

Incident Date: 19991126 City: KANSAS CITY State: MO

AN EXTENSION CORD WAS SPLICED AND MALFUNCTIONED CAUSING A PLASTIC PLANTER BOX, christmas TREE, AND christmas LIGHTS TO CATCH ON FIRE AT A HOTEL. THE WET HEAD SPRINKLER SYSTEM WORKED AND PUT OUT THE FIRE. DAMAGE WAS \$350,000 AND NO INJURIES OCCURRED. A SPRINKLER HEAD WAS NOTICED NOT SPRAYING OUT WATER AND IT WAS REMOVED. A CLOTH WAS FOUND IN THE HEAD AND THIS CAUSED THE WATER TO JUST DRIBBLE OUT.

Incident Date: 19991114 City: WALDRON State: MI

AN 8 YEAR OLD FEMALE DIED IN A BEDROOM FIRE AT HER AUNT AND UNCLE'S HOME. THE AUNT PLUGGED IN A SPACE HEATER INTO EXTENSION CORD. HOURS LATER, A FIRE OCCURRED CONFINED TO THE BEDROOM AREA. THE CORDS WERE SPLICED TOGETHER AND THE SPLICE WAS WHERE THE FIRE STARTED. ESTIMATED PROPERTY DAMAGES IS UNKNOWN.

Incident Date: 19990817 City: MARKHAM State: IL

A 79 YEAR OLD FEMALE AND HER 59 YEAR OLD SON DIED WHEN AN EXTENSION CORD CONNECTED TO AN IN-WALL AIR CONDITIONING UNIT OVERHEATED AND SPARKED A FIRE. BOTH VICTIMS DIED OF SMOKE INHAHALATION AND CO INTOXICATION. A DOLLAR ESTIMATE OF DAMAGE WAS NOT DETERMINED BY FIRE OFFICIALS.

Incident Date: 19990911 City: ORMOND BEACH State: FL

FIRE OFFICIALS ARE OF THE OPINION THAT POSSIBLY, AN EXTENSION CORD HAD BEEN PLACED UNDER THE FRAME OF A BED AND OVER TIME, THE BED FRAME CUT THROUGH THE COATING OF THE EXTENSION CORD EXPOSING BARE WIRE. A BUILD-UP OF HEAT IS BELIEVED TO HAVE IGNITED THE BEDROOM CARPET AND RESULTED IN THE DEATHS OF A 52 YEAR OLD FEMALE AND MALE. THE CAUSES OF DEATH ARE REPORTED AS COMPLICATIONS OF CONFLAGRATION (M) AND ACUTE CARBON MONOXIDE TOXICITY (F).

Incident Date: 19991029 City: PERRY TOWNSHI State: OH

WITHIN 15 MINUTES OF PLUGGING IN AN EXTENSION CORD ATTACHED TO A 10 YEAR OLD HEAT TAPE, THE END OF THE HEAT TAPE BURNED OFF AND STARTED A FIRE TO THE UNDERSIDE OF A MOBILE HOME. THE FIRE PROCEEDED UP THROUGH THE FLOOR TO THE BATHROOM. THE LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENT WAS ABLE TO CONFINE THE FIRE TO THE BATHROOM AREA. THE ESTIMATED DAMAGES WERE \$5,000 AND NO INJURIES WERE REPORTED.

Incident Date: 20000128 City: BANNER ELK State: NC

TWO CONDO UNITS WERE DESTROYED FROM A FIRE THAT ORIGINATED WHEN AN EXTENSION CORD USED FOR A REFRIGERATOR IN A 3RD LEVEL UNIT SHORT CIRCUITED. THE CORD SPARKED, IGNITED THE PVC KITCHEN SINK DRAIN PIPE AND SPREAD TO THE LOWER UNIT. ESTIMATED LOSSES ARE UNDETERMINED AT THIS TIME. THE CONDOS WERE UNOCCUPIED/ NO INJURIES RESULTED.

Incident Date: 19991201 City: LAKELAND State: FL

FIRE OFFICIALS ARE OF THE OPINION THAT THE POWER CORD OF A PORTABLE ELECTRICAL SPACE HEATER MAY HAVE BEEN PLACED UNDER THE FRAME OF A CRIB WHICH CAUSED THE POWER CORD TO CRIMP, SHORT CIRCUIT AND IGNITE COMBUSTIBLE MATERIALS IN THE BEDROOM OF A 13 MONTH OLD FEMALE AND 15 MONTH OLD MALE. THE VICTIMS SUSTAINED 2ND DEGREE BURNS TO THEIR UPPER TRUNKS AND FACES. PROPERTY LOSS IS ESTIMATED AT \$110,000. THIS INCIDENT IS CONSIDERED ACC- IDENTAL.

Incident Date: 19991124 City: LYNN State: MA

FIVE INDIVIDUALS, MALES AND FEMALES RANGING IN AGE FROM 24 YEARS-OLD TO 78 YEARS-OLD DIED AS A RESULT OF A STRUCTURE FIRE CAUSED BY AN OVERHEATED EXTENSION CORD, WHICH HAD BEEN SPLICED AT THE FEMALE END AND PLUGGED INTO AN ELECTRIC SPACE HEATER. THE ESTIMATED DAMAGES FROM THIS INCIDENT WERE \$218,800.00.

Incident Date: 20000215 City: HOQUIAM State: WA

FIRE OFFICIALS IDENTIFIED A PORTABLE ELECTRIC HEATER AS THE CAUSE OF A RESIDENTIAL FIRE THAT RESULTED IN THE DEATH OF A FOUR YEAR OLD MALE. THE OWNER IMPROPERLY SPLICED THE CORD OF THE HEATER. THE FIRE OCCURRED WHILE THE OCCUPANTS WERE SLEEPING AND THE HOME WAS EQUIPPED WITH HEAT ACTIVATED FIRE ALARMS INSTEAD OF SMOKE ALARMS.

Incident Date: 19991211 City: SOUTH BEND State: IN

A FIRE IN A RESIDENTIAL BEDROOM MAY HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY THE SERVICE CORD OF A PORTABLE ELECTRIC SPACE HEATER THAT HAD BEEN COVERED BY CLOTHING. THERE WAS NO INJURY. PROPERTY DAMAGE ESTIMATED AT LESS THAN \$5000.

Incident Date: 20000610 City: ALPENA State: MI

A FAN WAS THE CAUSE OF A HOUSE FIRE. THE GRILL ON THE FRONT HAD BEEN REMOVED AND THE CORD WAS SPLICED. THE FAN WAS PLUGGED IN AND IT TIPPED OVER INTO A TOY BOX WITH THE SIDE OF THE REMOVED GRILL FACING DOWN. THIS CAUSED THE BLADES TO BECOME LODGED IN DEBRIS CAUSING THE MOTOR TO OVERHEAT. ESTIMATED LOSS WAS \$ 5,000. NO ONE WAS INJURED.

Incident Date: 20001018 City: SLIDELL State: LA

AN OLD EXTENSION CORD SHORTED OUT AND A HOUSE FIRE RESULTED. ABOUT \$70,000 PROPERTY DAMAGE RESULTED TO THE HOUSE AND \$2,000 DAMAGE TO A MOBILE HOME NEARBY.

Incident Date: 20000705 City: ST LOUIS State: MO

A 5-YEAR OLD FEMALE AND A 3-YEAR OLD MALE DIED IN A HOUSE FIRE CAUSED BY A FAULTY ELECTRICAL CORD TO A WINDOW AIR CONDITIONER. THE CORD WAS SPLICED AND TAPED WITH ELECTRICAL TAPE PRIOR TO INSTALLATION FOR UNKNOWN REASONS. THIS AREA OF THE CORD OVERHEATED AND CAME IN CONTACT WITH COMBUSTIBLES , A COUCH, WHICH CAUSED THE FIRE.

Incident Date: 20000202 City: DORAVILLE State: GA

A 62-YEAR OLD MALE DIED FROM SEQUELAE OF THERMAL BURNS THAT HE RECEIVED IN A HOUSE FIRE. REPORTEDLY, THE FIRE WAS CAUSED BY EITHER OVERLOADED EXTENSION CORDS OR COMBUSTIBLES PLACED TOO CLOSE TO A SPACE HEATER. THERE WERE 14 CONNECTED EXTENSION CORDS, ELECTRIC AND KEROSENE HEATERS FOUND IN THE AREA SURROUNDING THE ORIGIN OF THE FIRE. ONE EXTENSION CORD WAS IMPROPERLY SPLICED AND ANOTHER WAS FOUND DAMAGED DUE TO AN ANIMAL CHEWING ON IT.

Incident Date: 20000120 City: MINNEAPOLIS State: KS

A FIRE ORIGINATED IN THE BASEMENT OF A SINGLE STORY WOOD FRAME STRUCTURE. INVESTIGATING OFFICIALS DETERMINED THE ORIGIN OF FIRE WAS IN THE AREA OF A PORTABLE ELECTRIC SPACE HEATER. THE FIRE WAS ASSOCIATED WITH THE HEATER BEING TOO CLOSE TO COMBUSTIBLE MATERIALS OR AN OVERLOAD TO THE EXTENSION CORD CONNECTED TO THE HEATER. NO INJURIES WERE SUSTAINED. PROPERTY DAMAGE ESTIMATES WERE NOT AVAILABLE.

Incident Date: 19991208 City: JACKSON State: MS

AN ELECTRIC SHORT IN AN EXTENSION CORD CAUSED AN ARTIFICIAL christmas TREE TO IGNITE IN THE STATE CAPITOL BUILDING. A WORKER EXTINGUISHED THE FIRE WITH A FIRE EXTINGUISHER BEFORE ANY INJURIES OCCURRED. SIGNIFICANT SMOKE DAMAGE WAS INCURRED TO THE BUILDING. PROPERTY DAMAGE ESTIMATED AT \$3000 AND APPROXIMATELY \$250,000 IN SMOKE DAMAGE.

Incident Date: 19991021 City: GARY State: IN

TWO MALE TENANTS, AGES 6 AND 43, PERISHED IN A HOUSE FIRE CAUSED BY AN OVERHEATED EXTENSION CORD. THREE DIFFERENT CORDS WERE CONNECTED TO ONE ANOTHER FROM AN OUTLET TO A SPACE HEATER. THE ELECTRICAL DRAW FROM THE HEATER WAS TOO HEAVY A LOAD ON ONE OF THE CORDS.

Incident Date: 20000120 City: MANCHESTER State: NH

THREE INDIVIDUALS: TWO FEMALES AGE 40 AND 75 AND A MALE AGE 84 SUFFERED SEVERE SMOKE INHALATION AND THE MALE ALSO SUSTAINED BURNS TO HIS FACE, HANDS, AND LEGS FOLLOWING A RESIDENTIAL APARTMENT FIRE. THIS FIRE WAS APPARENTLY CAUSED BY AN EXTENSION CORD WHICH OVERHEATED AND IGNITED AFTER BEING PLUGGED INTO A HIGHER GAUGE WIRE FOR AN ELECTRIC OIL HEATER.

Incident Date: 20000203 City: HENDERSON State: KY

IT WAS BELIEVED THAT A SMALL ELECTRIC SPACE HEATER STARTED A FIRE IN THE BATHROOM INSTEAD, INVESTIGATION ESTABLISHED AN EXTENSION CORD WAS NOT ORIGIN. LOSS WAS ESTIMATED AT \$26,000. A TEEN-AGE FEMALE, SUFFERED SMOKE INHALATION, WAS TREATED AND RELEASED.

Incident Date: 20000322 City: AURORA State: CO

EIGHT RESIDENTS OF AN APARTMENT COMPLEX WERE TREATED FOR SMOKE INHALATION OF A FIRE CAUSED BY AN ELECTRIC SHORT IN A CORD OF A HALOGEN TORCHIERE FLOOR LAMP.

Incident Date: 20000314 City: PULLMAN State: WA

NO ONE WAS INJURED IN THIS FIRE INCIDENT., WHICH OCCURRED IN A BEDROOM OF A MOBILE HOME. THE TOTAL FIRE DAMAGE WAS ESTIMATED AT ABOUT \$100.00. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT'S FIRE MARSHAL DETERMINED THAT THIS FIRE IN A PILE OF DIRTY CLOTHING (ABOVE THE ELECTRICAL CORD) STARTED DUE TO AN ELECTRICAL SHORT IN THE ELECTRICAL EXTENSION CORD. IT WAS BEING USED TO POWER A SMALL STEREO SYSTEM (BOOM BOX TYPE) AND /OR A SMALL ELECTRIC FAN.

Incident Date: 20000404 City: COLUMBUS State: OH

TWO CHILDREN DIED AND THEIR FATHER AND TWO BROTHERS ARE IN CRITICAL CONDITION AFTER BEING BURNED IN A FIRE THAT STARTED WITH A SPARK FROM AN EXTENSION CORD THAT WAS CONNECTED TO ANOTHER. DECEASED: 3 YR-OLD FEMALE; 12 YR-OLD FEMALE INJURED: 3 YR-OLD MALE; 7 YR-OLD MALE; 41 YR-OLD MALE

Incident Date: 19991230 City: DULUTH State: MN

A DULUTH,MN MALE WAS ATTEMPTING TO START AN ELECTRIC GENERATOR IN THE BASEMENT OF HIS HOME. INDIVIDUAL PULLED ON THE STARTER CORD A THIRD TIME AND AN EXPLOSION OCCURRED. FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONDED AND PUT OUT THE FIRE. DAMAGE \$60,000. VICTIM WAS TAKEN TO THE HOSPITAL. HE HAS BURNED LUNGS AND SUFFERED 1ST DEGREE BURNS TO HAND FROM MELTING CAN.

Incident Date: 19970115 City: ESTACADA State: OR

A PORTABLE HEATER POWER CORD PLUG OVERHEATED AND IGNITED WHILE THE HEATER WAS OPERATING IN THE BEDROOM OF A 14 YEAR OLD MALE WHILE HE WAS SLEEPING. HE WAS AWAKENED BY THE SMELL OF SMOKE AND EXTINGUISHED THE FIRE. DAMAGE WAS CONFINED TO THE HEATER CORD PLUG AND A SURGE PROTECTOR . THE INCIDENT WAS NOT REPORTED UNTIL THREE YEARS AFTER INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 20000419 City: MAPLEWOOD State: NJ

A 53 YEAR OLD FEMALE, HER 10 AND 14 YEAR OLD DAUGHTERS AND A 58 YEAR OLD MALE WERE TRANSPORTED TO THE HOSPITAL DUE TO SMOKE INHALATION WHILE FLEEING A HOUSE FIRE. AN UNIDENTIFIED EXTENSION CORD, CONNECTED TO AN ELECTRIC HEATER, MALFUNCTIONED, OVERHEATED AND ERUPTED IN FLAMES. AN UNOFFICIAL FIRE DEPT STATEMENT ESTIMATED THE DAMAGES TO THE STRUCTURE TO BE OVER \$250,000.00.

Incident Date: 20000408 City: BREA State: CA

A 95 YEAR OLD MAN DIED AND HIS 89 YEAR OLD SPOUSE WAS HOSPITALIZED AFTER A FIRE THAT STARTED UNDER THEIR BED IN THEIR HOME. OFFICIALS DETERMINED A DAMAGED ELECTRIC BLANKET CORD WAS THE CAUSE . PROPERTY DAMAGE WAS ESTIMATED AT \$45,000.

Incident Date: 20000302 City: BLUE RIDGE State: GA

A SHORT IN THE REWIRED ELECTRIC CORD ON A PORTABLE ELECTRIC HEATER CAUSED A HOUSE FIRE. NO INJURIES WERE INCURRED. THE INTERIOR OF THE HOME WAS A TOTAL LOSS.

Incident Date: 19991226 City: SUITLAND State: MD

A 64 YEAR OLD FEMALE DIED IN A FIRE TO A SINGLE FAMILY HOUSE. FIRE OFFICIALS TRACED THE ORIGIN OF THE FIRE TO A BUNDLED EXTENSION CORD THAT WAS UNDER A BED, IN A BEDROOM . THE EXTENSION CORD IGNITED AND IT IGNITED THE BED AND THEN THE HOUSE IGNITED.

Incident Date: 20000425 City: FRANKLINTON State: LA

FOUR FEMALES DIED IN A HOUSE FIRE. EXTENSION CORDS, PLUGGED INTO A POWER STRIP THAT WAS PLUGGED INTO AN EXTENSION CORD, HAD BEEN USED TO CONNECT TWO REFRIGERATORS. THESE REFRIGERATORS WERE ON AN OUTSIDE WALL OF THE HOUSE AND ONLY PARTIALLY PROTECTED FROM THE WEATHER.

Incident Date: 20000329 City: ACWORTH State: GA

FIRE INVESTIGATORS REPORTED THAT A SHORT CIRCUIT IN A SPICED POWER CORD TO AN ELECTRIC CLOTHES DRYER IGNITED COMBUSTIBLES CAUSING A FIRE THAT LEAD TI THE DEATHS OF 8 FAMILY MEMBERS. THE CAUSE OF THE DEATHS WAS SMOKE INHALATION. THE FIRE OCCURRED AT APPROXIMATELY 0312 HOURS IN THE LIVING ROOM AREA OF A MOBILE HOME.

Incident Date: 20000127 City: NEW ROCHELLE State: NY

NO INJURIES OCCURRED WHEN A FOURTH FLOOR APARTMENT FROM A SIX STORY MULTIPLE APARTMENT DWELLING CAUGHT ON FIRE CAUSED BY AN ELECTRICAL CORDLESS TELEPHONE TRANSFORMER. THE ESTIMATED DAMAGES WAS APPROXIMATELY ONE -TWO MILLION DOLLARS.

Incident Date: 20000420 City: KNOXVILLE State: TN

ACCORDING TO THE INVESTIGATING FIRE OFFICIAL, ON 4/20/00 A FIRE ORIGINATED FROM A POWER STRIP CORD LOCATED BENEATH A DESK IN A HOME OFFICE. NO ONE WAS INJURED. ESTIMATED PROPERTY DAMAGE: \$8,800.00.

Incident Date: 20000121 City: SOUTH BEND State: IN

THREE FEMALES, AGES 12, 16, AND 40 YEARS PERISHED IN A RESIDENTIAL FIRE THAT MAY HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY THE FAILURE OF AN ELECTRIC CORD. PROPERTY DAMAGE ESTIMATE WAS IN EXCESS OF \$100,000.

Incident Date: 20000418 City: BETHLEHEM State: PA

AN ELECTRIC CROCK POT BEING USED TO COOK FOOD CAUGHT FIRE WHEN THE APPLIANCE CORD BECAME CRIMPED BETWEEN THE OUTSIDE METAL PAN AND THE INTERIOR CERAMIC CROCK OF THE UNIT. NO INJURIES RESULTED BUT THE HOME SUSTAINED \$ IN DAMAGE.150,000.

Incident Date: 20000521 City: FT. LAUDERDALE State: FL

AN 80-YEAR OLD FEMALE WAS HOSPITALIZED FOR SMOKE INHALATION AS A RESULT OF A HOUSE FIRE THAT ORIGINATED BETWEEN TWO EXTENSION CORDS AND AN ADAPTER. THE FIRE WHICH DESTROYED AN UPHOLSTERED SOFA AND SPREAD TO THE STRUCTURE, WAS CAUSED BY THE USE OF AN UNDERSIZED EXTENSION CORD WHICH WAS CONNECTED TO LARGER GUAGE CORDS. THESE CORDS WERE USED TO RUN VARIOUS APPLIANCES THROUGHOUT THE RESIDENCE. DAMAGE WAS ESTIMATED AT \$2,500.00.

Incident Date: 20000520 City: PITTSTOWN State: NY

TWO CHILDREN AGES SIX AND SEVEN DIED AFTER A FIRE THAT STARTED FROM AN IMPROPERLY INSTALLED POWER CORD TO A REFRIGERATOR. A DOLLAR VALUE LOSS FIGURE FOR THE HOUSE WAS NOT AVAILABLE.

Incident Date: 20000423 City: MYRTLE POINT State: OR

A STEREO (BOOM BOX) SHORTED OUT AND STARTED HOUSE FIRE. THE STEREO WAS ON TOP OF A DRESSER IN AN UPSTAIRS BEDROOM. THE STEREO WAS OFF, BUT THE POWER CORD WAS PLUGGED INTO A WALL OUTLET. NO ONE WAS INJURED IN THIS INCIDENT. DAMAGES WERE ESTIMATED AT \$20,000-\$30,000.

