’s topics:electrical and power tool safety, energy-saving tips at work,on-demand energy webinars

**Article 1: Power Tool and ELECTRICAL Equipment Safety**

Chances are, you use power tools for projects at work and home. Working with power tools requires skilled instruction and training and can be deadly if not properly used or maintained.

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) provides these power tool safety tips:

1. Use ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs) with every power tool to protect against electric shocks.
2. Do not use power tools with an extension cord that exceeds 100 feet in length.
3. Never use power tools near live electrical wires or water pipes.
4. Use extreme caution when cutting or drilling into walls where electrical wires or water pipes could be accidentally touched or penetrated.
5. If a power tool trips a safety device while in use, take the tool to a manufacturer-authorized repair center for service.
6. When working with electricity, use tools with insulated grips.
7. Appropriate protective gear should be worn when using power tools like safety goggles, dust masks and gloves as recommended for each tool.
8. Do not use power tools without the proper guards.
9. When using a wet-dry vacuum cleaner or a pressure washer, be sure to follow the manufacturer’s instructions to avoid electric shock.
10. Safeguards on outdoor electric tools are there for a reason. Make sure that they are always in place before operating.

For more electrical safety tips, visit [**sdge.com/safety**](https://www.sdge.com/safety).

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**Article 2: no-cost and low-cost energy tips for the office**

When you run a business, controlling your costs is a priority. Here are some easy tips to help reduce your energy use and bills.

1. Power down your office equipment (monitors, printers, lights) when not in use to reduce unnecessary power drain.
2. Close curtains, shades and blinds, particularly during unoccupied times. Too much sun exposure inside can put a strain on your HVAC equipment – making it work harder than necessary.
3. Keep your HVAC equipment running efficiently. Clean condenser coils, replace air filters and check ducts and pipe insulation for damage.
4. Clean diffusers and lamps once or twice a year. Did you know dust can add to your energy bills? It can build up on lighting diffusers and lamps which reduces the lumen output of your business’s lighting. Don’t forget to replace incandescent lighting with CFLs or, better yet, LED bulbs.
5. Add weatherstripping around doors and windows to reduce drafts. Use caulking to seal ducts, plumbing openings, recessed lighting or any other openings that allow air leaks in walls, floors and ceilings.
6. Keep your vents clear of furniture and equipment. Blocked vents require up to 25% more energy to distribute air.
7. Check your central heating and cooling duct systems for leaks. They can be big energy wasters if they aren’t sealed properly or insulated well.

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**Article 3: TAKE ADVANTAGE OF SDG&E’S NO-COST TRAINING FROM ENERGY EXPERTS**

Did you know that SDG&E provides webinars for business owners and trade professionals, and most are at no cost? You or your employees can learn about the latest in green building practices, technology and energy-saving solutions from industry experts. Some of September’s topics include indoor lighting controls, commercial chillers, luminaires, commercial refrigeration, air sealing and insulating homes, facility management and how to properly install flowmeters.

Certifications and continuing education units are available for many of the classes. Check out the class listing at [**sdge.com/EIC**](https://www.sdge.com/energy-innovation-center).

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