

## WARNINGS OF POTENTIAL ELECTRICAL HAZARDS

- Power Outages* - fuses need replacement or circuit breakers need resetting frequently.
- OVERRATED PANEL* - electrical panel contains fuses or circuit breakers rated at higher currents than the ampacity (current capacity) of their branch circuits, sometimes called “overamped” or “overfused”. Also, any electrical service panel identified as a Federal Pacific “Stab-Lok” model should be replaced.
- Dim/Flickering Lights* - lights dimming
- Arcs/Sparks* - bright light flashes or showers of sparks anywhere in your electrical system
- Sizzles/Buzzes* - unusual sounds from the electrical system
- Overheating* - parts of your electrical system, such as switch plates, receptacle outlet covers, cords and plugs may be warm, but should never be hot—painful to touch, or discolored from heat
- Odors* - burned or overheated wires often give off an odor of hot insulation
- Permanently Installed Extension Cords* - used to extend the wiring system for a long period, instead of being used temporarily to connect an appliance with a cord too short to reach the receptacle outlet
- Loose Plugs* - attachment plugs that wobble or pull out of a receptacle easily
- Damaged Insulation* - cut, broken, or cracked insulation
- Electrical Shocks* - any shock, even a mild tingle, may be a warning of danger such as electrocution
- Aluminum Wire Systems* - single-family homes and apartments built between 1965 and 1973 may contain aluminum wiring and should be inspected due to overheating and fire potential