Incident Date: 20000527 City: SHARONVILLE State: OH

THE COMPLAINANT MELTED ONE EXTENSION CORD AND SHORTED OUT ANOTHER WHEN THE CORDS WERE USED WITH AN ELECTRIC FIREPLACE INSERT. NO INJURIES OCCURRED. DAMAGE WAS LIMITED TO THE CORDS AND A SMALL SPOT ON THE CARPET.

Incident Date: 20000429 City: MEDFORD State: OR

AN OVERLOADED 5-OUTLET POWER STRIP KEPT IN A WORKBENCH DRAWER MAY HAVE SHORTED OUT AND STARTED A FIRE IN A GARAGE WORKBENCH. TWO CORDLESS POWER DRILL BATTERY CHARGES, 1 AA BATTERY CHARGER, 1 POWER WRENCH BATTERY CHARGER, AND A POWER CORD FROM AN AIR COMPRESSOR WERE PLUGGED INTO THIS POWER STRIP. THE POWER STRIP PLUG AND A PLUG FROM AN ELECTRIC GRINDER WERE PLUGGED INTO A HOMEMADE JUNCTION BOX, WHICH WAS ALSO IN THE WORKBENCH DRAWER.

Incident Date: 20000503 City: MITCHELL State: SD

THIS INVESTIGATION INVOLVED A HOUSE FIRE THAT WAS CAUSED BY A PORTABLE BOX STYLE FAN. FIRE OFFICIALS FEEL THERE WAS A KINK IN THE FAN'S APPLIANCE CORD. CLOTHES WERE PILED ON THE CORD, IT SHORTED OUT AND IGNITED THE CLOTHES. A 24-YEAR OLD FEMALE WAS HOSPITALIZED WITH 2ND DEGREE BURNS ON HER HANDS/ ARMS AND SMOKE INHALATION FROM THE FIRE. DAMAGE WAS ESTIMATED AT \$76,000 TO THE HOUSE.

Incident Date: 20000531 City: ATCHISON State: KS

WHILE AT HOME USING A 20 INCH BOX FAN, IT STARTED SMOKING. THE ADULT USER UNPLUGGED THE POWER CORD AND THE FAN STOPPED SMOKING. NO FIRE OCCURRED. DAMAGE WAS LIMITED TO THE \$15 FAN. A SMOKE ALARM 10-12 FEET AWAY FROM THE INCIDENT DID NOT ACTIVATE. NO ONE WAS INJURED.

Incident Date: 20000425 City: LACY LAKEVIEW State: TX

THIS INVESTIGATION INVOLVED A RESIDENTIAL FIRE THAT STARTED FROM AN UNKNOWN PRODUCT. FIRE MARSHAL RULED THAT THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE WAS UNDETERMINED. HE STATED THAT IT LOOKS LIKE THE ELECTRIC CORDS COULD HAVE PLAYED A ROLE IN THE FIRE.

Incident Date: 20000429 City: COLLINGSWOOD State: NJ

A 6-YEAR OLD MALE WAS DOA AND 14 DAYS LATER HIS 34-YEAR OLD FATHER SUCCUMBED TO INJURIES AS A RESULT OF A HOUSE FIRE WHICH ORIGINATED IN A SECOND FLOOR MASTER BEDROOM. THE FIRE IS ATTRIBUTED TO "PINCHED" POWER CORDS TO A TELEVISION SET OR A VIDEO GAME SET HOUSED IN AN ENTERTAINMENT CENTER OR POSSIBLY TO AN EXTENSION CORD IN USE. THE CORDS WERE "PINCHED " BETWEEN THE BASEBOARD MOLDING AND THE BASE OF THE CENTER. DAMAGES ESTIMATED AT \$50,000.

Incident Date: 20000611 City: MASSAPEQUA State: NY

A FRAYED POWER CORD TO AN AIR CONDITIONED LED TO A FIRE AT A NURSING HOME. THERE WERE NO INJURIES INVOLVED.

Incident Date: 20000531 City: FORT LAUDERDAL State: FL

THE CAPTAIN OF A YACHT WAS TREATED FOR SMOKE INHALATION AS THE RESULT OF A FIRE ORIGINATING FROM AN ELECTRICAL MALFUNCTION IN THE POWER CORD COMPONENT OF A SHOP TYPE VACUUM. THE APPLIANCE WAS BEING USED IN THE ENGINE COMPARTMENT OF THE YACHT WHICH WAS UNDERGOING MAINTENANCE. DAMAGE WAS ESTIMATED AT APPROXIMATELY \$25,000.

Incident Date: 20000628 City: FT. LAUDERDALE State: FL

A 26-YEAR OLD FEMALE SUFFERED MINOR SMOKE INHALATION AS A RESULT OF A HOUSE FIRE BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY AN ELECTRICAL MALFUNCTION THROUGH THE USE OF AN UNDERSIZED GAUGE WIRE THAT WAS SPLICED INTO THE LINE CORD OF AN IN-THE-WALL TYPE AIR CONDITIONER. DAMAGE WAS ESTIMATED AT APPROXIMATELY \$65,000.

Incident Date: 20000616 City: FAIRMONT State: NE

OSCILLATING ELECTRIC FAN'S WIRES MELTED, DROPPED DOWN ONTO THE CARPET AND STARTED A FIRE IN A BEDROOM IGNITING CARPET AND CLOTHING ON FLOOR. THE FAN'S CORD HAD BEEN WRAPPED TOO TIGHT AROUND THE BASE AND THE ROOM WHERE FAN WAS LOCATED WAS CLOSED AND HOT. FAN HAD BEEN RUNNING CONSTANTLY. NO ONE WAS INJURED. FIRE DAMAGE WAS SMOKE AND WATER MOSTLY TO THE BEDROOM AND SMOKE THROUGHOUT THE HOUSE. FIRE DAMAGE ESTIMATED AT \$25,000.

Incident Date: 19990928 City: TAMPA State: FL

FIRE OFFICIALS ARE OF THE OPINION THAT AN ELECTRICALLY OPERATED BOX FAN AND/OR ITS POWER CORD MAY HAVE SHORT CIRCUITED WHICH CAUSED A FIRE IN A SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING. A 62 YEAR OLD FEMALE SUSTAINED BURNS TO HER FACE, CHEST, ARMS AND SMOKE INHALATION. A 66 YEAR OLD MALE SUSTAINED BURNS TO HIS FACE, ARMS AND SMOKE INHALATION. PROPERTY DAMAGE IS ESTIMATED AT \$25,000.

Incident Date: 19990803 City: ST. GENEVIEVE State: MO

A FIRE IN A MOBILE HOME WAS CAUSED BY A SHORT IN THE ELECTRIC CORD OF A FAN. THE CORD WAS PINCHED UNDER THE LEG OF THE FAN. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 20000731 City: BUFFALO GROVE State: IL

ON JULY 31, 2000, A CONSUMER USED HIS ELECTRICALLY CHARGED, CORDLESS LAWNMOWER FOR APPROXIMATELY ONE HOUR. HE THEN PUT THE LAWN MOWER ON HIS GARAGE TO CHARGE IT. AFTER 15 HOURS, THE CONSUMER'S SON NOTICED SMOKE COMING FROM THE GARAGE. THE FIRE DEPT SAID THAT THE CHARGER AND / OR THE LAWN MOWER STARTED A FIRE.

Incident Date: 20000518 City: DEKALB State: IL

THE FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONDED TO A NURSING HOME ON 5/18/00 AND 8/8/00 TO INVESTIGATE TWO SEPARATE INCIDENTS INVOLVING SMOKE AND DAMAGE TO THE POWER CORDS ON TWO IDENTICAL, PACKAGED TERMINAL AIR CONDITIONING/HEATING UNITS, INSTALLED THERE. THREE OTHER POWER CORDS WERE LATER FOUND TO HAVE SIMILAR DAMAGE FROM APPARENT OVERHEATING. THE MANUFACTURER SENT A SERVICE TECHNICIAN WHO DETERMINED THAT THE POWER CORDS WERE THE PROBLEM.

Incident Date: 20000725 City: RUSSELL State: NY

A FAULTY POWER CORD FROM A WINDOW FAN IS BELIEVED TO BE THE CAUSE OF A MOBILE HOME FIRE THAT DESTROYED THE HOME ENTIRELY. FIRE DAMAGE WAS ESTIMATED AT \$25,000. NO INJURIES OCCURED.

Incident Date: 20001008 City: IRVINGTON State: NE

ON OCTOBER 8, 2000, A FIRE DESTROYED A MOBILE HOME IN IRVINGTON, NE KILLING A 70 YR. OLD MALE WOODWORKER. A 220 POWER CABLE FROM AN ELECTRIC DRYER WORE THROUGH AND STARTED SAWDUST ON FIRE. HEAVY OBJECTS HAD BEEN RESTING ON THE CORD. THE VICTIM, WHO DIED FROM SMOKE INHALATION, USED HIS HOME AS A WORKING SPACE.

Incident Date: 20000905 City: PHILA State: PA

A FIRE ERUPTED IN AN APARTMENT OF A 13 UNIT, 3 STORY APARTMENT BUILDING WHEN A FAN WHICH WAS LEFT TO RUN UNATTENDED, OVERLOADED AN EXTENSION CORD. NO INJURIES WERE SUSTAINED IN THE INCIDENT. NO INFORMATION REGARDING ESTIMATED FINANCIAL DAMAGE IS AVAILABLE.

Incident Date: 20001010 City: GREAT NECK State: NY

AN EXTENSION CORD THAT WAS BEING USED WITH AN ELECTRIC HEATER CAUSED A FIRE BENEATH A LARGE PIECE OF FURNITURE IN A MULTI-FAMILY DWELLING. A DOLLAR DAMAGE ESTIMATE WAS NOT AVAILABLE. A SMOKE DETECTOR PLACED IN AN ADJACENT ROOM SOUNDED PROPERLY.

Incident Date: 20000922 City: HOLLYWOOD State: FL

A FIRE OCCURRED IN THE UTILITY ROOM OF A RESIDENCE WITH ESTIMATED DAMAGES OF \$10,000 REPORTEDLY CAUSED BY AN AC ELECTRIC BATTERY CHARGER FOR A CORDLESS POWER DRILL. THE HOMEOWNERS, A 50-YEAR OLD MALE=VICTIM #1 AND HIS 39-YEAR OLD FEMALE WIFE=VICTIM #2, ESCAPED THE FIRE BUT SUFFERED SMOKE INHALATION. THEY WERE TREATED AND RELEASED AT A NON-NEISS HOSPITAL.

Incident Date: 20000904 City: STATEN ISLAND State: NY

A FEMALE COMPLAINANT RECEIVED AN ELECTRICAL SHOCK WHEN SHE ATTEMPTED TO PULL OUT THE ELECTRICAL CORD FROM THE OUTLET AFTER IT BEGAN SPARKING AND CAUGHT FIRE WHILE SHE WAS TRYING TO MAKE A POT OF COFFEE USING HER COFFEEMAKER. THE AMOUNT IN ESTIMATED DAMAGES CAME OUT TO \$450.00.

Incident Date: 20010306 City: MIAMI TOWNSHIP State: OH

A THREE-YEAR-OLD AND A SIX-YEAR-OLD BOY DIED IN A FIRE IN A MOBILE HOME. A LAMP CORD THAT SHORTED CAUSED THE FIRE. THE CORD WAS IN A FOOT TRAFFIC AREA AND COULD HAVE BEEN ABRADED BY A PIECE OF NEARBY FURNITURE.

Incident Date: 20010115 City: FT. MYERS State: FL

A 98-YEAR OLD FEMALE SUFFERED THERMAL BURNS AND INHALATION INJURIES AND DIED TWO DAYS LATER IN A HOSPITAL AFTER A FIRE OCCURRED IN THE BEDROOM OF HER RESIDENCE BECAUSE THE POWER SUPPLY CORD TO A PORTABLE ELECTRIC HEATER POSITIONED UNDER A CARPET/RUG ARCED. STRUCTURE DAMAGES TOTALLED \$32,000 AND CONTENTS LOSS WAS \$5000. A 43-YEAR OLD FEMALE CARETAKER ALSO SUFFERED THERMAL BURNS AND INHALATION INJURIES AND WAS HOSPITALIZED.

Incident Date: 20010505 City: LONG BEACH State: NY

A SERIOUS FIRE DAMAGED A SINGLE FAMILY HOME AFTER AN EXTENSION CORD BEGAN ARCING VIOLENTLY AFTER BEING PLUGGED INTO A DUPLEX OUTLET

Incident Date: 20010309 City: ENGLEWOOD State: NJ

THERE WAS A SMELL OF FIRE IN A BABY'S ROOM. THE CAUSE WAS FOUND TO BE THAT THE POWER CORD OF A BABY MONITOR HAD A SECTION WHERE THE INSULATION HAD BURNED AWAY FROM THE WIRING. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 20001111 City: FT. LAUDERDALE State: FL

A POSSIBLY FRAYED LINE CORD DUE TO CONSTANT VIBRATION AND CONTACT AGAINST THE METALLIC BODY OF A DEHUMIDIFIER WAS BELIEVED TO HAVE CAUSED AN ELECTRICAL MALFUNCTION/SHORT IN THE APPLIANCE THAT RESULTED IN A FIRE INSIDE THE WAREHOUSE STORAGE ROOM IT WAS SITUATED IN. NO INJURIES WERE REPORTED. DAMAGE WAS ESTIMATED AT \$10,000.

Incident Date: 20001005 City: BROOKLYN State: NY

A TEN YEAR OLD MALE AND A SEVEN YEAR OLD FEMALE DIED OF SMOKE INHALATION WHEN AN ELECTRICAL CORD TO THE REFRIGERATOR CAUGHT FIRE AND IGNITED THE WOOD PANELING IN THE BASEMENT KITCHEN. THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF DAMAGES WERE \$250,000.

Incident Date: 20001119 City: WACO State: TX

A 6-YEAR-OLD FEMALE, A 1-YEAR-OLD MALE AND A 4-YEAR-OLD MALE ALL DIED FROM INJURIES SUSTAINED FROM A SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLING FIRE. A 1-YEAR-OLD MALE AND A 20-YEAR-OLD MALE SUSTAINED MULTIPLE BURN INJURIES IN THE INCIDENT. THE FIRE WAS THE RESULT OF TWO OVERLOADED SURGE SUPPRESSORS CONNECTED TOGETHER BY AN EXTENSION CORD. THE OVERLOADED SURGE SUPPRESSORS IGNITED NEARBY PAPER AND CLOTH COMBUSTIBLES. DAMAGES TO HOME WERE ESTIMATED AT \$30,000.00.

Incident Date: 20001122 City: SACRAMENTO State: CA

FIRE INVESTIGATOR CONCLUDED THAT THE CAUSE OF AN APARTMENT FIRE WAS UNDETERMINED, BUT POSSIBLY DUE TO AN EXTENSION CORD THAT THE VICTIM HAD SPLICED TO AN ELECTRIC OIL SPACE HEATER SHORTLY BEFORE THE FIRE OCCURRED. THE VICTIM WAS PRONOUNCED DEAD IN THE HOSPITAL. THE EXTENSION CORD AND ELECTRIC HEATER WERE LEFT AT THE INCIDENT SCENE.

Incident Date: 20000706 City: WARWICK State: RI

THE VICTIM, AGE UNKNOWN, WAS KILLED WHEN AN OVERLOADED ELECTRICAL SOCKET SHORTED OUT AND CAUSED A FIRE IN HER HOME. THE WIRING IN THE VICTIM'S HOME WAS OLD, AND WAS UNABLE TO HANDLE THE LOAD OF MULTIPLE POWERSTRIPS AND EXTENSION CORDS THAT THE CONSUMER HAD PLUGGED IN.

Incident Date: 20001213 City: INDIANAPOLIS State: IN

A 38-YEAR-OLD, PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED FEMALE PERISHED DURING A FIRE IN HER SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE. FIRE MAY HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY AN OVERHEATED ELECTRICAL EXTENSION CORD. DAMAGE ESTIMATE \$40,000.

Incident Date: 20001214 City: FALL RIVER State: MA

A 10 YEAR OLD GIRL AND HER 36 YEAR OLD MOTHER WERE PRONOUNCED DEAD FROM SMOKE INHALATION AND BURNS FOLLOWING AN APARTMENT FIRE WHICH CAUSED APPROXIMATELY \$40,000. DAMAGE TO A THREE-STORY HOUSE. FOLLOWING THIS FIRE A HEAVILY DAMAGED EXTENSION CORD AND THE MOLTEN MASS REMAINS OF A PORTABLE ELECTRIC HEATER WERE FOUND IN THE BEDROOM WHERE THE VICTIMS HAD BEEN SLEEPING.

Incident Date: 20001214 City: HARRISBURG State: IL

A 42-YEAR-OLD MALE AND HIS 6-YEAR-OLD DAUGHTER DIED FROM APPARENT SMOKE INHALATION IN A FIRE THAT BEGAN IN THE LIVING ROOM OF THEIR HOME DURING THE NIGHT. THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE WAS UNDETERMINED, BUT IT ORIGINATED AT A LOCATION IN THE LIVING ROOM WHERE TWO EXTENSION CORDS WERE PLUGGED TOGETHER IN SERIES AND COVERED WITH SOME TYPE OF RUG. THERE WERE VARIOUS ELECTRICAL ITEMS PLUGGED INTO THE EXTENSION CORDS, INCLUDING A HALOGEN FLOOR LAMP, A VCR AND AT LEAST ONE TELEVISION. THE CORDS WERE PLUGGED INTO A WALL OUTLET THAT WAS SUPPLIED BY A 16-GAUGE LAMP CORD CONNECTED TO HOB AND NAIL WIRING IN THE ATTIC. THE HOME HAD NO SMOKE DETECTORS.

Incident Date: 20001223 City: MANCHESTER State: NH

TWO MALES, AGES SEVENTEEN AND FOURTEEN, DIED AS A RESULT OF A RESIDENTIAL FIRE CAUSED BY AN OVERLOADED EXTENSION CORD, WHICH WAS BEING USED WITH TWO SIX-OUTLET POWER STRIPS THAT HAD MULTIPLE APPLIANCES PLUGGED INTO THEM. AMONG THESE APPLIANCES WERE TWO ELECTRIC SPACE HEATERS THAT HEATED AN UNFINISHED ATTIC BEDROOM. A FORTY-THREE-YEAR OLD FIREFIGHTER ALSO DIED OF CARDIAC ARREST WHILE ATTEMPTING TO RESCUE ONE OF THE VICTIMS.

Incident Date: 20001222 City: HARTFORD State: CT

THERE WERE NO INJURIES WHEN THE FRAYED CORD OF AN ELECTRIC SPACE HEATER ARCED, AND IGNITED A FIRE IN THE BEDROOM OF THE CONSUMERS' HOME. THE CORD HAD BEEN FRAYED FOR SOME TIME PRIOR TO THE INCIDENT. THE CONSUMERS NOTICED SPARKS COMING FROM THE CORD, BUT THEY WOULD "JIGGLE" THE CORD UNTIL THE SPARKING STOPPED AND THE HEATER OPERATED PROPERLY.

Incident Date: 20001218 City: LUMBERTON State: NJ

A TOTAL OF FOUR ELECTRICAL ROPE LIGHT SETS BEGAN ARCING AND SHORTED OUT AT THE JUNCTION WHERE THE 6 FOOT LONG POWER CORD TO EACH SET CONNECTS TO THE 9 FOOT LONG ROPE LIGHT. THE CONSUMER'S 13 YEAR OLD DAUGHTER SUSTAINED A SLIGHT SHOCK WHILE UNPLUGGING ONE OF THE SETS BUT NO MEDICAL TREATMENT WAS REQUIRED. THE SETS WERE USED OUTDOORS TO LINE THE WALKWAY DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON. NO FIRE WAS INVOLVED.

Incident Date: 20010101 City: MIAMI State: FL

A OVERLOADED LIGHT DUTY EXTENSION CORD CONTAINING A PORTABLE TYPE MICROWAVE OVEN, christmas LIGHTS AND OTHER ITEMS INSERTED INTO IT WAS BELIEVED TO BE THE CAUSE OF AN APARTMENT FIRE. NO INDIVIDUALS WERE AT HOME AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT. DAMAGE WAS ESTIMATED AT \$3,000.

