

Each year, home electrical problems account for nearly...  
\_\_\_\_\_ home fires  
\_\_\_\_\_ deaths  
\_\_\_\_\_ injuries

Most are due to overloaded electrical circuits!

Fill in the blanks:

55,000 home fires

500 deaths

1,400 injuries

Discuss what an overloaded circuit is. (Check out the picture.)

## How does it kill?

- Electrocutation –
  - \_\_\_\_\_
  - Can occur with even a small amount of electricity
  - Occurs when electricity travels through your body and disrupts critical organs
    - \_\_\_\_\_
    - \_\_\_\_\_



Electrocutation – death by electricity

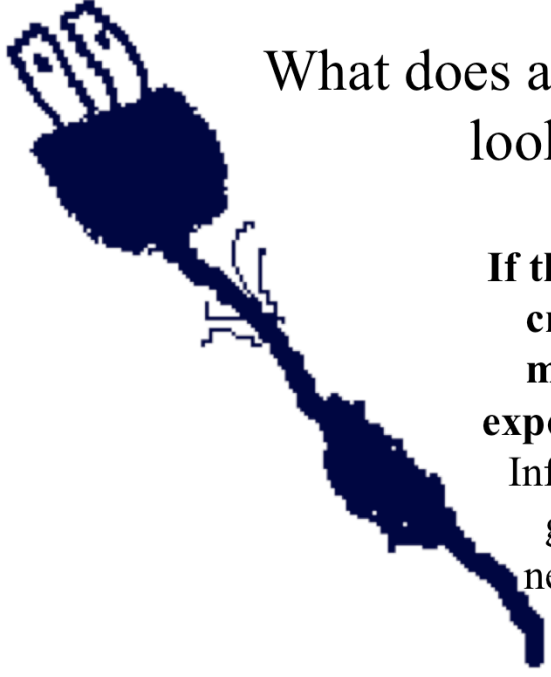
Electricity in your body can cause

- Irregular heart rhythms
- Cardiac arrest

## How do I prevent electrocution?

- Do not touch exposed wire connected to household circuits, including frayed electric appliance cords or extension cords.
- Do not touch any electric appliance that is near water, or if your hands, feet or clothing are wet
  - \_\_\_\_\_ is a conductor of electricity

Fill in the blank - water



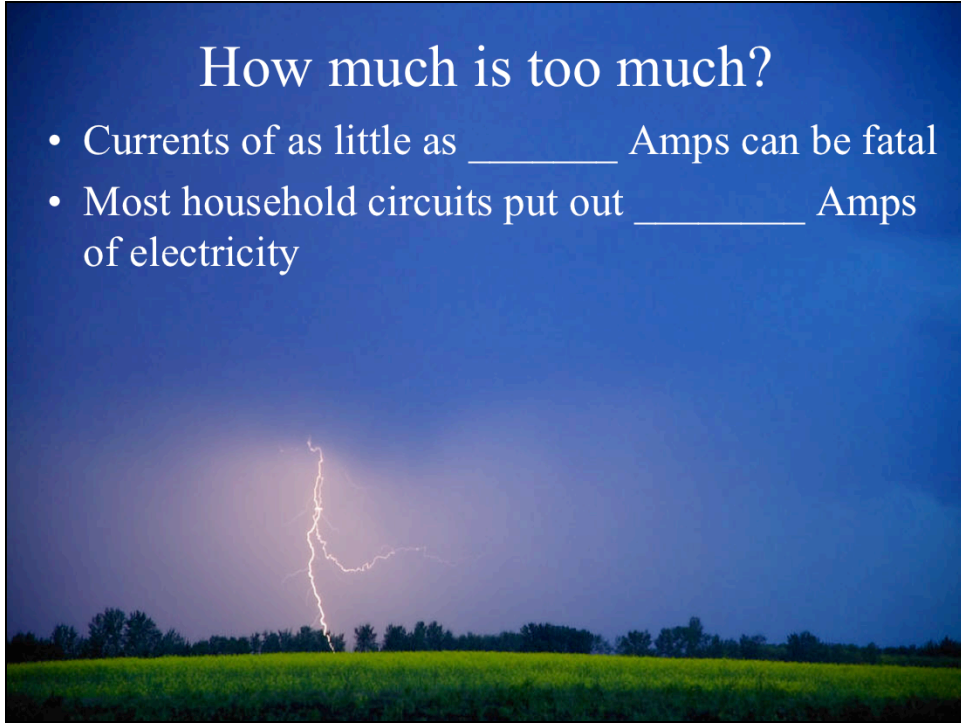
What does an exposed wire look like?

**If the wiring or cord is cracked, frayed or missing (with wire exposed), do not touch!**  
Inform your parent or guardian to make necessary repairs or replace.

Discuss what to do if you see a bad plug or wire

## How much is too much?

- Currents of as little as \_\_\_\_\_ Amps can be fatal
- Most household circuits put out \_\_\_\_\_ Amps of electricity



Fill in the blanks:

0.2 Amps

15, 20, or 30 Amps

Ah! I' m never touching an electrical  
anything ever again!!!



WAIT! Don' t Panic! Simple steps can protect you! Go over the electrical safety guidelines in the handout the students have.

- Created by Cindy Barnes for Going Green!  
Middle Schoolers Out to Save the World  
(MSOSW) Project funded by NSF

