

	Environmental Health and Safety Manual	
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Title: Electrical Extension Cords		
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PURPOSE: To describe the use of electrical extension cords or devices within University buildings.

SCOPE: University wide.

DEFINITION:

Extension Cords: Items that are intended to provide electric continuity from the plug of the line cord of an electrically-powered device to a receptacle which serves as a source of electrical power such as a wall mounted electrical receptacle.

Multiple Outlet Electric Plugs: Includes "Power Strip" devices commonly used on electronic equipment.

POLICY:

1. Extension cords will not be used within any facility, except for the temporary use of non-fixed equipment.
2. When used:
 - a. Extension cords must be grounded.
 - b. They shall not run through holes in walls, ceilings, floors, or through doorways, windows or similar openings.
 - c. They shall not be attached to building surfaces.
 - d. They shall not be concealed behind walls, above ceilings or under floors or floor coverings.
3. Multiple outlets must have an inline fuse.

- a. A surge protector device does not meet the requirements of an inline fuse.

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RELATED FORMS:

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New York State Uniform Fire Protection and Building Code
Title 9 Section 1163.11(f)