Incident Date: 20001209 City: OAKLAND State: CA

A NEIGHBOR SAW FLAMES INSIDE OF THE VICTIM'S HOME, A SINGLE-STORY WOOD FRAME HOUSE. THE VICTIM, AN 87-YEAR-OLD WOMAN, DIED DURING THIS FIRE INCIDENT, AND SHE WAS FOUND BY FIREFIGHTERS ON A RECLINER CHAIR. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT'S ARSON INVESTIGATOR INDICATED THAT THE CAUSE OF THIS FIRE INVOLVES THE USE OF TWO HEATING PADS (THE VICTIM'S ONLY SOURCE OF HEAT) AND THE USE OF TWO EXTENSION CORDS AND A FLOOR LAMP. THE CAUSE OF DEATH OF THE VICTIM HAS STILL NOT YET BEEN DETERMINED. THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE ALSO IS STILL UNDETERMINED.

Incident Date: 20001231 City: AKRON State: OH

A HOUSE FIRE IS ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY AN OVERHEATED EXTENSION CORD THAT WAS ATTACHED TO A PORTABLE ELECTRIC SPACER HEATER. CARPETING IN A BEDROOM IS ALLEGED TO HAVE CAUGHT ON FIRE. THE RESIDENT IN THE HOME DISCOVERED AND REPORTED THE FIRE. HE WAS NOT INJURED. DAMAGE WAS ESTIMATED AT \$11,000.

Incident Date: 20010101 City: SPARTA State: MI

OFFICIALS RESPONDED TO A HOUSE FIRE IN A SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING THEIR INVESTIGATION WAS RULED UNDETERMINED BUT OFFICIALS STATED THE MOST LIKELY CAUSE OF THE FIRE WAS A christmas TREE (POWER) CORD. THE (POWER) CORD RAN FROM A WALL OUTLET, BEHIND A COUCH, ACROSS THE FLOOR UNDER A CARPET OR RUG TO A christmas TREE. NO INJURIES WERE SUSTAINED AND ESTIMATED PROPERTY AND CONTENTS LOSS WAS VALUED AT \$50,000.

Incident Date: 20001229 City: MARTINSBURG State: OH

AN ACCIDENTAL FIRE DETERMINED TO BE THE RESULT OF SOME TYPE OF ELECTRICAL MALFUNCTION IN EXTENSION CORDS, RESULTED IN THE DEATH OF A 75-YEAR-OLD FEMALE. THE PROPERTY AND CONTENT LOSS OF THE STRUCTURE FIRE IS ESTIMATED TO BE \$120,000.

Incident Date: 20001204 City: DECATUR State: AL

ACCORDING TO FIRE OFFICIALS, ON 12/4/00 A FIRE RESULTED FROM AN ELECTRICAL SHORT IN THE ELECTRICAL CORD OF A FLOOR LAMP LOCATED NEAR A SOFA IN THE DEN OF THE RESIDENCE. THE RESIDENCE WAS COMPLETELY DESTROYED BY FIRE; NO INJURY RESULTED.

Incident Date: 20001204 City: LOUISVILLE State: GA

A 69 YEAR OLD MALE DIED FROM SOOT AND CARBON MONOXIDE INHALATION FROM A FIRE IGNITED BY A LIGHT WEIGHT EXTENSION CORD OVERHEATING. THE EXTENSION CORD WAS LOCATED BEHIND A TELEVISION SET IN THE VICTIM'S BEDROOM IN HIS HOME. THE FIRE INVESTIGATOR ESTIMATED THE FIRE DAMAGE AT \$30,000.00.

Incident Date: 20000919 City: MILLVILLE State: NJ

A DUAL SIDE BY SIDE WINDOW FAN APPARENTLY OVERHEATED AND IGNITED A CURTAIN IN THE WINDOW. AT THE SAME TIME SPARKS AND ARCING WERE OBSERVED COMING FROM THE EXTENSION CORD INTO WHICH THE FAN WAS PLUGGED. THE FAN'S OWNER AND HER 3 CHILDREN ESCAPED UNINJURED FROM THE APARTMENT WHILE AT THE SAME TIME THEY ALERTED OTHER TENANTS OF THE FIRE. NO INJURIES RESULTED. FIRE, SMOKE AND WATER DAMAGE WAS ESTIMATED AT \$75,000 TO THE STRUCTURE. BATTERY OPERATED SMOKE ALARMS IN THE BUILDING DID ACTIVATE.

Incident Date: 20001008 City: TRUSSVILLE State: AL

REPORTEDLY, A FIRE STARTED IN A MOBILE HOME AFTER AN EXTENSION CORD MELTED AND SHORTED OUT WHILE PLUGGED INTO AN ELECTRIC BLANKET ON THE VICTIM'S BED. THE DECEASED 83-YEAR OLD FEMALE VICTIM WAS FOUND AT THE BACK DOOR INSIDE THE DWELLING. THE CAUSE OF DEATH WAS SMOKE INHALATION WITH THERMAL BURNS.

Incident Date: 20001225 City: MARYSVILLE State: MI

THE CONSUMER RECEIVED AN ELECTRIC HEATED THROW AS A GIFT. LATER THAT EVENING SHE WRAPPED THE THROW AROUND HER 5-YEAR-OLD DAUGHTER AND SET THE CONTROL TO HI-WARM. 15 MINUTES LATER, THE VICTIM COMPLAINED OF A TINGLING FEELING. THE THROW HAD A BURN HOLE PENETRATING THROUGH BOTH SIDES OF THE FABRIC. THE CORD/THERMOSTAT LOCATED DIRECTLY ABOVE AND BENEATH THE HOLE WAS DISCOLORED. NO INJURIES WERE SUSTAINED AND NO FIRE OR SMOKE WAS PRESENT.

Incident Date: 20010103 City: WOOSTER State: OH

AN 11-YEAR-OLD MALE, WHO SUFFERED FROM ANGELMAN SYNDROME, DIED IN A HOUSE FIRE THAT DESTROYED HIS HOME. FIVE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY ESCAPED THE FIRE WITHOUT INJURY. INVESTIGATORS HAVE SENT EXTENSION CORDS, AND THE SPACE HEATERS CONNECTED TO THESE CORDS, TO A LAB FOR ANALYSIS. THE FIRE IS THOUGHT TO HAVE STARTED IN A SCREENED-IN PORCH WHERE THE EXTENSION CORDS AND HEATERS WERE IN USE. DAMAGE WAS ESTIMATED AT \$150,000.

Incident Date: 20001120 City: WASHINGTON State: MO

A FIRE ORIGINATED IN AN UNOCCUPIED APARTMENT. AN ELECTRICAL SHORT IN THE CORD TO A POWER STRIP IS THE SUSPECTED CAUSE OF THE FIRE. NO INJURIES WERE SUSTAINED AND PROPERTY DAMAGE WAS ESTIMATED AT \$10,000.

Incident Date: 20001219 City: POCATELLO State: ID

FIRE MARSHAL DETERMINED THAT THE CAUSE OF AN APARTMENT FIRE THAT OCCURRED IN OFF-CAMPUS STUDENT HOUSING WAS DUE TO OVERLOADED EXTENSION CORDS OR ADAPTER PLUGS, WHICH OVERHEATED AND IGNITED NEARBY COMBUSTIBLES. THE FIRE DAMAGED ELECTRICAL WIRING (INCLUDING CORDS, PLUGS AND AN ATTACHED ELECTRIC HEATER).

Incident Date: 20010114 City: DALLAS State: TX

ACCORDING TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE WAS AN ELECTRICAL SHORT IN AN EXTENSION CORD. THERE WERE TWO EXTENSION CORDS IN THE HOME. THE EXACT EXTENSION CORD CAUSING THE FIRE COULD NOT BE DETERMINED. A 55 YEAR-OLD FEMALE DIED AS A RESULT OF THERMAL BURNS AND HER HUSBAND RECEIVED NON-FATAL BURNS AND RECOVERED.

Incident Date: 20001204 City: DIX HILLS State: NY

NO INJURIES OCCURRED WHEN AN EXTENSION CORD CAUSED A SMALL FIRE IN THE FRONT YARD OF A SINGLE FAMILY HOME.

Incident Date: 20010122 City: HOLLYWOOD State: FL

AN ELECTRICAL SHORT IN A LIGHT DUTY EXTENSION CORD THAT IGNITED COMPONENTS OF A NEARBY BED AND THE STRUCTURE ITSELF WAS BELIEVED TO BE THE CAUSE OF A HOUSE FIRE THAT KILLED FAMILY PETS AND CAUSED APPROXIMATELY \$40,000 IN DAMAGES. NO INJURIES WERE SUSTAINED AS THE OCCUPANTS WERE NOT AT HOME AT THE TIME OF THE FIRE.

Incident Date: 20010128 City: PHILADELPHIA State: PA

A FRAYED REFRIGERATOR POWER CORD, ARCHED, AND IGNITED COMBUSTIBLE WOODEN PANELING IN A KITCHEN AREA. THE FIRE CAUSED \$15,000 WORTH OF DAMAGE. THREE PEOPLE (AGE 50 FEMALE; AGE FIFTY MALE; & AGE 8 FEMALE) WERE TRANSPORTED TO A LOCAL HOSPITAL FOR POSSIBLE SMOKE INHALATION.

Incident Date: 20010124 City: WACO State: TX

A HOME WAS COMPLETELY DESTROYED AS THE RESULT OF A FIRE. THE FIRE ORIGINATED IN THE VICINITY OF AN EXTENSION CORD AND A POWER STRIP IT WAS CONNECTED TO. NO INJURIES WERE SUSTAINED AND PROPERTY DAMAGE WAS ESTIMATED AT \$100,0000.

Incident Date: 20010204 City: BROOKLYN State: NY

AN ELEVEN YEAR OLD MALE DIED OF SEVERE BURNS WHEN A HALOGEN LAMP CORD CAUGHT ON FIRE WHILE HE WAS ASLEEP. THE FIRE IGNITED A WOODEN DRESSER, THE WALLS, CEILING, AND ENTIRE CONTENTS OF HIS BEDROOM.

Incident Date: 20010121 City: LAS VEGAS State: NV

THREE VICTIMS RENTING A HOME USED NUMEROUS EXTENSION CORDS TO PLUG IN HEATERS TO WARM THE HOUSE. ONE EXTENSION CORD LOCATED NEAR A COUCH CAUGHT FIRE. VICTIM # 1 WAS FATALLY INJURED AND V#2 & V#3 WERE HOSPITALIZED FOR FIRST AND SECOND DEGREE BURNS TO THE HEAD, FACE AND ARMS.

Incident Date: 20010211 City: LAKE WORTH State: FL

OVERLOADED LIGHT DUTY EXTENSION CORDS AND A CORD THAT WAS SPLICED, CONNECTED TOGETHER, CONTAINING A NUMBER OF APPLIANCES THAT INCLUDED A WINDOW AIR CONDITIONER, TELEVISION, VCR, AND OTHER APPLIANCES WAS BELIEVED TO BE THE CAUSE OF A HOUSE FIRE THAT CAUSED APPROXIMATELY \$30,000 IN DAMAGES. NO INDIVIDUALS WERE IN THE BUILDING WHEN THE INCIDENT OCCURRED.

Incident Date: 20010119 City: NAMPA State: ID

FIRE MARSHAL DETERMINED THAT THE CAUSE OF A FIRE THAT OCCURRED IN THE LOBBY OF A PRIVATE COLLEGE DORMITORY WAS DUE TO EITHER AN UNSPECIFIED CORD OR AN ELECTRIC OUTLET. THERE WERE NO INJURIES. THE FIRE IS STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION.

Incident Date: 20010212 City: LAPWAI State: ID

A 16 YEAR-OLD BOY BECAME TRAPPED IN A BASEMENT WHEN A FIRE RELATED TO AN EXTENSION CORD AND A ELECTRIC SPACE HEATER ERUPTED BARRING THE BOY'S ESCAPE PATH. HE WAS UNABLE TO CLIMB OUT OF A BASEMENT WINDOW BECAUSE IT WAS TOO SMALL. HE DIED AS A RESULT OF THE FIRE.

Incident Date: 20010201 City: RICHMOND State: CA

FIRE INVESTIGATOR DETERMINED THAT THE MOST PROBABLE CAUSE OF AN APARTMENT FIRE WAS DUE TO AN UNATTENDED IRON LEFT IN THE ON POSITION AND NEAR A LIVING ROOM SOFA FOR AN UNDETERMINED AMOUNT OF TIME. AN ADULT FEMALE AND INFANT DIED IN THE FIRE. THE IRON WAS DESTROYED IN THE FIRE. ITS CORD WAS TAKEN INTO FIRE DEPARTMENT EVIDENCE.

Incident Date: 20010219 City: LINCOLN State: NE

AN EMPLOYEE OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR USED A PLASTIC SPACE HEATER FOR SUPPLEMENTAL HEAT IN HER OFFICE CUBICLE. IT IS ASSUMED THAT SHE FORGOT TO TURN OFF THE HEATER AND WENT HOME FOR THE THREE DAY WEEKEND. THE HEATER WAS LOCATED UNDER HER DESK PLUGGED INTO AN EXTENSION CORD AND SURGE PROTECTOR. THE HEATER OVERHEATED AND IGNITED COMBUSTIBLES UNDER THE DESK. THE HEATER WAS ALMOST DEAD CENTER UNDER FOUR AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER HEADS. HOWEVER, THE METAL DESK KEPT THE WATER FROM REACHING THE ITEMS UNDER THE DESK. THE SPRINKLER SYSTEM WAS FULLY ADEQUATE TO CONTAIN THE FIRE; THE DESK SHIELDED THE BURNING ITEMS FROM WATER BEING GIVEN OUT BY THE SPRINKLERS. THE SPACE HEATER WAS DESTROYED IN THE FIRE. THERE WERE NO INJURIES AS IT WAS A LEGAL HOLIDAY. ESTIMATED DAMAGE LOSS WAS

Incident Date: 20010208 City: PETALUMA State: CA

A 2-WIRE EXTENSION CORD WHICH WAS CONNECTED TO A 1500 WATT SPACE HEATER, OVERHEATED AND STARTED A FIRE IN A SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING. THE EXTENSION CORD IGNITED THE BEDROOM CARPET WHICH THEN IGNITED OTHER COMBUSTIBLE MATERIALS IN THE BEDROOM. AN 85 YEAR OLD MALE WAS UNCONSCIOUS AND PULSELESS WHEN HE WAS PULLED FROM THE BEDROOM. HE WAS REVIVED AND HE SUFFERED 2ND AND 3RD DEGREE BURNS ON HIS FACE AND HANDS.

Incident Date: 20010113 City: BATTLE MOUNTAIN State: NV

FIRE INVESTIGATOR DETERMINED THAT THE CAUSE OF A RESIDENTIAL FIRE WAS DUE TO THE HOMEOWNER PLUGGING A PORTABLE ELECTRIC SPACE HEATER INTO AN EXTENSION CORD THAT WAS OF INSUFFICIENT SIZE TO HANDLE THE LOAD OF THE HEATER. THE EXTENSION CORD OVERHEATED UNTIL COMBUSTION OCCURRED FROM THE OVERLOAD. THE EXTENSION CORD AND HEATER HAVE BEEN DISCARDED.

Incident Date: 20010225 City: BINGHAMTON State: NY

A 23-YEAR-OLD MALE DIED OF SMOKE INHALATION WHEN THE HOUSE HE WAS LIVING IN CAUGHT ON FIRE. THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE WAS DETERMINED TO BE A LAMP THAT WAS PLUGGED INTO AN EXTENSION CORD THEN INTO A WALL OUTLET. NO OTHER INJURIES OCCURRED.

Incident Date: 20010213 City: BRIDGEPORT State: CT

NO INJURIES OCCURRED WHEN AN OVERLOADED EXTENSION CORD CAUSED A SERIOUS FIRE IN A TWO BEDROOM APARTMENT. THE CORD WAS PLACED UNDER A RUG, WHICH WAS THE FIRST MATERIAL IGNITED.

Incident Date: 20010227 City: MOLINE State: IL

ON 2/27/2001, A FIRE WAS IGNITED IN A CEILING, WHERE EXTENSION CORDS WERE BEING USED FOR ELECTRICAL WIRING. A FATHER AND TWO OF HIS CHILDREN ESCAPED AND WERE INJURED. HIS DAUGHTER DIED, AND A POLICE OFFICER WAS INJURED. OVER \$130,000 IN DAMAGE WAS CAUSED.

Incident Date: 20010131 City: CANTON State: OH

COMPLAINANT PURCHASED AN ELECTRIC FIREPLACE AND INSTALLED IT IN HER FAMILY ROOM. FIREPLACE WAS PLUGGED INTO WALL RECEPTACLE. AFTER USING IT ONE DAY, FOR ABOUT THREE HOURS, SHE UNPLUGGED IT AND RECEIVED A MINOR BURN ON HER THUMB FROM THE PLUG. SHE THEN NOTICED THAT THE PLUG WAS SPLIT OPEN. AN ELECTRICIAN WHO REPLACED THE CORD SAID THE DAMAGE TO THE PLUG WAS CAUSED BY OVERHEATING RESULTING FROM THE WIRES IN THE CORD BEING TOO SMALL. A NEW CORD, 12/3, WAS INSTALLED ON THE FIREPLACE.

Incident Date: 20010310 City: HUNTSVILLE State: AL

AN INEXPENSIVE TWO WIRE ELECTRICAL EXTENSION CORD USED TO SUPPLY 110 VOLTS AC TO A REFRIGERATOR OVERHEATED AND IGNITED A DUST MOP IN A SINGLE FAMILY WOOD FRAME ONE STORY HOME. THE STRUCTURE AND COMPONENTS SUSTAINED APPROXIMATELY \$20,000 FIRE AND SMOKE DAMAGE, ACCORDING TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT'S INVESTIGATOR. THERE WERE NO INJURIES INVOLVED IN THE INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 20010114 City: CUSICK State: WA

A RESIDENTIAL FIRE OCCURRED AT APPROXIMATELY 12:30AM ON 1/14/2001. THE FIRE WAS DISCOVERED BY NEIGHBORS. THE IGNITION SOURCE WAS SUSPECTED AS THE ELECTRIC CORD ON A USED PORTABLE ELECTRIC HEATER OR THE POWER STRIP EXTENSION CORD USED ON THE HEATER. FOUR VICTIMS WERE INVOLVED, THREE OF WHICH DIED FROM THEIR INJURIES RECEIVED IN THE INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 20010312 City: GUYMON State: OK

THIS NON-INJURY INVESTIGATION INVOLVES A HOUSE FIRE THAT STARTED BEHIND A COUCH IN THE LIVING ROOM WHERE TWO EXTENSION CORDS WERE PLUGGED TOGETHER. THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE WAS DUE TO AN ELECTRICAL SHORT IN THE CONNECTION OF THE TWO CORDS. IT WAS SAID CATS PLAYING WITH THE CORDS ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE.

Incident Date: 20010322 City: LEAWOOD State: KS

AN ELECTRIC OSCILLATING DESK FAN MALFUNCTIONED CAUSING A \$125,000 HOUSE FIRE. NO INJURY OCCURRED BECAUSE THE FAMILY AND CONTRACTORS CREW WERE GONE. A CRIMP IN THE POWER CORD OVERHEATED CATCHING A CLOTH DROP CLOTH ON FIRE. THE OWNER DID NOT KNOW THE MAKER OF THE FAN.

Incident Date: 20010325 City: WEST BOCA RAT State: FL

A MALFUNCTIONING SURGE PROTECTOR OR OVERLOADING OF LIGHT DUTY EXTENSION CORDS WITH VARIOUS ELECTRICAL DEVICES WAS BELIEVED TO BE THE CAUSE OF A FIRE THAT CAUSED AN ESTIMATED \$10,000 IN DAMAGES TO A JEWELRY STORE THAT WAS CLOSED AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19970228 City: BUTTE State: MT

HOMEOWNER ALLEGES A GOOSE-NECK STYLE READING LAMP STARTED A FIRE IN HIS HOME WITHIN ONE HOUR AFTER HE HAD LEFT THE RESIDENCE. HE CONTENDS THE POWER CORD FOR THE LAMP SHORTED OUT AND THAT OBSERVATIONS TO THIS EFFECT WERE MADE BY FIRE OFFICIALS AT THE SCENE. ANALYSIS OF A SIMILAR LAMP PURPORTEDLY SHOWED THAT WITHIN 10 MINUTES THE LAMP TEMPERATURE NEAR THE BULB GOES TO 620 DEGREES F WHEN BEDDING MATERIAL IS IN CONTACT WITH THE BULB. THE LOCAL FIRE MARSHAL STATED THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE FIRE ARE SUSPICIOUS BUT HAS NOT PROVIDED WRITTEN CONFIRMATION OF THIS.

Incident Date: 20010327 City: KANSAS CITY State: MO

AN ELECTRICAL CORD, ATTACHED TO A PERSONAL COMPUTER KEYBOARD, MAY HAVE OVERHEATED RESULTING IN A FOUR INCH LONG BURN SECTION ON THIS CORD. NO FIRE OCCURRED AND NO ONE WAS INJURED. THE COMPUTER MANUFACTURER REPLACED THE KEYBOARD AND ATTACHED CORD.

Incident Date: 20010321 City: CHINA TOWNSHIP State: MI

8 M/O/M DIED FROM SMOKE INHALATION. THE AIR PURIFIER, KEPT IN HIS CLOSET, HAD A CORD THAT WORE THROUGH AFTER HAVING BEEN PINCHED IN A DOOR THAT HAD BEEN OPENED & CLOSED ON IT NUMEROUS TIMES. THE CORD HEATED UP & CAUGHT NEARBY ARTICLES ON FIRE. VICTIM'S MOTHER-TREATED, RELEASED FOR SMOKE INHALATION. \$ AMOUNT OF DAMAGE UNKNOWN.

Incident Date: 19991208 City: MANISTEE State: MI

A HOME FIRE WAS TRACED TO A FAULTY SET OF christmas LIGHTS WHICH WERE PLUGGED INTO A POWER STRIP AND LEFT ON WHILE THE OCCUPANT OF THE HOME WAS AWAY. IT IS UNKNOWN IF THE "POWER STRIP" WAS AN EXTENSION CORD OR SURGE SUPPRESSOR. NO INJURIES WERE SUFFERED. LOSSES RECORDED AT \$20,000 PROPERTY, \$10,000 CONTENTS.

Incident Date: 19991104 City: SANTA CRUZ State: CA

A RESIDENTIAL FIRE WHICH CAUSED \$75,000 DAMAGE WAS ATTRIBUTED TO EITHER OVERHEATED WIRING IN A COMPACT DISC PLAYER OR A CANDLE THAT MAY HAVE BURNED DOWN. THE FIRE INVESTIGATOR COLLECTED THE POWER CORD FOR THE COMPACT DISC PLAYER WHICH SHOWED DISCOLORATION OF SOME STRANDS AND ALSO SOME SIGNS OF FUSING.

Incident Date: 20010101 City: MONTGOMERY State: AL

A 9-YEAR-OLD FEMALE DIED AT THE SCENE DUE TO SMOKE INHALATION AND THERMAL INJURIES AND HER 32-YEAR-OLD FATHER SUFFERED BURNS TO 46% OF HIS BODY WHEN A FIRE ORIGINATED IN THE BEDROOM OF THEIR HOME. ACCORDING TO THE FIRE INVESTIGATOR, THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE IS UNDETERMINED BUT THE PROBABLE CAUSE IS RELATED TO A SPACE HEATER. THE FATHER HAD PUT A NEW ELECTRICAL CORD ON THE HEATER APPROXIMATELY 2 WEEKS PRIOR TO THE INCIDENT BECAUSE IT WAS SPARKING AT THE HEATER CONNECTION. THE HEATER WAS PLUGGED INTO AN EXTENSION CORD AT THE TIME OF THE FIRE.

Incident Date: 20010409 City: FREDERICKSBUR State: VA

A CONSUMER HAD HER 55-GALLON SALT WATER FISH TANK WITH HEATER PLUGGED INTO TWO EXTENSION CORDS AT HER HOME. THE CONSUMER WAS OUTSIDE WORKING IN HER YARD WHEN SHE HEARD THE SMOKE DETECTOR GOING OFF IN HER HOME. SHE CAME INSIDE TO SEE THE WIRING AROUND THE FISH TANK AND THE BASE ON FIRE. THE TANK COLLAPSED AND EXTINGUISHED THE FIRE BY THE TIME THE FIRE DEPARTMENT ARRIVED. DAMAGE WAS ESTIMATED AT \$ 5,000.

Incident Date: 20010329 City: STEVENSVILLE State: MT

INVESTIGATOR DETERMINED THAT A FIRE THAT DESTROYED A COMMERCIAL STRUCTURE WAS DUE TO ARCING FROM AN EXTENSION CORD, POSSIBLY CAUSED BY AN EMPLOYEE STEPPING ON THE CORD, WHICH THEN IGNITED THE COMBUSTIBLE FLOOR ENVIRONMENT. NOTHING WAS PLUGGED INTO THE EXTENSION CORD. THERE WERE NO INJURIES. EXTENSION CORD IS BEING HELD AS EVIDENCE BY ATTORNEY.

Incident Date: 20010117 City: PACHECO State: CA

A 66-YEAR-OLD WOMAN DIED OF COMPLICATIONS OF SMOKE INHALATION IN HER HOUSE IN PACHECO, CA. THE SUSPECTED CAUSE OF THE FIRE IS AN EXTENSION CORD USED FOR A GAS-FIRED CLOTHES DRYER. THE CORD CAME FROM UNDER THE CLOTHES DRYER IN THE LAUNDRY AREA UP AN ELEVATION AND THROUGH A DOORWAY INTO THE KITCHEN WHERE IT WAS PLUGGED INTO AN OUTLET. THE CORD WAS NOT AVAILABLE FOR SAMPLING OR EXAMINATION. IT WAS DESCRIBED AS A HEAVY ORANGE CORD WITH A 3-PRONG PLUG.

Incident Date: 20010213 City: GLENVIL State: NE

A ONE-STORY HOME WAS TOTALLY DESTROYED WHEN THE CLOTHES DRYER LEFT UNATTENDED CAUGHT LINT ON FIRE. THE CORD WHICH WAS THE PRIMARY LEAD WIRE WAS PINCHED UNDER THE DRYER LID, WHEN THE LID WAS CLOSED THE LEAD WIRE STARTED AN ARC AND CAUSED THE FIRE. THE ORIGIN OF THE FIRE WAS THE DRYER COIL ARC. THE CLOTHES DRYER WAS AN ELECTRIC DRYER APPROXIMATELY 15-YEARS-OLD AND HAD BEEN REPAIRED ONCE. THE OWNER COULD NOT REMEMBER THE PURCHASE DATE OF THE DRYER OR THE REPAIR DATE/PROBLEM ON THE DRYER. THE DRYER LINT TRAP WAS CLEANED REGULARLY HOWEVER, THERE WAS SOME BUILDUP BECAUSE OF THE AGE OF THE DRYER. NO ONE WAS INJURED. THE HOME WAS A TOTAL LOSS AND NO DAMAGE ESTIMATE WAS AVAILABLE.

Incident Date: 20010306 City: MERIDIAN State: MS

THE CORD ON AN ELECTRIC CLOTHES DRYER BECAME FRAYED FROM BEING STRETCHED OVER THE YEARS AND SHORTED OUT CAUSING A HOUSE FIRE WHICH DAMAGED A LAUNDRY ROOM. NO INJURIES WERE INCURRED.

Incident Date: 20010405 City: MENANDS State: NY

NO INJURIES OCCURRED WHEN AN EXTENSION CORD THAT WAS BEING USED TO POWER AN ELECTRIC HEATER OVERHEATED AND CAUSED A FIRE IN A SINGLE FAMILY HOME.

Incident Date: 20010501 City: XENIA State: OH

NO INJURY OCCURRED WHEN EXTENSION CORDS USED AS PERMANENT WIRING IN THE ATTIC AREA OF A HOME OVERHEATED AND CAUSED A FIRE.

Incident Date: 20010419 City: REESE State: MI

A FIRE INVOLVING A CLOTHES DRYER OCCURRED IN A MOBILE HOME OCCUPIED BY A 50 YEAR OLD FEMALE AND HER 13 YEAR OLD SON. REPORTEDLY, THE FIRE STARTED FROM A CLOTHES DRYER'S ELECTRICAL CORD. WHILE WAITING FOR OFFICIALS TO ARRIVE, THE TWO INDIVIDUALS WERE ABLE TO EXTINGUISH THE FIRE WITH FIRE EXTINGUISHERS. NO INJURIES WERE SUSTAINED. ESTIMATED PROPERTY AND CONTENTS LOSS WAS VALUED AT \$500.00.

Incident Date: 20010508 City: SUNRISE State: FL

A TWENTY FIVE YEAR OLD FEMALE SUFFERED MINOR SMOKE INHALATION AND SEVEN PET CATS WERE FOUND DECEASED AS A RESULT OF AN APARTMENT FIRE THAT WAS CAUSED BY AN ELECTRICAL SHORT CIRCUIT IN THE LINE CORD OF A FLOOR LAMP. THE LINE CORD APPEARED TO BE COMPRESSED DUE TO BEING RUN UNDERNEATH A COUCH AND A STEREO SPEAKER. DAMAGE TO THE PROPERTY AND CONTENTS WAS ESTIMATED AT \$60,000.

Incident Date: 20010508 City: ELSMERE State: DE

AN ELECTRICAL CORD FROM A TABLE LAMP, WHICH WAS LAID UNDERNEATH A THROW RUG, ARCHED AND SPARKED AND IGNITED CURTAINS IN A SECOND FLOOR BEDROOM OF A TWO-STORIED ROW HOME. THE HOME FILLED WITH SMOKE. FIRE FIGHTERS FOUND A 43 YEAR OLD MALE VICTIM UNCONSCIOUS IN THE SECOND FLOOR REAR BEDROOM. THE VICTIM WAS TRANSPORTED TO A LOCAL HOSPITAL WHERE HE WAS LISTED IN CRITICAL CONDITIONS FROM SMOKE INHALATION AND THERMAL BURNS. THE FIRE CAUSED AN ESTIMATED \$50,000 IN DAMAGES TO THE HOME.

Incident Date: 20010421 City: LEVITTOWN State: PA

A SIXTY-NINE YEAR OLD WOMAN DIED IN A HOUSE FIRE, WHICH WAS STARTED WHEN AN ELECTRIC BOX TYPE WINDOW FAN OVERHEATED AND IGNITED CURTAINS, WHICH THEN SPREAD TO OTHER COMBUSTIBLES IN THE HOME. THE FAN HAD BEEN ATTACHED TO A FIRST FLOOR BEDROOM WINDOW WITH BUNGEE TYPE CORD WHICH SUSPENDED THE FAN FROM THE WINDOW. THE FAN WAS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN IN THE "OFF" POSITION AT THE TIME OF THE FIRE. NO ESTIMATE OF DAMAGES WAS AVAILABLE.

Incident Date: 20010419 City: MIAMI State: FL

A WHEEL CHAIR BOUND ADULT FEMALE AND TWO OTHER UNDISCLOSED FAMILY MEMBERS ESCAPED WITHOUT INJURIES WHEN A HOUSE FIRE OCCURRED AT THEIR SINGLE-FAMILY HOUSE DUE TO AN OVERLOADED EXTENSION CORD IN A BEDROOM. STRUCTURE DAMAGES TOTALLED \$5,000 AND CONTENTS LOSS WAS \$5,000.

Incident Date: 20010517 City: CHESAPEAKE State: VA

FIRE OFFICIALS BLAMED AN ELECTRIC SPACE HEATER FOR STARTING A FIRE THAT KILLED A 28-YEAR-OLD MALE AS HE SLEPT IN THE SLEEPING COMPARTMENT OF HIS PARKED VENDING TRUCK. THE VICTIM, WHO WAS USING THE HEATER TO KEEP WARM, HAD USED AN EXTENSION CORD TO PLUG THE ELECTRIC SPACE HEATER INTO A STANDARD 110 VOLT A.C. OUTLET PROVIDED NEARBY AS PART OF THE PARKING SPACES UTILIZED BY VENDORS. AN ESTIMATE OF THE DOLLAR AMOUNT OF DAMAGES WAS NOT AVAILABLE.

Incident Date: 20010420 City: FALLS CITY State: NE

A CONSUMER/HOMEOWNER ORDERED BY MAIL A LOW VOLTAGE PORTABLE POWER TOOL BATTERY CHARGER FROM AN IMPORT COMPANY IN CA. THE LOW VOLTAGE CORD OVERHEATED CAUSING THE LOW VOLTAGE CHARGER TO HAVE AN ELECTRICAL SHORT. THE SHORT DEVELOPED IN THE LOW VOLTAGE CORD OF THE PORTABLE CHARGER. THE OVERHEATING CORD IGNITED SOME PAPER THAT THE CORD WAS LYING ON. THE HOMEOWNERS WERE ASLEEP WHEN THE SMELL OF SMOKE WOKE THEM. FIRE DAMAGE WAS CONFINED TO A LITTLE END TABLE, SPREAD TO A SMALL AMOUNT OF WALL PANELING AND SMOKE DAMAGE TO KITCHEN. THERE WAS A SMOKE DETECTOR IN THE HOME BUT IT DID NOT WORK. HOMEOWNER PUT OUT THE FIRE WITH A BUCKET OF WATER BEFORE THE FIRE DEPARTMENT ARRIVED. DAMAGE WAS ESTIMATED \$1000.00. NO ONE WAS HURT.

Incident Date: 20010604 City: KANNAPOLIS State: NC

AN EIGHT-MONTH-OLD FEMALE SUSTAINED SECOND-DEGREE SCALD-BURNS TO HER CHEST WHEN SHE GRABBED THE ELECTRIC CORD OF A WATER-FILLED BOTTLE WARMER AND PULLED IT FROM A COUNTER AT THE DAYCARE CENTER SHE WAS ATTENDING. FIRE OFFICIALS, WHO RESPONDED TO THE INCIDENT, ESTIMATED THE TEMPERATURE OF THE WATER IN THE BOTTLE WARMER TO BE 165 DEGREES AT THE TIME OF INCIDENT. EMS AND DAYCARE OFFICIALS TRANSPORTED THE VICTIM TO A LOCAL MEDICAL CENTER WHERE SHE WAS TREATED AND RELEASED.

Incident Date: 20010518 City: SEATTLE State: WA

FIRE OCCURRED AT RESTAURANT/BAR. WORKMAN HAD BEEN IN SECOND LEVEL OF BUILDING PERFORMING PLUMBING AND PAINTING. WORKERS LEFT PREMISES AND FIRE REPORTED SEVERAL HOURS LATER. FIRE INVESTIGATOR SUSPECTS DAMAGE TO ELECTRIC EXTENSION CORD CAUSED IT TO OVERHEAT AND IGNITE ITS INSULATION. FIRE THEN SPREAD TO NEWLY VARNISHED WOOD FLOOR. ESTIMATED DAMAGE AT \$900,000.

Incident Date: 20010529 City: FORT LAUDERDAL State: FL

ELECTRICAL ARCING IN AN EXTENSION CORD THAT WAS RUN FROM INSIDE A RESIDENCE TO THE CARPORT, THROUGH A HOLE IN A WALL OF THE STRUCTURE WAS RULED AS THE CAUSE OF A FIRE THAT RESULTED IN AN ESTIMATED \$40,000 IN DAMAGES. NO INJURIES WERE SUSTAINED.

Incident Date: 20001228 City: BOURBONNAIS State: IL

A FIRE OCCURRED IN THE GARAGE OF A TWO-FAMILY HOME. THE CAUSE WAS NOT THE AIR FILTER AND BOX FANS, BUT ACCORDING TO THE FIRE INVESTIGATOR, IT WAS "WIRING NOT TO CODE." THE RENTER CONNECTED AN EXTENSION CORD TO A RECEPTACLE ON THE EAST WALL OF THE GARAGE AND CUT OFF THE OTHER END OF THE CORD AND CONNECTED THE LIVE WIRES TO THE WEST WALL RECEPTACLE. THERE WAS \$5,000 IN DAMAGES. NO INJURIES WERE SUSTAINED.

Incident Date: 20010603 City: ROCKAWAY BEA State: MO

ON JUNE 3, 2001 A SINGLE-FAMILY STRUCTURE HOME IN ROCKAWAY BEACH, MO, CAUGHT ON FIRE. THE INITIAL REPORT STATED THAT THE FIRE STARTED FROM CLEANING SUPPLIES STORED ON TOP AND TOO CLOSE TO THE GAS WATER HEATER LOCATED IN A UTILITY CLOSET OFF THE KITCHEN. FURTHER INVESTIGATION HAS REVEALED THAT THE SOURCE OF THE FIRE DID NOT INVOLVE THE GAS WATER HEATER/FLAMMABLES; AN EXTENSION CORD WAS THE SOURCE. THE EXTENSION CORD HAD BEEN USED FOR A LONG PERIOD OF TIME PLUGGED INTO A CLOCK ON THE WALL ABOVE THE STOVE AND THE CORD RAN BACK BEHIND THE STOVE. OVER A PERIOD OF TIME THE CORD RUBBING ON THE BACK OF THE STOVE RUBBED OFF THE INSULATION CAUSING THE FIRE. THE CIRCUIT BREAKER DID TRIP AND THE TRAVEL PATTERN OF THE FIRE WAS UPWARDS. NO SMOKE DETECTOR AND ESTIMATED DAMAGE WAS NOT AVAILABLE.

Incident Date: 20010607 City: MICHIGAN CITY State: IN

A FOUR-YEAR-OLD BOY WRAPPED THE CORD OF A MINI-BLIND AROUND HIS NECK, BECAME ENTRAPPED AND WAS SUBSEQUENTLY RESCUED BY THE LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENT AFTER NEARLY SUFFOCATING. THE BOY WAS PLAYING IN HIS RESIDENCE WHEN HE WRAPPED THE CORD AROUND HIS NECK AND COULD NOT ESCAPE. A PASSERBY ON THE STREET BELOW NOTICED THE BOY IN THE WINDOW AND NOTIFIED FIRE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL WHO RESCUED THE VICTIM. THE CHILD WAS NOT INJURED. THE MINI-BLIND WAS EQUIPPED WITH THE NEWER SEPERATE CORD BUT THE EXCESS CORDING HAD NOT BEEN TRIMMED.

Incident Date: 20010701 City: BOSSIER CITY State: LA

THREE CHILDREN, AGES 3,2, AND 1, SUFFERED SMOKE INHALATION IN A HOUSE FIRE. TWO OF THEM RECOVERED BUT THE 3 YEAR OLD FEMALE DID NOT. THE HOUSE FIRE ORIGINATED IN AN EXTENSION CORD UNDER A SOFA BAD. THE FUSES THAT CONTROLLED THE ELECTRICITY HAD BEEN ALTERED BY PLACING A PENNY BETWEEN THE FUSE AND THE CONTACT.

Incident Date: 20010707 City: HOLLYWOOD State: FL

AN ELECTRICAL FAULT IN A HEAVY DUTY EXTENSION CORD THAT WAS CONNECTED TO A LAMP INSIDE A BEDROOM WAS RULED AS THE CAUSE OF A RESIDENTIAL FIRE THAT CAUSED AN ESTIMATED \$8500 IN DAMAGES. LATER AVAILABLE INFORMATION INDICATED INVOLVEMENT OF AN ADDITIONAL LIGHT DUTY CORD WITH TWO OTHER APPLIANCES THAT WERE ALSO IN THE CIRCUIT. THIS CREATED A POSSIBILITY OF A POSSIBLE OVERLOAD CONDITION. NO INJURIES WERE SUSTAINED.

Incident Date: 20010627 City: PROVIDENCE State: RI

THERE WERE NO INJURIES WHEN THE CLOCK CORD, ATTACHED TO A GAS RANGE, SHORTED OUT AND IGNITED. FIRE OFFICIALS BELIEVE THERE MAY HAVE BEEN A GAS LEAK AT THE BACK OF THE RANGE AS WELL.

Incident Date: 20010709 City: CLOVIS State: CA

A SEVEN MONTH OLD ELECTRIC TOASTER OVEN EMITTED SMOKE FROM THE CONTROL PANEL SHORTLY AFTER BEING TURNED ON. THE ADULT USER HAD NOT YET PLACED ANY FOOD ITEM IN THE OVEN. THE USER UNPLUGGED THE POWER CORD. NO FIRE OR INJURY OCCURRED.

Incident Date: 20010724 City: ST. LOUIS State: MO

A 12-YEAR-OLD MALE CHILD AND HIS 10-YEAR-OLD SISTER WERE FATALLY INJURED IN A HOUSE FIRE AT THEIR RESIDENCE. INVESTIGATORS ORIGINALLY SUSPECTED A FAULTY ELECTRIC POWER STRIP AS THE SOURCE OF THE FIRE; HOWEVER, INVESTIGATORS NOW SUSPECT THAT IT MAY BE AN UNIDENTIFIED (PINCHED) EXTENSION CORD THAT WAS PLUGGED INTO THE POWER STRIP. OTHER PRODUCTS THAT ARE SUSPECT AT THIS TIME INCLUDE COMPUTER SPEAKERS OR A WAVE OR TRANSISTOR RADIO.

Incident Date: 20010726 City: DALLAS State: TX

A FIRE STARTED IN AN APARTMENT; IT IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY AN ELECTRICAL SHORT IN WINDOW AIR CONDITIONER. THE CAUSE OF ORIGIN INV. FROM THE INSURANCE COMPANY STATED THAT HE COULD NOT DETERMINE IF THE AIR CONDITIONER WAS THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE BECAUSE A POWER SUPPLY CORD THAT WAS USED TO CONNECT THE UNIT TO THE ELECTRICAL OUTLET HAD A SPLICE IN IT; BASED ON THE SPLICED POWER SUPPLY CORD IT LOOKED LIKE IT COULD HAVE BEEN THE POWER SUPPLY CORD LEADING TO THE AC THAT CAUSED THE FIRE.

Incident Date: 20010715 City: WILMINGTON State: DE

FIRE INVESTIGATOR LIST THE CAUSE OF AN ACCIDENTAL HOUSE FIRE AS BEING ORIGINATED IN A WINDOW AIR CONDITIONER. TECHNICAL EXAMINATION OF THE REMAINS OF THE AIR CONDITIONER HAVE ELIMINATED THIS PRODUCT AS THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE. AN EXTENSION CORD ATTACHED TO THE POWER CORD OF THE AIR CONDITIONER ENERGIZED PRIOR TO THE FIRE, WHICH THE ELECTRICAL ENGINEERS FEEL IS THE CAUSE OF THIS FIRE. INSURANCE ESTIMATES TO REPAIR THE HOUSE IS ABOUT \$40,000. NO INJURIES ARE ASSOCIATED WITH THIS INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 20010810 City: GAITHERSBURG State: MD

A FIRE OCCURRED IN A TWO-LEVEL TOWNHOUSE AFTER AN ELECTRICAL CORD, ATTACHED TO A HALOGEN LAMP, EITHER SHORTED OUT OR ARCED. FIRE PERSONNEL STATED THE FIRE ORIGINATED BECAUSE A VERY WORN ELECTRICAL CORD, WHICH WAS MISSING INSULATION, HAD BEEN PLACED IN A BUNDLED PILE UNDERNEATH OLD CARPETING AND FURNITURE. THE FIRE CAUSED APPROXIMATELY \$100,000 IN PROPERTY DAMAGE. NO INJURIES WERE INCURRED.

Incident Date: 20011228 City: LEALMAN State: FL

A 39 YEAR OLD FEMALE TURNED ON AN ELECTRIC SPACE HEATER USED IN COMBINATION WITH AN EXTENSION CORD IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO A LIVING ROOM COUCH. THE ELECTRIC SPACE HEATER IGNITED THE FABRIC OF THE COUCH. THE RESULTANT FIRE TOTALLY DESTROYED A HOME & ALL OF ITS CONTENTS. THE FEMALE VICTIM SUSTAINED SMOKE INHALATION. A MALE VICTIM SUSTAINED BURNS AND SMOKE INHALATION. PROPERTY DAMAGE IS ESTIMATED AT \$50,000.

Incident Date: 20020121 City: FORT PIERCE State: FL

AN ELECTRICAL MALFUNCTION IN THE LINE CORD ATTACHED TO A TABLE LAMP THAT WAS RUN UNDERNEATH A CONCRETE BLOCK THAT WAS SUPPORTING A BED WAS THE CAUSE OF AN APARTMENT FIRE. THE FIRE THAT SPREAD TO THE MATTRESS/BEDDING, OTHER FURNISHINGS AND THEN THE STRUCTURE ITSELF, CAUSED AN ESTIMATED \$26,000 IN DAMAGES TO CONTENTS AND STRUCTURE. NOBODY WAS IN THE APARTMENT WHEN THE INCIDENT OCCURRED.

Incident Date: 20010421 City: DEL VALLE State: TX

A FIRE ERUPTED IN THE KITCHEN AREA OF A MOBILE HOME. THE COMPLAINANT ALLEGES THE POWER CORD TO A BOTTLED WATER COOLER SHORTED OUT AND CAUSED THE FIRE. NO INJURIES WERE SUSTAINED AND THE COMPLAINANT ESTIMATED PROPERTY DAMAGES AT \$19,000.

Incident Date: 20010729 City: WALTHAM State: MA

A FIRE OCCURRED IN THE KITCHEN OF A SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE WHILE THE OCCUPANTS WERE AWAY FROM HOME. NO INJURIES RESULTED FROM THIS OCCURRENCE. THE PARTIAL REMAINS OF A COFFEE MAKER, A MIXER, A CAN OPENER, A TOASTER OVEN, AND AN EXTENSION CORD WERE FOUND IN THE FIRE DEBRIS. THE FIRE REMAINS HAD BEEN DISTURBED BY THE FIREMEN AND, THEREFORE, THE CAUSE OF THIS FIRE COULD NOT BE DETERMINED.

Incident Date: 20010826 City: TULARE State: CA

A HOUSEHOLD-TYPE EXTENSION CORD OF ABOUT SIX-FEET IN LENGTH SHORTED INTERNALLY AND IGNITED A COUCH CAUSING A STRUCTURAL FIRE IN A 100-YEAR OLD HOME THAT WILL COST \$90,000 TO RESTORE. ALTHOUGH THE CORD WAS PLUGGED INTO AN OUTLET AND CONNECTED TO A TABLE LAMP, THE LAMP WAS NOT TURNED ON AT THE TIME. A 43-YEAR OLD MALE AND A 55-YEAR OLD FEMALE SUFFERED MINOR FACIAL THERMAL BURNS. A THIRD PERSON, A 39-YEAR OLD MALE SUFFERED TEMPORARY BREATHING DIFFICULTIES.

Incident Date: 20010816 City: WAIPAHU State: HI

A FIRE OCCURRED IN THE BEDROOM OF A HOUSE WHEN AN OVERLOADED ELECTRICAL EXTENSION CORD BEGAN TO ARC AND SUBSEQUENTLY IGNITED THE BOTTOM OF AN ADJACENT MATTRESS AND ITS BEDDING. NO INJURIES OR DEATHS OCCURRED HOWEVER, THE FIRE CAUSED \$100,000 IN DAMAGE TO THE STRUCTURE AND \$40,000 IN DAMAGE TO ITS CONTENTS.

Incident Date: 20010822 City: BRAINTREE State: MA

A HOUSE FIRE WHICH CAUSED APPROXIMATELY \$150,000. DAMAGE TO A SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE HAS BEEN ATTRIBUTED TO THE IGNITION OF COMBUSTIBLES BY AN ELECTRICAL CORD OF A BLENDER. NO INJURIES RESULTED FROM THIS OCCURRENCE.

Incident Date: 20011001 City: GREENVILLE State: SC

A COUNTER-TOP TOASTER OVEN WOULD NOT SHUT-OFF AFTER THE HOMEOWNER HAD REMOVED TOAST FROM ITS CONTENTS. THE UNIT CONTINUED TO OPERATE AS IT OVERHEATED AND CAUGHT ON FIRE. THE HOMEOWNER SMELLED THE BURNING, UNPLUGGED THE POWER CORD AND THE FIRE SELF-EXTINGUISHED. NO INJURIES OR PROPERTY DAMAGES OCCURRED.

Incident Date: 20011016 City: ESCANABA State: MI

A 10-MONTH-OLD 13-INCH TELEVISION/VCR COMBINATION STARTED ON FIRE IN AN UPSTAIRS BEDROOM OF A SINGLE FAMILY HOME. THE TELEVISION UNIT WAS PLUGGED INTO A POWER STRIP THAT WAS PLUGGED INTO A HEAVY DUTY 50-FOOT EXTENSION CORD, WHICH WAS PLUGGED INTO A WALL OUTLET. THE UNIT WAS NOT TURNED ON AT THE TIME AND THE FIRE STARTED INSIDE OF THE TELEVISION. THE CONSUMER REPORTS SEEING 12-INCH FLAMES COMING OUT OF THE BACK OF THE UNIT. NO INJURIES OCCURRED AND DAMAGES WERE REPORTED AT \$1,000.

Incident Date: 20011023 City: JANESVILLE State: WI

A SIX MONTH OLD HAIR DRYER STARTED ON FIRE WHERE THE CORD MET THE GROUND FAULT INTERRUPTER PLUG. THE CONSUMER RETURNED THE HAIR DRYER TO THE MANUFACTURER AND RECEIVED A NEW IDENTICAL DRYER AS A REPLACEMENT. SEVEN MONTHS LATER THE SECOND HAIR DRYER, WHILE ON THE HOTTEST SETTING, SHOT OUT A PEA-SIZED SUBSTANCE, WHICH WAS ON FIRE. WHEN THE CONSUMER LOOKED DOWN THE BARREL OF THE DRYER, SHE SAW FLAMES INSIDE AND IMMEDIATELY DISCONNECTED THE DRYER. NO FURTHER DAMAGES OR INJURIES WERE REPORTED.

Incident Date: 20011022 City: FT. LAUDERDALE State: FL

A FIRE IN ONE OF THE BEDROOMS OF A ONE FAMILY RESIDENCE WAS CAUSED BY AN ELECTRICAL MALFUNCTION IN THE AREA OF A LIGHT DUTY TYPE MULTI-STRIP EXTENSION CORD WHERE VARIOUS ELECTRICAL CORDS FROM AN AIR CONDITIONER (EXTENSION), CLOCK AND LAMP HAD BEEN INSERTED. A CONVENTIONAL TYPE BED AND BEDDING WERE ALSO DESTROYED. DAMAGE WAS ESTIMATED AT \$30,000. NO INJURIES OCCURRED AS THE HOUSE WAS EMPTY AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 20011029 City: DELRAY BEACH State: FL

THREE CHILDREN, ONE YEAR OLD FEMALE TWINS AND A FOUR YEAR OLD MALE SUFFERED MINOR SMOKE INHALATION IN THEIR ONE FAMILY RESIDENCE THAT BEGAN FILLING WITH SMOKE DUE TO A POSSIBLE SHORT CIRCUIT IN EITHER A LAMP OR THE EXTENSION CORD IT WAS PLUGGED INTO. THE FUSE WAS BLOWN AS A RESULT OF THE INCIDENT. NO MONITORY DAMAGE WAS SUSTAINED AND NO FIRE OCCURRED.

Incident Date: 20011106 City: BOURBONNAIS State: IL

A FIRE OCCURRED AT A LANDSCAPE AND GARDEN CENTER WHERE PRE-STRUNG christmas LIGHTS ARE SITUATED ON ARTIFICIAL christmas TREES. TOO MANY PRE-STRUNG christmas TREE LIGHT PLUGS MAY HAVE BEEN PLUGGED INTO ONE EXTENSION CORD. THE CORD'S INSULATION GRADUALLY MELTED OVER TIME. THE HEATED CORD MAY HAVE SPARKED. THE SPARK, IN TURN, MAY HAVE IGNITED A HIGHLY FLAMMABLE CLOTH THAT COVERED THE BASE OF THE TREE. THERE WAS ABOUT \$300,000 DAMAGE TO THE STRUCTURE. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 20011026 City: LODI State: CA

FIRE INVESTIGATOR DETERMINED THAT THE CAUSE OF A RESIDENTIAL FIRE WAS DUE TO AN ELECTRICAL SHORT IN AN EXTENSION CORD. AN UPRIGHT FREEZER WAS PLUGGED INTO THE EXTENSION CORD, AND THE CORD WAS THEN COILED UP BENEATH A PIECE OF CARPET WITH A LARGE RECYCLE CONTAINER PLACED DIRECTLY ON TOP OF IT. THERE WERE NO INJURIES. THE EXTENSION CORD WAS LEFT AT THE SCENE.

Incident Date: 20011109 City: FORT SUPPLY State: OK

A WOMAN 26 YEARS OLD AND HER CHILDREN, AGES 3 AND 1, DIED FROM SMOKE INHALATION (ANOXIA) AND THERMAL BURNS IN A MOBILE HOME. THE FIRE BEGAN IN AN AREA OF THE LIVING ROOM WITH AN ELECTRIC POWER STRIP EXTENSION CORD.

Incident Date: 20011116 City: WOONSOCKET State: RI

THE 54-YEAR-OLD CONSUMER PERISHED IN A FIRE THAT STARTED IN THE WALL OF HIS LIVING ROOM. THE FIRE STARTED AT AN OUTLET WHERE A MODIFIED EXTENSION CORD HAD BEEN PLUGGED IN. A LAMP HAD BEEN SPLICED INTO THE EXTENSION CORD, AND A GLUE GUN WAS PLUGGED INTO THE SAME EXTENSION CORD. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT DETERMINED THAT THE ELECTRICAL SYSTEM IN THE APARTMENT HAD BEEN MODIFIED AND WAS NOT IN CONFORMANCE WITH LOCAL BUILDING CODES. THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE WAS ELECTRICAL FAILURE. PROPERTY DAMAGE ESTIMATE IS UNKNOWN.

Incident Date: 20011115 City: LAKE ELMO State: MN

THE COMPLAINANT'S WIFE WALKED INTO THEIR KITCHEN AND FOUND A SMALL COTTON HEADBAND, WHICH WAS LYING ON TOP OF THEIR WALL MOUNTED CORDLESS TELEPHONE ON FIRE. THE HEADBAND WAS REMOVED AND THROWN IN AN ASHTRAY. SHE EXAMINED THE TELEPHONE AND FOUND THAT THE BASE UNIT AND ANTENNA WERE MELTED. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 20011115 City: VANCOUVER State: WA

A CONSUMER REPORTED THAT A TOASTER OVEN WOULD NOT SHUT OFF WHEN HE TURNED THE CONTROL KNOB TO THE OFF POSITION. HE SAID THAT THE HEATING ELEMENT CONTINUED TO OPERATE AT HIGH HEAT REGARDLESS OF THE POSITION OF THE CONTROL KNOB. HE SAID THAT HE SHUT OFF THE TOASTER OVEN BY REMOVING THE POWER CORD PLUG FROM THE ELECTRICAL OUTLET. NO INJURIES OR FIRE DAMAGE OCCURRED.

Incident Date: 20011213 City: HAMPSTEAD State: MD

VICTIM HAD HOLIDAY LIGHTS PLUGGED INTO EXTENSION CORDS, WHICH WERE PLUGGED INTO A RECENTLY PURCHASED POWER STRIP. THE POWER STRIP WAS PLUGGED INTO AN OUTLET IN THE VICTIM'S SHED. A FIRE ORIGINATED IN THE AREA OF THE SHED THAT HAD THE POWER STRIP LOCATED. THERE WAS NO INJURY AND AN ESTIMATED \$2,000.00 IN PROPERTY DAMAGE TO THE SHED.

Incident Date: 20011217 City: DES MOINES State: IA

ON 12/17/2001, A FIRE WAS IGNITED IN AN ATTIC AREA BY AN ELECTRIC christmas CANDLE, WHICH WAS PLUGGED INTO TWO EXTENSION CORDS AND AN ELECTRIC TIMER. THIS AREA OF THE HOME HAD OLD KNOB AND TUBE WIRING. AN ESTIMATED \$106,000 IN PROPERTY DAMAGE WAS CAUSED.

Incident Date: 20021101 City: CLIFTON State: IL

THE COMPLAINANT FOUND THAT HIS CORDLESS DRILL BATTERY CHARGERS AND ONE OF THE BATTERIES HAD APPARENTLY OVERHEATED AND DISTORTED IN SHAPE AFTER BEING PLUGGED IN FOR AN UNDETERMINED PERIOD OF TIME OF SEVERAL WEEKS TO TWO MONTHS. THE PRODUCTS WERE 4 TO 5 YEARS OLD. NO FIRE OCCURRED IN THE INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 20011120 City: JAMESTOWN State: NY

A BUILDING HOUSING FOUR APARTMENTS SUSTAINED \$24,000 IN DAMAGES WHEN A PORTABLE HEATER THAT WAS PLUGGED IN TO AN EXTENSION CAUSED THE EXTENSION CORD TO OVERHEAT. THE EXTENSION CORD CAUGHT FIRE. THERE WERE NO INJURIES OR DEATHS.

Incident Date: 20010930 City: BREEZY POINT State: MN

A FIRE IN A DUPLEX, ORIGINALLY THOUGHT TO HAVE BEEN STARTED BY A GAS HEATER, WAS CAUSED BY (AS PER FIRE REPORT) "SOME TYPE OF ELECTRICAL MALFUNCTION INVOLVING AN ELECTRICAL PLUG IN STRIP EXTENSION CORD THAT WAS LYING ON A FLOOR WITH NUMEROUS CLOTHES LYING ON TOP OF THE PLUG IN STRIP". THE DUPLEX WAS A TOTAL LOSS.

Incident Date: 20011129 City: NILES State: OH

A SURGE PROTECTOR THAT HAD A CORDLESS PHONE AND AN OXYGEN MACHINE PLUGGED INTO IT CAUGHT ON FIRE. NO INJURIES OCCURRED AND DAMAGE WAS LIMITED TO THE SURGE PROTECTOR. THE SURGE PROTECTOR WAS UNDER A HOSPITAL BED IN THE LIVING ROOM OF THE COMPLAINANT'S HOME.

Incident Date: 20011204 City: GREENSBORO State: NC

A 2-BEDROOM APARTMENT WAS DESTROYED FROM A FIRE THAT ORIGINATED WHEN A TABLE LAMP CORD SHORT-CIRCUITED. THE ELECTRIC CORD SPARKED, IGNITED AN UPHOLSTERED COUCH AND FIRE SPREAD THROUGHOUT THE LIVINGROOM. ESTIMATED DAMAGES: \$40,000-STRUCTURE; \$15,000-CONTENTS. NO OCCUPANTS, NO INJURIES RESULTED.

Incident Date: 20011128 City: RANDOLPH State: MS

PENNIES LYING IN THE BOTTOM OF AN ELECTRIC CLOTHES DRYER ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE CAUSED A SHORT IN THE CORD ON THE DRYER CAUSING A HOUSE FIRE. APPROXIMATELY HALF THE HOUSE WAS DESTROYED. NO INJURIES WERE INCURRED.

Incident Date: 20011215 City: WELLSVILLE State: NY

THE MISUSE OF AN ELECTRICAL COOLING FAN RESULTED IN A STRUCTURE FIRE. THE OCCUPANTS HAD BEEN THROWING ROLLER BLADES AND SKATES ON THE CORD. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 20011226 City: DETROIT State: MI

THREE INDIVIDUALS DIED IN A HOUSE FIRE INVOLVING SEVERAL SPACE HEATERS AND EXTENSION CORDS. THE HOME DIDN'T HAVE HEAT AND FIVE OCCUPANTS WERE USING THE SPACE HEATERS, WHICH WERE PLUGGED INTO SEVERAL EXTENSION CORDS. THE HOME'S FUSES HAD TRIPPED AT LEAST FIVE TIMES BEFORE THE FIRE STARTED. ONE ADULT AND ONE CHILD WERE ABLE TO ESCAPE. THREE CHILDREN DIED FROM SMOKE AND SOOT INHALATION. THE HOME DID HAVE WORKING SMOKE DETECTORS. ESTIMATED PROPERTY AND CONTENTS LOSS WAS VALUED AT \$35,000.

Incident Date: 20011222 City: BASTROP State: LA

A 5-YEAR-OLD MALE WAS TRAPPED IN HIS BEDROOM WHEN A FIRE OCCURRED IN HIS HOME. A LIGHT WEIGHT EXTENSION CORD WAS LYING ON THE FLOOR. THE CORD HAD BEEN STEPPED ON SO MUCH IT HAD JUST WORN OUT AND IGNITED ITEMS AROUND IT. IT IS NOT KNOWN IF THE CORD WAS TAPED TO THE FLOOR OR IF A CARPET WAS LYING OVER THE EXTENSION CORD. THE VICTIM DIED AT THE SCENE OF SMOKE INHALATION. ESTIMATED PROPERTY DAMAGE \$40,000.00 AND CONTENT DAMAGE WAS \$20,000.00. IT IS NOT KNOWN IF THERE WAS SMOKE DETECTORS IN THE HOME.

Incident Date: 20011226 City: LE CLAIRE State: IA

ON 12/26/2001, A FIRE WAS IGNITED IN THE AREA OF christmas LIGHTS PLUGGED INTO A CONTROL BOX AND EXTENSION CORDS, ON THE EXTERIOR ROOF LINE OF A HOUSE. OVER \$50,000 IN PROPERTY DAMAGE WAS CAUSED, AND NO ONE WAS INJURED.

Incident Date: 20011225 City: MANHATTAN State: IL

A christmas TREE WITH PERMANENTLY MOUNTED DECORATION LIGHTS IS SUSPECTED OF BEING RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CAUSE OF A FIRE. THE HOUSE WAS VACANT AT THE TIME THE FIRE ORIGINATED. THE PRODUCT WAS CONSUMED BY THE FIRE. THERE WAS \$150,000 IN STRUCTURAL DAMAGE. FIRE OFFICIALS DO NOT BELIEVE THE EXTENSION CORD WAS RESPONSIBLE. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 20011226 City: OAKLAND State: CA

A NEWSPAPER STORY ALLEGES THAT A FIRE, WHICH STARTED IN AN APARTMENT, WAS DUE TO AN OVERHEATED EXTENSION CORD. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT WAS NOT ABLE TO DETERMINE WHAT WAS THE MATERIAL TO FIRST IGNITE DURING THIS FIRE. THE OCCUPANTS WERE SLEEPING, BUT THEY DID AWAKE AND ESCAPE THIS FIRE WITHOUT ANY INJURIES. ONE FIREFIGHTER SUFFERED A MINOR INJURY TO HIS FOOT, WHILE FIGHTING THIS FIRE. FIRE DAMAGE TO THE APARTMENT IS ESTIMATED AT ABOUT \$65,000.-.

Incident Date: 20011230 City: COLUMBUS State: NJ

HOMEOWNERS WERE WATCHING TELEVISION AND SAW THE GLOW OF A FIRE OUTSIDE THEIR HOME COMING FROM THE HOLIDAY LIGHTS ON THEIR TREES. A NEIGHBOR PUT OUT THE FIRE WITH AN EXTINGUISHER WHILE THEY CALLED 911. FIRE PERSONNEL CHECKED THE HOUSE FOR WIRING DAMAGE. THE FIRE BURNED THE LIGHTS, DAMAGED THE EXTENSION CORD AND CAUSED SOME STRUCTURAL DAMAGE TO THE SIDING. UPC ON THE LIGHTS IS UNKNOWN.

Incident Date: 20011223 City: POMPANO BEACH State: FL

A SEVENTEEN YEAR OLD MALE SUFFERED FIRST DEGREE BURNS TO HIS FACE AND HANDS AND HIS FIFTY-TWO YEAR OLD GRANDMOTHER SUFFERED MINOR SMOKE INHALATION AS A RESULT OF A HOUSE FIRE. THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE WAS AN ELECTRIC MALFUNCTION/OVERLOAD CONDITION CAUSED BY MULTIPLE SETS OF MINIATURE christmas LIGHTS IN ONE CIRCUIT THROUGH ONE EXTENSION CORD. THE HEAT FROM THE LIGHTS SET A christmas TREE ON FIRE WHICH SPREAD AND DESTROYED THE DWELLING. DAMAGE WAS ESTIMATED AT \$150,000.

Incident Date: 20011216 City: ROSLINDALE State: MA

A HOUSE FIRE WHICH CAUSED APPROXIMATELY \$125,000 DAMAGE TO A SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE HAS BEEN ATTRIBUTED TO THE IGNITION OF AN UPHOLSTERED CHAIR BY SPARKS AND FLAMES FROM AN EXTENSION CORD. NO INJURIES RESULTED FROM THIS OCCURRENCE.

Incident Date: 20020104 City: JENSEN BEACH State: FL

A FIRE THAT ORIGINATED IN THE MASTER BEDROOM OF A ONE-FAMILY RESIDENCE WAS CAUSED BY A SHORT CIRCUIT IN A "LITE DUTY" POWER STRIP TYPE EXTENSION CORD THAT HAD BEEN AFFIXED TO A WALL. A MATTRESS/BEDDING WERE ALSO INVOLVED. THE SIXTY-EIGHT YEAR OLD HOMEOWNER SUSTAINED SCRATCHES AND BITES WHEN HE ATTEMPTED TO CATCH AND REMOVE ONE OF NINE CATS THAT LIVED IN THE HOUSE. THREE CATS DIED AS A RESULT OF THE FIRE.

Incident Date: 20011127 City: BEDFORD State: MA

A FIFTY-YEAR-OLD FEMALE SUSTAINED A MINOR FIRST DEGREE BURN TO HER RIGHT WRIST AND KNUCKLES WHILE ATTEMPTING TO EXTINGUISH A RESIDENTIAL BEDROOM FIRE. A PILLOW AND BEDDING IGNITED WHEN THE RECEIVER OF A CORDLESS TELEPHONE ANSWERING MACHINE SYSTEM IGNITED.

Incident Date: 20020108 City: FAIRFAX State: VA

A 46 YEAR OLD MALE DIED AS A RESULT OF A FIRE IN THE BEDROOM OF HIS APARTMENT ON THE 8TH FLOOR OF A HIGH-RISE CONDOMINIUM. APPARENTLY, AN ELECTRICAL EXTENSION CORD, IN WORN CONDITION, SHORT CIRCUITED AND IGNITED A CARPET UNDER THE BED.

Incident Date: 20020110 City: BOCA RATON State: FL

AN ELECTRICAL MALFUNCTION IN A TOASTER/OVEN APPLIANCE THAT WAS PLUGGED IN BUT NOT IN USE WAS THE CAUSE OF A HOUSE FIRE. THE FIRE RESULTED IN THE DEATH OF A DOG AND \$30,000 IN DAMAGES TO THE STRUCTURE AND CONTENTS. FACTORS THAT MAY HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THE FIRE WAS A FAULTY STREET TRANSFORMER ON THE DAY OF THE INCIDENT THAT WAS PRODUCING LOW VOLTAGE AND POSSIBLE ELECTRICAL SPIKES AND A POSSIBLE CRIMPED ELECTRICAL APPLIANCE CORD.

Incident Date: 20010514 City: COLUMBIA HEIGH State: MN

A 39-YEAR-OLD FEMALE AND HER 12-YEAR-OLD DAUGHTER DIED OF CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING IN A HOUSE FIRE THAT STARTED IN THE LIVING ROOM WHILE THE VICTIMS WERE SLEEPING IN AN UPSTAIRS BEDROOM. THE FIRE IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN STARTED IN AN UPHOLSTERED CHAIR OR DUE TO ELECTRICAL CORDS. ARSON IS ALSO BEING INVESTIGATED. THERE WERE NO WORKING SMOKE DETECTORS IN THE HOME. DAMAGES WERE ESTIMATED AT \$200,000.

Incident Date: 20020119 City: CINCINNATI State: OH

TWO PEOPLE WERE INJURED WHEN A FIRE CAUSED \$100,000 IN DAMAGES AT A MOTEL. THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE WAS DETERMINED TO BE A MICROWAVE OVEN'S ELECTRICAL POWER CORD. INFORMATION ON THE MICROWAVE OVEN COULD NOT BE DETERMINED.

Incident Date: 20020121 City: JACKSON State: MI

32 Y/O/M & 34 Y/O/F LEFT THEIR RENTED HOME WITH THEIR CHILDREN, 8 Y/O/M, 5 Y/O/F. THEY TURNED OFF A HALOGEN LAMP WHEN THEY LEFT. THEY RETURNED 3 HRS LATER & FOUND HOME ABLAZE. THEIR 2 DOGS DIED. NO OTHER INJURIES. ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF- CAUSE OF THE FIRE- FAULTY ELECT. CORD OF HALOGEN LAMP. DAMAGE-EST. AT \$10,000 PROPERTY, \$10,000 CONTENTS.

Incident Date: 20010115 City: COLORADO SPRIN State: CO

ELECTRICAL FIRE EMANATING FROM AN OVERHEATED ELECTRICAL CORD CONSUMED A BUS USED AS A HOME AND CONTRIBUTED TO THE DEATH OF AN ADULT WOMAN. HEAVY METAL AUTOMOBILE PARTS WERE STORED ON THE CORD FOR A PROLONGED PERIOD. AN OLD SCHOOL BUS HAD BEEN CONVERTED TO LIVING QUARTERS, A FIRE CAUSED BY AN ELECTRICAL SHORT IN A POWER CORD USED TO SUPPLY ELECTRIC TO THE APPLIANCES BEING USED IN THE BUS, DESTROYED THE BUS. A 35 YEAR OLD WOMAN DIED IN THE FIRE. HEADQUARTERS ANALYSIS STATED THAT THE INCIDENT WAS OUT OF SCOPE.

Incident Date: 20011219 City: MIAMI SPRINGS State: FL

AN ELECTRICAL FIRE IN A DRUG STORE AFTER HOURS REPORTEDLY ORIGINATED IN AN AREA NEAR AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET WHERE THERE A MULTI-OUTLET POWER STRIP CONNECTED TO EXTENSION CORDS CONNECTED TO christmas LIGHTS. THERE WERE NO INJURIES. THE FIRE RESULTED IN \$300,000 DAMAGES TO THE BUILDING AND \$300,000 DAMAGES TO THE CONTENTS.

Incident Date: 20010101 City: CAROL CITY State: FL

FIVE RESIDENTS IN A SINGLE-FAMILY HOUSE INCLUDING THE 39-YEAR OLD FEMALE HOMEOWNER AND A 47-YEAR OLD MALE AND THREE CHILDREN ESCAPED A FIRE REPORTEDLY ORIGINATING IN ONE OF THE BEDROOMS IN THE AREA NEAR AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET WHERE THERE WERE SEVERAL HOUSEHOLD-TYPE EXTENSION CORDS AND A 3-OUTLET POWER TAP ADAPTER. THERE WERE NO INJURIES REPORTED. THE FIRE RESULTED IN \$70,000 DAMAGES TO THE HOUSE AND \$30,000 DAMAGES TO THE CONTENTS.

Incident Date: 20020201 City: BURKE State: VA

A 50-YEAR-OLD STATED THAT A FLUORESCENT LIGHT FIXTURE, SITUATED IN HIS BASEMENT, CAUGHT ON FIRE AFTER BEING IN USE FOR APPROXIMATELY THREE HOURS. THE COMPLAINANT IMMEDIATELY UNPLUGGED THE FLUORESCENT LIGHT FIXTURE'S ELECTRIC CORD AND THEN BLEW OUT THE TWO-INCH HIGH FLAMES. ALTHOUGH THE WOOD DIRECTLY ABOVE THE FLUORESCENT LIGHT FIXTURE BECAME CHARRED, THERE WERE NO INJURIES OR OTHER PROPERTY DAMAGE ASSOCIATED WITH THIS INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 20020202 City: PROVIDENCE State: RI

AN OVERLOADED ELECTRIC EXTENSION CORD IGNITED A RUG THAT IT RAN UNDER CAUSING A FIRE THAT RESULTED IN AN ESTIMATED \$80,000 DAMAGE TO A THREE AND-A-HALF STORY APARTMENT BUILDING. SEVEN RESIDENTS WERE TREATED FOR SMOKE INHALATION.

Incident Date: 20020201 City: MAPLEGROVE State: MI

OVER A PERIOD OF TIME, PAPERS HAD ACCUMULATED AROUND THE COMPRESSOR OF A 1950'S HOTPOINT REFRIGERATOR THAT WAS KEPT IN A GARAGE. THIS CAUSED THE COMPRESSOR TO OVERHEAT & THE POWER CORD TO SHORT. THIS SHORT IGNITED NEARBY COMBUSTIBLES, CAUGHT FIRE & DESTROYED THE DETACHED GARAGE. NO INJURIES OCCURRED. VALUE OF CONTENT, PROPERTY LOSS UNKNOWN. NO INSURANCE

Incident Date: 20020101 City: DALLAS State: TX

AN 86-YEAR-OLD MALE, THE HOMEOWNER, HIS 44-YEAR-OLD DAUGHTER AND A FEMALE TEENAGER WERE AT HOME AT THE TIME OF THE FIRE. A LAMP CORD PLUGGED DIRECTLY INTO THE WALL OUTLET ON THE WALL UNDER THE WINDOW WAS SQUASHED BEHIND A COUCH. EVERY TIME SOMEONE SAT DOWN ON THE COUCH IT WOULD WEAR THE LAMP CORD. THE WORN LAMP CORD SHORTED AND IGNITED CURTAINS AND SPREAD TO THE COUCH, THEN TO ALL COMBUSTIBLES IN THE ROOM. THE 86-YEAR-OLD VICTIM AND HIS DAUGHTER DIED AT THE SCENE; THE TEENAGER ESCAPED UNINJURED. IT IS NOT KNOWN IF THERE WERE SMOKE DETECTORS IN THE HOME.

Incident Date: 20020213 City: MORROW State: GA

A 16 MONTH OLD MALE DIED FROM SMOKE INHALATION AS A RESULT OF A FIRE THAT WAS IGNITED FROM A SHORT IN A TWO WIRE EXTENSION CORD. THE VICTIM'S FATHER HAD STAPLED THE EXTENSION CORD TO A WALL WITH METAL STAPLES RUNNING PARALLEL BETWEEN THE TWO CONDUCTORS IN THE CORD. THE FIRE AND SMOKE DAMAGE TO THE SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING WAS APPROXIMATELY \$30,000.

Incident Date: 20011218 City: WICHITA FALLS State: TX

THE VICTIM, A 64 YEAR-OLD FEMALE, DIED FROM SMOKE INHALATION AS A RESULT OF A FIRE IN HER HOME. THE ORIGIN OF THE FIRE WAS DETERMINED TO BE THE POWER CORD OF A LAMP THAT OVERHEATED/ARCED AND IGNITED A SOFA NEARBY. NO OTHER INJURIES WERE SUSTAINED AND PROPERTY DAMAGE WAS ESTIMATED AT BETWEEN \$25,000 TO \$49,000.

Incident Date: 20020223 City: LAKE WORTH State: FL

A SEVENTY-SIX YEAR OLD MALE SUFFERED THE EFFECTS OF MINOR SMOKE INHALATION AS A RESULT OF ATTEMPTING TO PUT OUT A FIRE IN HIS CONDOMINIUM APARTMENT. THE FIRE WAS CAUSED BY A SHORT CIRCUIT IN A COILED UP LINE CORD OF A LAMP THAT WAS RUN UNDERNEATH A BOOKCASE. DAMAGE WAS ESTIMATED AT \$30,000 TO STRUCTURE AND PROPERTY.

Incident Date: 20020208 City: BAKERSFIELD State: CA

THE DOOR SWITCH OF A 22-YEAR-OLD, FREESTANDING AUTOMATIC DISHWASHER SHORT-CIRCUITED WHILE IN OPERATION CAUSING THE WIRE CONNECTING THE SWITCH TO THE TIMER TO CATCH FIRE. THE FIRE WAS CONTAINED IN THE APPLIANCE AFTER ITS POWER CORD WAS UNPLUGGED FROM THE OUTLET. NOBODY WAS INJURED IN THE INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 20020219 City: SAN FRANCISCO State: CA

MICROWAVE OVEN CAUGHT ON FIRE AFTER CONSUMER PUT 2 POTATOES IN UNIT. HOWEVER, CONSUMER RIPPED CORD OF WALL AND UNIT STOPPED. NO INJURY OR PROPERTY DAMAGE DUE TO FIRE INSIDE OVEN.

Incident Date: 20020220 City: WINFIELD State: KS

A 13 YEARS OLD BOY SAW SMOKE COMING FROM AN ELECTRIC POWER STRIP (EXTENSION CORD) AT HOME. HE UNPLUGGED THE POWER STRIP AND WAS NOT INJURED. THE POWER STRIP AND A PLUG WERE MELTED DURING THE FIRE.

Incident Date: 20020131 City: HARRISONVILLE State: MO

A 41-YEAR-OLD MALE HARRISONVILLE, MO, CONSUMER WAS RUNNING A GENERATOR IN HIS GARAGE DURING AN ICE STORM WHICH HAD CAUSED A LOSS OF POWER TO THE RESIDENCE EARLIER IN THE DAY. THE GENERATOR WAS BEING USED AS AN ALTERNATIVE POWER SOURCE. THE CONSUMER'S WIFE AWOKE FEELING SICK AND DISORIENTED. SHE KNEW SOMETHING WAS WRONG AND PROCEEDED TO THE LIVING ROOM WHERE SHE FOUND HER HUSBAND UNRESPONSIVE. THE FRONT AND BACK DOOR TO THE GARAGE WERE OPEN FOR VENTILATION. A POWER CORD LED INTO THE HOME THROUGH A GARAGE DOOR TO THE KITCHEN. THE DOOR WAS CLOSED OVER THE CORD. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT FOUND THAT THE HIGHEST CO READING IN THE HOME WAS 435 PPM. THE CONSUMER WAS TRANSPORTED TO A LOCAL HOSPITAL AND PRONOUNCED DEAD.

Incident Date: 20020225 City: GRENADA State: MS

A FIRE ORIGINATED IN THE BEDROOM OF AN APARTMENT WHERE AN EXTENSION CORD WAS BEING USED TO RUN ELECTRICITY FROM A DOWNSTAIRS APARTMENT TO A BEDROOM IN AN UPSTAIRS APARTMENT. THE CORD WAS PLUGGED INTO A PORTABLE ELECTRIC SPACE HEATER. FOUR PEOPLE (AGES 23, 22, L AND A 2-MONTH-OLD) WERE TAKEN TO THE HOSPITAL VIA AMBULANCE AND TREATED FOR SMOKE INHALATION. THREE OTHERS (AGES 3, 4 AND 6) DIED DUE TO SMOKE INHALATION AND WERE TRANSPORTED DIRECTLY TO THE MORGUE.

Incident Date: 20020220 City: CASTLETON State: VT

A HOUSE FIRE WHICH CAUSED APPROXIMATELY \$7000 DAMAGE TO A MOBILE HOME HAS BEEN ATTRIBUTED TO AN EXTENSION CORD, WHICH HAD BEEN PROVIDING ELECTRICITY TO A HEAT TAPE FOR THE WATER PIPE OF THIS HOME. NO INJURIES RESULTED FROM THIS FIRE.

Incident Date: 20021218 City: HOLLYWOOD State: FL

AN ELECTRICAL MALFUNCTION IN THE LINE CORD OF AN ELECTRIC COFFEE MAKER THAT WAS IN THE "OFF" MODE, SITUATED ON A KITCHEN COUNTER TOP OF AN APARTMENT, WAS FOUND TO BE THE CAUSE OF FIRE THAT RESULTED IN AN ESTIMATED \$5,000 IN DAMAGES TO STRUCTURE AND CONTENTS. THE APARTMENTS SPRINKLER SYSTEM HELPED SUBDUE THE FIRE. THE OCCUPANT WAS NOT AT HOME AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 20021125 City: PHILADELPHIA State: PA

THE 34 YEAR OLD FEMALE VICTIM SUSTAINED 2ND DEGREE BURNS ON HER LEFT RING AND MIDDLE FINGER WHEN THE VACUUM SHE WAS USING AT WORK HAD A SPARK OF FIRE COME THROUGH THE HANDLE FROM THE CORD OF THE VACUUM. THE VICTIM WENT TO THE HOSPITAL WHERE SHE WAS TREATED AND RELEASED.

Incident Date: 20020202 City: CHICAGO State: IL

FOUR CHILDREN SUFFERED INJURIES IN A HOUSE FIRE. ONE 7-YEAR OLD FEMALE DIED FROM MULTIPLE INJURIES. THE FIRE MAY HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY A NATURAL GAS FIRED COOKING RANGE, AN EXTENSION CORD, AND/OR POWER CORD. FIRE OFFICIALS COULD NOT BE DEFINITE IN THEIR CONCLUSION DUE TO THE EXTENT OF DAMAGE.

Incident Date: 20020305 City: HARRISBURG State: PA

A SPACE HEATER LOCATED IN THE KITCHEN OF AN APARTMENT OVERHEATED CAUSING THE END OF THE CORD TO BURN AND FUSE TO THE ELECTRICAL OUTLET. THE FIRE SELF-EXTINGUISHED BEFORE FIRE PERSONNEL ARRIVED. THE VICTIM DIED FROM NATURAL CAUSES NOT RELATED TO THE FIRE.

Incident Date: 20011027 City: SYOSSET State: NY

NO INJURIES OCCURRED WHEN AN EXTENSION CORD BEING USED WITH AQUARIUM EQUIPMENT MALFUNCTIONED AND CAUSED A SERIOUS FIRE TO SEVERAL TOWNHOUSES AT A LARGE CONDOMINIUM COMPLEX.

Incident Date: 20011225 City: PHILADELPHIA State: MS

ACCORDING TO A CAPTAIN WITH THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, A FIRE ORIGINATED IN THE BATHROOM OF A HOME AS THE RESULT OF THE MISUSE OF AN ELECTRIC WALL MOUNTED HEATER THAT WAS DESIGNED TO BE MOUNTED INTO THE WALL BUT IT WAS NOT. HE STATED THERE WAS A WOOD FRAME AROUND THE HEATER THAT WAS BEING RUN OFF AN EXTENSION CORD. HE STATED THE FIRE WAS RULED AS ACCIDENTAL IN NATURE BECAUSE OF THE MISUSE OF THE HEATER. NO INJURIES WERE INVOLVED BUT THE DOG DIED IN THE FIRE.

Incident Date: 20020405 City: OKLAHOMA CITY State: OK

A FIRE STARTED IN A CLOSET WITH AN AQUARIUM WATER PUMP AND WATER HEATER, AND AN EXTENSION CORD. A SMOKE ALARM ALERTED 4 PEOPLE WHO ESCAPED FROM THE HOUSE WITH NO INJURIES. THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE IS NOT KNOWN. THERE WAS A TOTAL OF \$175,000 PROPERTY AND CONTENTS DAMAGE.

Incident Date: 20020330 City: PROVIDENCE State: RI

AN ELECTRIC EXTENSION CORD THAT HAD AN ELECTRIC UPRIGHT SPACE HEATER PLUGGED INTO IT OVERHEATED IGNITING THE CARPET IT WAS ON AND LEADING TO A FIRE THAT CAUSED HEAVY FIRE AND SMOKE DAMAGE TO A THREE STORY WOODEN FRAMED MULTI-FAMILY APARTMENT BUILDING. THERE WERE NO INJURIES DUE TO THE INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 20020121 City: HEMPSTEAD State: NY

NO INJURIES OCCURRED WHEN AN EXTENSION CORD MALFUNCTIONED AND CAUSED A SERIOUS FIRE TO A MULTI FAMILY HOME. THE DOLLAR DAMAGE ESTIMATE WAS PLACED AT \$75,000.00

Incident Date: 20020322 City: HATTIESBURG State: MS

AN APPROXIMATE 70-YEAR-OLD MALE DIED DUE TO SMOKE INHALATION WHEN A FIRE ORIGINATED IN HIS HOME. THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE IS UNDETERMINED. HIS NIECE WAS ON THE FRONT PORCH WHEN SHE OPENED THE FRONT DOOR AND SAW FIRE COMING FROM THE AREA OF AN ELECTRIC SPACE HEATER THAT HAD INSULATION BURNT OFF THE CORD AND A SPLICED EXTENSION CORD ATTACHED. THE HEATER WAS SITTING IN THE MIDDLE OF THE FLOOR IN THE LIVING ROOM. THE NIECE MANAGED TO GET HER 2 CHILDREN OUT BUT SHE WAS UNABLE TO RESCUE HIM. HE WAS PRONOUNCED DEAD AT THE HOSPITAL.

Incident Date: 20020419 City: BELLA VISTA State: AR

CONSUMER DISCOVERED HIS TOASTER OVEN PRODUCING BLACK SMOKE WHILE HE WAS USING IT. IT'S ELECTRICAL CORD WAS DISCONNECTED FROM WALL OUTLET BEFORE A FIRE STARTED. THE OWNER BELIEVES THE WIRING BETWEEN POWER CABLE AND THERMOSTAT IS TOO LOOSE. THE PRODUCT WAS COLLECTED AS SAMPLE AND SENT TO SAMPLE CUSTODIAN.

Incident Date: 20020314 City: SPRINGBORO State: PA

A MOBILE HOME WAS DESTROYED IN A FIRE THAT ORIGINATED IN THE LAUNDRY ROOM. THE ELECTRIC CLOTHES DRYER WAS BEING USED. CLOTHING CAME IN CONTACT WITH THE HOT DRYER VENT AND IGNITED. THE FLAMES MELTED THE DRYER CORD. THE FIRE SPREAD THROUGHOUT THE MOBILE HOME. NO ONE WAS INJURED IN THE INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 20020414 City: SAN MATEO State: CA

NO ONE WAS INJURED DURING THIS APARTMENT FIRE. THE LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORTS THAT THIS FIRE APPEARS TO HAVE STARTED AT A WORN OR DAMAGED PORTION OF AN ELECTRICAL POWER CORD. THIS POWER CORD WAS FOR EITHER A PRINTER, A DESK LAMP (OR ?), AND THE DAMAGE TO THE POWER CORD WAS LIKELY DUE TO MECHANICAL WEAR OR RUBBING AGAINST A SLIDING DOOR OF A DESK, ACCORDING TO ONE OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT INVESTIGATORS. FIRE DAMAGE IS ESTIMATED AT ABOUT \$10,000.-.

Incident Date: 20020425 City: REDWOOD VALLE State: CA

A 24 YEAR OLD UNEMPLOYED MOTHER LEFT HER TWO DAUGHTERS, AGES 4 AND 5, ALONE IN A 20' TRAVEL TRAILER. A LONG EXTENSION CORD FROM A NEARBY BARN PROVIDED ELECTRICITY TO RUN THE LIGHTS, REFRIGERATOR, AND A PORTABLE ELECTRICAL HEATER IN THE TRAILER. THE MOTHER LEFT AFTER 11:00 PM AND WHEN WHE RETURNED 2 1/2 HOURS LATER, THE TRAILER WAS FULLY ENGULFED IN FLAMES. THE TWO DAUGHTERS DIED IN THE TRAILER FIRE. THE FIRE WAS CAUSED BY A FREE STANDING ELECTRICAL HEATER WHICH WAS RUNNING AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT. THE MOTHER WAS CHARGED WITH TWO COUNTS OF INVOLUNTARY MANSLAUGHTER AND TWO COUNTS OF FELONY CHILD ENDANGERMENT DUE TO LEAVING THE CHILDREN ALONE IN THE TRAILER.

Incident Date: 20020512 City: QUEENS State: NY

A FIRE STARTED IN THE ATTIC BEDROOM OF A FRAME HOUSE AS A RESULT OF A MATTRESS BEING PLACED ON AN EXTENSION CORD.

Incident Date: 20020512 City: BRONX State: NY

SPARKS EMITTED FROM AN ELECTRIC EXTENSION CORD IN AN URBAN APARTMENT, SET FIRE TO AN UPHOLSTERED COUCH, AND SPREAD TO THE SURROUNDING LIVING ROOM CONTENTS BEFORE BEING EXTINGUISHED BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. A 17-YEAR OLD MALE AND A 23-YEAR OLD FEMALE IN THE APARTMENT AT THE TIME ESCAPED UNINJURED.

Incident Date: 20020314 City: ALOHA State: OR

A FIRE STARTED AT AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET CONNECTED TO A PORTABLE ELECTRIC HEATER IN A 25 YEAR OLD SINGLE FAMILY HOME. THE OCCUPANTS USED PORTABLE HEATERS AS THE SOLE SOURCE OF HEAT FOR SIX YEARS BEFORE THE FIRE. A PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR CONCLUDED THAT A CHILD SAFETY COVER ON THE ELECTRICAL OUTLET CONTRIBUTED TO THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE BY PREVENTING FULL ENGAGEMENT OF THE HEATER CORD PLUG IN THE OUTLET. THE INVESTIGATOR FOUND HEAT DAMAGE IN OTHER OUTLETS WITH CHILD SAFETY COVERS IN THE HOME WHERE HEATERS WERE USED. NO INJURIES WERE REPORTED. THE FIRE CAUSED \$45,000 PROPERTY DAMAGE.

Incident Date: 20020519 City: WASHINGTON State: DC

A FIRE STARTED IN A THREE-BEDROOM CONDOMINIUM AFTER THE OCCUPANTS PLUGGED AN EXTENSION CORD, SERVICING A SPOT LIGHT, INTO A LIVING ROOM RECEPTACLE. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT DETERMINED THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE TO BE AN UNSPECIFIED ELECTRICAL MALFUNCTION. ALTHOUGH THERE WERE NO HUMAN INJURIES ASSOCIATED WITH THIS INCIDENT, PROPERTY DAMAGE WAS ESTIMATED AT \$50,000.

Incident Date: 20020529 City: CHICAGO State: IL

A TWO-YEAR-OLD VICTIM FEMALE DIED FROM BURNS AND SMOKE INHALATION FROM A HOUSE FIRE. THE OTHER TWO CHILDREN AND THE GRANDMOTHER SUFFERED FROM SMOKE INHALATION. THE FIRE IGNITED IN A PILE OF CLOTHES THAT WERE LAYING ON AN EXTENSION CORD.

Incident Date: 20020601 City: WASHINGTON State: DC

A TWO YEAR OLD FEMALE DIED IN AN APARTMENT FIRE. ACCORDING TO THE FIRE INVESTIGATOR, THE FIRE WAS CAUSED BECAUSE CLOTHING WAS PILED ON THE POWER CORD FOR AN AIR CONDITIONER. THE CLOTHING IGNITED AND THEN THE ROOM IGNITED.

Incident Date: 20020601 City: SAN ANGELO State: TX

A FIRE, ACCORDING TO A NEWSPAPER CLIPPING, WAS STARTED BY AN ELECTRIC EXTENSION CORD AT A SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE. UPON INVESTIGATING THIS INCIDENT, THE MOST PROBABLE CAUSE OF THE FIRE WAS AN ELECTRIC HAND HELD HAIRDRYER THE HOMEOWNER REWIRED A DAY PRIOR TO THE FIRE AND LEFT PLUGGED INTO A RECEPTACLE IN THE UTILITY ROOM. THE FIRE CAUSED \$80,000 IN PROPERTY DAMAGE AND \$40,000 IN PERSONAL PROPERTY DAMAGE. THE HOME WAS UNINSURED. NO INJURIES OCCURRED.

Incident Date: 20020524 City: NAPERVILLE State: IL

THE CONSUMER WAS USING HER ELECTRIC STEAM IRON WHEN FLAMES BEGAN EMITTING FROM THE EXTENSION CORD NEAREST THE BASE OF THE IRON. WHILE UNPLUGGING THE IRON FROM THE OUTLET, AND ABOUT TWO SECONDS LATER, THE SILVER IRONING BOARD COVER CAUGHT ON FIRE. THE FLAMES ON THE IRON DIED OUT AFTER UNPLUGGING IT. THE CONSUMER'S RELATIVE PUT THE FIRE ON THE BOARD OUT WITH HIS BARE HANDS. NO INJURIES OCCURRED.

Incident Date: 20020611 City: SILK HOPE State: NC

SIX INDIVIDUALS (6 YOF; 10 YOM; 13 YOM; 33 YOM; 41 YOF; 48 YOF) DIED IN A HOUSE FIRE CAUSED BY MISUSE OF A 100 FOOT EXTENSION CORD (OVERLOADED) RESULTING IN ELECTRICAL SHORTING AND/OR RESISTANCE HEATING THAT IGNITED A LOVE SEAT IN THE LIVING ROOM. THE VICTIMS DIED FROM SMOKE INHALATION. THE HOMEOWNER MANAGED TO ESCAPE FROM THE HOUSE WITH HIS 2 YEAR OLD DAUGHTER. TOTAL PROPERTY DAMAGES AMOUNTED TO \$75,000.00. THE HOUSE DID NOT HAVE A SMOKE DETECTOR. 2 FIREFIGHTERS SUSTAINED MINOR INJURIES

Incident Date: 20020425 City: BAKER CITY State: OR

A 72 YEAR OLD FEMALE DIED AS A RESULT OF SMOKE INHALATION DURING A FIRE IN HER HOME. THE FIRE STARTED DURING THE AFTERNOON WHILE THE VICTIM AND HER ADULT SON WERE SLEEPING. THE SON ESCAPED BUT WAS UNABLE TO RESCUE THE VICTIM. FIRE OFFICIALS CONCLUDED THAT CORD ATTACHED TO A TABLE LAMP OVER HEATED AND CAUSED THE FIRE. THE CORD WAS LOCATED UNDER A CARPET AND HOUSEHOLD ITEMS WERE PILED ON TOP OF THE CARPET DIRECTLY OVER THE LAMP CORD. THE HOME AND CONTENTS WERE A TOTAL LOSS.

Incident Date: 20020511 City: FRESNO State: CA

FIRE OFFICIALS CITE AN ELECTRICAL WIRING SHORT CIRCUIT IN OR ABOUT AN OUTLET IN A BACKYARD SHED AS BEING RESPONSIBLE FOR A FIRE THAT IGNITED A COUCH AND OTHER NEARBY COMBUSTIBLE MATERIALS. A TENANT HAD WIRED THE SHED FIVE MONTHS PRIOR. AN EXTENSION CORD FROM THE HOME SUPPLIED POWER TO THE SHED.

Incident Date: 20020623 City: OGDEN State: KS

THE FIRE DEPARTMENT'S INVESTIGATOR DETERMINED THE CAUSE OF A HOUSE FIRE TO BE A SHORT IN THE CORD OF A CROCK-POT WHICH HAD MELTED IN THE FIRE. THE CROCK-POT WAS PLUGGED INTO AN OUTLET BUT WAS TURNED OFF. THE HOMEOWNER'S INSURANCE COMPANY HIRED AN INDEPENDENT FIRE INVESTIGATOR WHO DETERMINED THAT THE FIRE WAS CAUSED BY AN OVERHEATING CONDITION OF WIRES LOCATED INSIDE A WALL ON THE OPPOSITE SIDE OF THE KITCHEN FROM THE CROCK-POT LOCATION. TOTAL VALUE OF LOSS HAS NOT YET BEEN DETERMINED. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 20020627 City: YORK State: PA

AN EXTENSION CORD USED TO PLUG A WINDOW AIR CONDITIONER UNIT INTO A WALL OUTLET OVERHEATED CAUSING A FIRE IN THE BEDROOM OF A TWO STORY ROW HOUSE. THE THREE OCCUPANTS OF THE RESIDENCE ESCAPED WITHOUT INJURY.

Incident Date: 20020702 City: BELLA VISTA State: AR

ALTHOUGH NO INJURIES OR FIRE DAMAGES RESULTED, CONSUMER BELIEVES THE FIRE HAZARD IS SUBSTANTIAL. A 15 MONTH OLD ELECTRIC VACUUM CLEANER STARTED SMOKING AND FLAMING AFTER OWNER PLUGGED THE APPLIANCE CORD INTO WALL OUTLET. THE OWNER QUICKLY DRAGGED THE PRODUCT DOWNSTAIRS AND TO OUTSIDE OF HOUSE. PRODUCT COLLECTED AS SAMPLE.

Incident Date: 20020630 City: AURORA State: IL

A HOUSE FIRE KILLED A 61-YEAR-OLD DISABLED AURORA, IL MAN AFTER ELECTRICAL CIRCUITS OVERLOADED AND THREW SPARKS ONTO A COUCH IN THE MAN'S LIVING ROOM. EXTENSION CORDS WERE USED TO PLUG IN SEVERAL APPLIANCES, INCLUDING AN AIR CONDITIONER, INTO AN OUTLET WITH ONLY TWO SOCKETS. THE FIRE INVESTIGATOR FOUND 30-AMP FUSE CONTROLLING THE LIVING ROOM CIRCUIT, WHICH WAS DESIGNED TO HANDLE A MAXIMUM OF 15 AMPS.

Incident Date: 20020626 City: HUDSON State: MA

AN EXTENSION CORD CONNECTED TO A WINDOW-MOUNTED AIR CONDITIONER OVERHEATED IGNITING THE CARPET UPON WHICH IT RESTED. THE SECOND FLOOR APARTMENT OF A WOODEN-FRAMED FOUR-UNIT APARTMENT BUILDING SUSTAINED APPROXIMATELY \$22,000 FIRE AND SMOKE DAMAGE. THERE WERE NO INJURIES DUE TO THE INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 20020701 City: MEDFIELD State: MA

AFTER A SEVERED HIGH VOLTAGE POWER LINE CAUSED DISRUPTION TO LOCAL ELECTRICITY SERVICE, AN ADULT FEMALE RESET A TRIPPED CIRCUIT BREAKER AND WAS SUBSEQUENTLY ALERTED BY SMOKE FILLING HER OFFICE. FIRE OFFICIALS DETERMINED THAT A SURGE PROTECTOR SHORTED AND THE RESULTING ARCING BURNED THE POWER CORDS PLUGGED INTO IT. THERE WERE NO INJURIES SUSTAINED AND \$250.00 IN DAMAGE RESULTED.

Incident Date: 20010513 City: HOLLYWOOD State: FL

A SHORT CIRCUIT IN THE CONTROL KNOB OF A PEDESTAL TYPE ELECTRIC FAN AND SUBSEQUENT ADDITIONAL SHORT CIRCUITS IN THE POWER CORD WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR A FIRE IN A RENTAL LIVING UNIT OF A MOTEL. DAMAGE TO THE APPLIANCE, SURROUNDING CARPETING AND WALL AS WELL AS SMOKE DAMAGE TO THE LIVING UNIT WAS ESTIMATED AT \$300.00. NO INJURIES WERE SUSTAINED.

Incident Date: 20020711 City: SAN FRANCISCO State: CA

OFFICE WORKERS IN A FEDERAL OFFICE BUILDING SMELLED SMOKE. ONE OF THE EMPLOYEES FOLLOWED THE SOURCE AND LOOKED UNDERNEATH AN OFFICE DESK. SHE SAW A 7-OUTLET SURGE PROTECTOR ON FIRE. THE FIRE WAS CONFINED TO THE SURGE PROTECTOR. THE FIRE DAMAGED THE CARPET UNDERNEATH THE SURGE PROTECTOR. A COMPUTER, MONITOR, AND PRINTER POWER CORD WERE PLUGGED INTO THE SURGE PROTECTOR. ALL THREE COMPUTER EQUIPMENTS WERE IN THE "OFF" POSITION. NO ONE WAS INJURED IN THIS INCIDENT. THE SURGE PROTECTOR WITH ONE MELTED OUTLET WAS SAMPLED UNDER 02-840-6477.

Incident Date: 20020718 City: EAST HARTFORD State: CT

THERE WERE NO INJURIES WHEN THE CORD ON THE 44-YEAR-OLD FEMALE CONSUMER'S AIR CONDITIONER SHORTED OUT AND STARTED A FIRE IN HER LIVING ROOM. THE UNIT WAS A 5000 BTU WINDOW AIR CONDITIONER. THE POSITIVE WIRE IN THE AIR CONDITIONER CORD WAS BRITTLE AND CORRODED.

Incident Date: 20020710 City: BURLINGAME State: CA

THE VICTIM, A 54-YEAR-OLD FEMALE, PURCHASED A SEWING MACHINE IN 1974. THE 28-YEAR-OLD SEWING MACHINE WAS SITTING ON A DINING TABLE IN THE LIVING ROOM OF HER APARTMENT. THE POWER CORD WAS PLUGGED INTO A WALL OUTLET. WHILE SHE WAS DOWNSTAIRS WASHING HER CAR, THERE WAS A POWER OUTAGE IN HER AREA. WHEN THE POWER WAS TURNED BACK ON, THE SURGE OF ELECTRICITY STARTED A FIRE IN THE SEWING MACHINE ELECTRICAL WIRING AND PLASTIC HOUSING. THE FIRE WAS CONFINED TO THE SEWING MACHINE AND TO THE CONTENTS ON TOP OF THE TABLE. NO ONE WAS INJURED IN THIS INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 20020729 City: CHARLOTTE State: NC

A 45-YEAR OLD FEMALE WAS USING AN ELECTRIC HAND-HELD HAIRDRYER IN HER BATHROOM WHEN THE POWER CORD SPARKED AND CAUGHT ON FIRE (BURNED COMPLETELY IN-HALF). SHE TRIPPED THE BREAKER TO THE RECEPTACLE, CUTTING OFF THE ELECTRICAL POWER AND THE FIRE SELF-EXTINGUISHED. NO INJURIES OR PROPERTY DAMAGES OCCURRED.

Incident Date: 20020801 City: CLINTON State: IA

THE VICTIM DIED FROM SMOKE INHALATION IN A FIRE THAT WAS POSSIBLY CAUSED BY A FAN PLUGGED INTO AN EXTENSION CORD AND AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET.

Incident Date: 20020803 City: FORT WORTH State: TX

THE VICTIM, AN 82 YEAR-OLD MALE, WAS HOME ALONE WHEN A FIRE ERUPTED IN THE LIVING ROOM OF HIS HOME. THE VICTIM WAS SAVED FROM HIS BURNING HOME BY NEIGHBORS AND HOSPITALIZED FOR SMOKE INHALATION. PROPERTY DAMAGE WAS ESTIMATED AT \$40,000. THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE WAS A SHORT CIRCUIT IN THE POWER CORD OF A WINDOW AIR CONDITIONER.

Incident Date: 20020804 City: BATON ROUGE State: LA

SIX CHILDREN AGES 7 MONTHS TO 10-YEARS OLD DIED IN A HOUSE FIRE. THE FIRE ORIGINATED FROM AN OVERLOADED EXTENSION CORD ROUTED UNDER THE LIVING ROOM SOFA THAT WAS CONNECTED TO A WINDOW AIR-CONDITIONING UNIT.

Incident Date: 20020805 City: DARLINGTON State: PA

A 40 YEAR OLD FEMALE AND A FIFTY YEAR OLD MALE WERE TREATED FOR SMOKE INHALATION INJURIES AFTER A FIRE IN THEIR HOME. THE POWER CORD OF AN OLD PORTABLE ELECTRIC FAN STARTED A FIRE IN THE KITCHEN. THE FIRE CAUSED \$47,000 IN DAMAGES. THE VICTIMS HAVE RECOVERED.

Incident Date: 20020720 City: PORTLAND State: OR

AN EXTENSION CORD CONNECTED TO A ROOM AIR CONDITIONER OVERHEATED AND STARTED A FIRE WHILE THE OWNERS WERE AWAY FROM THEIR HOME. THE EXTENSION CORD WAS APPROXIMATELY 50 TO 100 FEET LONG. THE CORD WAS COILED AND PLACED UNDER A RUG AND UPHOLSTERED CHAIR. NO INJURIES WERE REPORTED. THE FIRE CAUSED APPROXIMATELY \$75,000 PROPERTY DAMAGE.

Incident Date: 20020803 City: MOSS LANDING State: CA

THE FIRE DEPARTMENT'S FIRE MARSHAL IDENTIFIED THE SOURCE OF IGNITION OF THIS BUILDING FIRE AS BEING "ELECTRICAL ARCING" OF THE POWER CORD OF A WORN OUT HANGING LAMP. THIS "ELECTRICAL ARCING" IGNITED CARPET IN THE KITCHEN OF THE APARTMENT. NO ONE WAS INJURED IN THIS FIRE. THE FIRE DAMAGE IS ESTIMATED AT ABOUT \$250,000.- TO THE STRUCTURE AND ABOUT \$300,000.- TO THE CONTENTS. THIS BUILDING CONSISTED OF A 2-BEDROOM APARTMENT AND TWO BUSINESSES.

Incident Date: 20020710 City: ENID State: OK

SEVEN PEOPLE LIVED IN A HOUSE WITHOUT AIR CONDITIONING IN THE SUMMER. AN OLD ELECTRIC FLOOR FAN, CONNECTED TO AN EXTENSION CORD, FELL OVER ON THE CARPETED FLOOR IN A BEDROOM AT NIGHT. THE FLOOR FAN OVERHEATED AND STARTED A FIRE IN THE HOUSE. FIVE PEOPLE ESCAPED FROM THE FIRE IN THE HOUSE. A MOTHER AND HER SON DIED FROM CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING IN THE FIRE. THE DEATHS WERE DETERMINED TO BE ACCIDENTAL.

Incident Date: 20020820 City: ROSEVILLE State: MN

THIS INVESTIGATION INVOLVED A HOUSE FIRE THAT STARTED IN THE BASEMENT. FIRE OFFICIALS FEEL THAT SEVERAL WOOD BOXES WERE PLACED ON TOP OF AN APPLIANCE CORD. THE CORD SHORTED OUT AND IGNITED NEARBY COMBUSTIBLES. A FIRE FIGHTER SUFFERED TORN LIGAMENTS AROUND HIS NECK WHILE FIGHTING THE FIRE.

Incident Date: 20020818 City: AMHERST State: NY

AN OVERLOADED EXTENSION CORD CAUSED A FIRE IN A ONE-STORY RANCH THAT RESULTED IN \$50,000 DAMAGE.

Incident Date: 20020821 City: WASHINGTON State: DC

A 62-YEAR-OLD FEMALE AND TEN OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS VACATED THEIR ROWHOUSE AFTER SMOKE AND FLAMES WERE DETECTED IN THE DINING ROOM. FIRE PERSONNEL WERE CALLED TO THE SCENE AND DETERMINED THAT THE FIRE WAS CAUSED BY ARCING CREATED FROM WORN INSULATION ON A MICROWAVE OVEN'S ELECTRICAL CORD. ALTHOUGH PROPERTY DAMAGE WAS ESTIMATED AT \$80,000, THERE WERE NO HUMAN INJURIES ASSOCIATED WITH THIS INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 20020717 City: SANDUSKY State: OH

A 29-YEAR-OLD MALE WAS ELECTROCUTED IN A CRAWL SPACE UNDER HIS HOME WHILE INSTALLING PLUMBING PIPES FOR AN OUTSIDE FAUCET. THE MAN WAS RUNNING AN ELECTRIC FAN IN THE CRAWL SPACE. THE FAN HAD A FRAYED CORD ON IT. HIS FACE CAME IN CONTACT WITH A BARE WIRE ON THE CORD WHILE HIS HAND WAS ON A GROUNDED WATER PIPE. FIRE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL ESTIMATED THAT THE FAN WAS 40-50 YEARS OLD.

Incident Date: 20020829 City: HOUSTON State: TX

A NEWS ARTICLE CLAIMED THAT A PORTABLE AIR CONDITIONING UNIT CAUSED A FIRE IN A RESIDENTIAL HOME. UPON INVESTIGATING THIS INCIDENT, IT WAS FOUND THE FIRE WAS CAUSED BY AN ELECTRICAL EXTENSION CORD OVERLOAD AND OVERHEATING. THE AIR CONDITIONING UNIT WAS PLUGGED INTO A TEMPORARY EXTENSION CORD MADE-UP BY THE OCCUPANT WHO WOULD NOT AGREE TO A CPSC VISIT AND/OR ON-SITE INVESTIGATION.

Incident Date: 20020805 City: RANDOLPH State: NJ

A FIRE WAS REPORTEDLY STARTED BY A DEFECTIVE FISH TANK WATER PUMP IN A SECOND FLOOR BEDROOM OF A DUPLEX HOUSE. A FIRE INVESTIGATION REVEALED THAT THE ACTUAL CAUSE OF THE FIRE WAS AN OVERBURDENED EXTENSION CORD. THE CORD HAD SEVERAL AQUARIUM UNITS PLUGGED INTO IT AND WAS LINKED TO OTHER EXTENSION CORDS.

Incident Date: 20020811 City: DADE CITY State: FL

A 20 YEAR OLD MALE ENTERED HIS FRIENDS BEDROOM AND DISCOVERED FIRE AROUND A WINDOW TYPE AIR CONDITIONER. THE FAN MOTOR OF THE AIR CONDITIONER CEASED TO OPERATE AND CAUSED THE AIR CONDITIONER TO SHORT CIRCUIT. A POSSIBLE POWER CORD FAILURE IS BELIEVED TO HAVE IGNITED CLOTHES AND RAGS PLACED AROUND THE AIR CONDITIONER AND POWER CORD. THESE CLOTHES AND RAGS FELL TO THE FLOOR AND IGNITED A CORNER OF A BED. NO DEATHS OR INJURIES ARE REPORTED. DAMAGE WAS LISTED AT \$35,000.

Incident Date: 20020821 City: SWEETWATER State: TN

AN EXTENSION CORD THAT CONNECTED A POWER CORD OF AN AIR CONDITIONER TO A WALL OUTLET IN A BEDROOM SHORTED OUT AND IGNITED, CATCHING BED LINENS ON FIRE. THE EXTENSION CORD HAD BECOME CRIMPED AS IT RAN UNDER THE LEG OF A BED FRAME IN THAT ROOM. THE ENTIRE HOUSE, APPROXIMATELY 650-SQ. FT., WAS DESTROYED AND DAMAGE TO THE STRUCTURE WAS ESTIMATED AT \$30,000.00. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 20020831 City: CHESTER State: NY

NO INJURIES OCCURRED WHEN A SERIOUS FIRE SEVERELY DAMAGED A CONDOMINIUM UNIT. THE FIRE WAS CAUSED WHEN A CORDLESS DRILL IGNITED SHORTLY AFTER USE. THE DOLLAR DAMAGE ESTIMATE WAS PLACED AT \$400-500,000.00

Incident Date: 20020918 City: SMYER State: TX

A CORDLESS TELEPHONE CAUGHT FIRE WHILE SETTING ON ITS CHARGING BASE. THE CONSUMER WAS ABLE TO EXTINGUISH THE SMALL FIRE BY PLACING THE PHONE IN A PITCHER OF WATER. NO INJURIES WERE SUSTAINED AND PROPERTY DAMAGE WAS LIMITED TO THE CORDLESS PHONE.

Incident Date: 20020810 City: LAKE PARK State: FL

A FORTY YEAR OLD FEMALE REQUIRED HOSPITALIZATION FOR SMOKE INHALATION AS A RESULT OF A FIRE IN THE LIVING ROOM OF HER ONE FAMILY RESIDENCE. THE FIRE WAS CAUSED BY A DAMAGED LINE CORD OF A TABLE LAMP THAT CAUSED OVERHEATING. THE FIRE ALSO PARTIALLY CONSUMED AN UPHOLSTERED SLEEPER SOFA. DAMAGE WAS ESTIMATED AT \$6,000 TO STRUCTURE AND CONTENTS.

Incident Date: 20021001 City: PRICHARD State: AL

AN APARTMENT SUSTAINED APPROXIMATELY \$75,000 STRUCTURAL DAMAGE FROM A FIRE CAUSED BY AN OVERHEATED EXTENSION CORD. REPORTEDLY THE OCCUPANT WAS USING A CHEAP "99 CENT" SIX FEET LONG TWO WIRE EXTENSION CORD TO SUPPLY 110 VOLTS ELECTRICITY TO A 110 VOLT WINDOW AIR CONDITIONER. THE FIRE STARTED AFTER THE OCCUPANTS HAD LEFT THE APARTMENT TO GO TO WORK AND LEFT THE WINDOW AIR CONDITIONER TURNED ON.

Incident Date: 20020724 City: PISCATAWAY State: NJ

A MALE VICTIM AND HIS FAMILY WERE UNINJURED WHEN A BOTTOM FLOOR, FAMILY ROOM FISH TANK SETUP IGNITED AND STARTED A FIRE. SEVERAL ELECTRICAL TANK ACCESSORIES, AS WELL AS AN EXTENSION CORD, MAY HAVE CAUSED AN ELECTRICAL MALFUNCTION AND SUBSEQUENT FIRE. THE VICTIM AND HIS FAMILY WERE NOT HOME AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT, AND A NEIGHBOR CALLED EMERGENCY SERVICES. THERE WAS MOSTLY SMOKE DAMAGE TO THE HOUSE.

Incident Date: 20021021 City: PAWTUCKET State: RI

AT APPROXIMATELY 2:00 AM ON 10/21/02, AFTER BEING AWAKENED BY SMOKE ALARMS AN ADULT FEMALE DISCOVERED THAT THE EXTENSION CORD PROVIDING POWER TO AN OIL-FILLED SPACE HEATER WAS GLOWING AND PRODUCING SMOKE. THE EXTENSION CORD IGNITED THE FLOOR IT LAID ACROSS AND THE RESULTING FIRE CAUSED AN ESTIMATED \$30,000 IN DAMAGE. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 20020610 City: TALLAHASSEE State: FL

A 16-YEAR-OLD MALE AND A 10-YEAR-OLD FEMALE DIED OF CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING IN A HOUSE FIRE THAT WAS CAUSED BY THE ELECTRICAL CORD OF A WINDOW AIR CONDITIONING UNIT. DAMAGE ESTIMATE WAS \$25,000.

Incident Date: 20021023 City: BELVIDERE State: IL

A 37-YEART-OLD-MALE DIED IN A HOUSE FIRE WHICH CAUSED MORE THAN \$70,000 IN DAMAGE. THE FIRE ORIGINATED IN THE AREA WHERE A PORTABLE ELECTRIC SPACE HEATER WAS POSSIBLY CONNECTED TO WALL OUTLET WITH A STANDARD EXTENSION CORD, AND VARIOUS OTHER ELECTRICAL DEVICES WERE ALSO LOCATED. THE CIRCUIT HAD A 30-AMP FUSE INSTALLED AT THE ELECTRICAL BOX.

Incident Date: 20020903 City: SENECA State: MO

A FAMILY OF THREE TO INCLUDE AN INFANT WAS IN THEIR RENTED TRAILER WHEN THE SOUNDING OFF OF THE SMOKE DETECTOR ALERTED THEM THAT THERE WAS A FIRE. THEY EXITED THE TRAILER AND NO ONE WAS INJURED IN THE BLAZE. IT WAS LATER DISCOVERED THAT A 3 OR 4 PRONG DROP EXTENSION CORD WITH TOO MANY THINGS PLUGGED INTO IT HAD SHORT-CIRCUITED. THEY HAD THE TV, VCR AND AIR CONDITIONER PLUGGED INTO THE CORD. THE TRAILER WAS DESTROYED WITH AN ESTIMATED \$7,500 TO \$10,000 WORTH OF DAMAGE. EXTENSION CORD AND AIR CONDITIONER WAS FAR TOO BURNED TO IDENTIFY THE PRODUCTS.

Incident Date: 20020624 City: WILLIAMSTOWN State: KY

THE MOTOR IN THE CONSUMER'S APPROXIMATELY 16 YEAR OLD WINDOW MOUNTED AIR CONDITIONING UNIT APPARENTLY LOCKED UP AND CAUSED THE UNIT TO OVER HEAT. THE UNITS ELECTRICAL CORD SUBSEQUENTLY CAUGHT ON FIRE AND IGNITED THE LIVING ROOM CARPET. THE CONSUMER WAS NOT AT HOME AT THE TIME OF THE FIRE AND NO INJURIES WERE SUSTAINED. PROPERTY DAMAGE WAS ESTIMATED AT \$13,000.

Incident Date: 20021030 City: LOUISVILLE State: KY

A HOUSE FIRE IN A TWO STORY SINGLE FAMILY HOME LED TO THE DEATH OF A 23 YEAR OLD FEMALE RESIDENT. THE FIRE WHICH WAS BELIEVED TO HAVE IGNITED WHEN AN EXTENSION CORD MAL-FUNCTIONED, CAUSED HEAVY FIRE AND SMOKE DAMAGE TO THE HOME. THE VICTIM DIED AS A RESULT OF SMOKE INHALATION. TOTAL LOSS WAS ESTIMATED AT \$35,000.

Incident Date: 20021105 City: FRESNO State: CA

THE CORD OF A POWER STRIP CAUGHT FIRE, POSSIBLY DUE TO AN OVERLOAD, IGNITING PLASTIC STORAGE CONTAINERS THAT WERE SITTING ON IT. RESULTING FIRE DAMAGE TO THE APARTMENT AND SURROUNDINGS AMOUNTED TO ABOUT \$65,000.

Incident Date: 20021029 City: EAST PALO ALTO State: CA

A RESIDENTIAL FIRE OCCURRED WHEN A FAULTY SURGE PROTECTOR CORD IGNITED NEARBY COMBUSTIBLES. THE SURGE PROTECTOR WAS PLUGGED INTO AN ELECTRICAL WALL OUTLET BUT NO ITEMS WERE PLUGGED INTO THE SURGE PROTECTOR. FIRE DAMAGE WAS ESTIMATED AT \$110,000. NO INJURY OCCURRED.

Incident Date: 20021114 City: BELLEVUE State: NE

A HANDSET OF A CORDLESS PHONE CAUGHT ON FIRE WHILE OFF THE BASE. THE CONSUMER WAS AWAKENED BY A SMOKE DETECTOR NO INJURY OCCURRED WITH ABOUT \$15,000 IN SMOKE DAMAGE. HANDSET WAS DISCARDED. A NEW PHONE WAS PURCHASED AT THE RETAILER AND SAMPLED UNDER CR # 03-830-5242. RETAILER RECORDS INDICATE 12 OF 57 PHONES SOLD WERE RETURNED FOR A 20% RETURN RATE.

Incident Date: 20021112 City: EBENSBURG State: PA

A 76 YEAR OLD MALE DIED OF CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING DURING A FIRE INCIDENT AT HIS RESIDENCE. HIS 76 YEAR OLD WIFE ALSO SUFFERED SMOKE INHALATION IN THE FIRE, BUT SURVIVED. AN ELECTRIC CANDLE PLUGGED INTO AN EXTENSION CORD WAS THE AREA OF ORIGIN OF THE FIRE. DAMAGE WAS ESTIMATED AT \$150,000.

Incident Date: 20021115 City: WEST PALM BEA State: FL

A NINETEEN YEAR OLD FEMALE DIED OF ACUTE CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING DUE TO SMOKE INHALATION INCURRED IN A FIRE INSIDE HER RENTED MOBILE HOME. THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE WAS BELIEVED TO BE A MALFUNCTION IN A LIGHT DUTY EXTENSION CORD THAT WAS PLUGGED INTO A BOX TYPE FAN. A FACTOR IN THE INCIDENT WAS THAT THE FRAME FROM THE BED MAY HAVE BEEN RESTING ON TOP OF THE EXTENSION CORD. DAMAGE WAS TOTAL AND ESTIMATED AT \$8,500.

Incident Date: 20021116 City: PORT SAINT LUCI State: FL

WORN INSULATION IN THE LINE CORD OF A "SWAG" TYPE LIGHT FIXTURE THAT RESULTED IN A SHORT CIRCUIT WAS THE CAUSE OF A FIRE INSIDE A MOBILE HOME THAT RESULTED IN APPROXIMATELY \$28,000 IN DAMAGES TO THE STRUCTURE AND CONTENTS. THE NINETY-FIVE YEAR OLD FEMALE RESIDENT WAS ABLE TO EXIT THE STRUCTURE WITHOUT ANY INJURY.

Incident Date: 20021203 City: LODI State: CA

FIRE INVESTIGATOR WAS UNABLE TO DETERMINE THE EXACT CAUSE OF A RESIDENTIAL FIRE BUT HE COULD NOT RULE OUT A SHORT IN THE WIRE OR A PINCHED CORD OF AN OLD ELECTRIC BLANKET. A 77-YEAR-OLD MALE WAS HOSPITALIZED, AND TWO OTHER OCCUPANTS ESCAPED TO SAFETY.

Incident Date: 20021120 City: TROY State: NY

THERE WERE NO INJURIES WHEN AN EXTENSION CORD WAS BELIEVED TO BE THE IGNITION SOURCE FOR A RESIDENTIAL FIRE. PROPERTY DAMAGE WAS ESTIMATED TO BE BETWEEN \$50,000 AND \$149,999. THE HOME HAD TWO SMOKE DETECTORS. BOTH ALARMED DURING THE INCIDENT. NO ONE WAS HOME AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 20021214 City: SAN ANTONIO State: TX

THE FIRE DEPARTMENT RECEIVED AN EMERGENCY CALL FOR A STRUCTURE FIRE. WHEN THE 38-YEAR-OLD FEMALE PROPERTY OWNER RETURNED HOME, SHE WAS IMMEDIATELY GREETED BY HEAVY SMOKE. THE ARSON BUREAU DETERMINED THE CAUSE TO POSSIBLY BE AN ELECTRICAL MALFUNCTION IN THE EXTENSION CORD. HOWEVER, THE ELECTRICAL ENGINEER HIRED BY THE INSURANCE COMPANY RULED IT UNDETERMINED. ESTIMATED PROPERTY DAMAGE WAS \$60,000. NO INJURIES WERE SUSTAINED. THIS IDI WAS ABBREVIATED SINCE AN EXACT CAUSE OF FIRE COULD NOT BE DETERMINED.

Incident Date: 20021217 City: EWING State: NJ

AN EXTENSION CORD TO AN ELECTRIC SPACE HEATER LOCATED IN A FAMILY ROOM WAS THE CAUSE OF A FIRE THAT DESTROYED AN OLDER SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING. THE EXTENSION CORD WAS ROUTED AROUND THE PERIMETER OF THE FAMILY ROOM BENEATH CARPETING AND APPARENTLY OVERHEATED SETTING COMBUSTIBLES ON FIRE. THE SPACE HEATER HAD BEEN LEFT OPERATING WHEN THE FAMILY HAD LEFT THE DWELLING ABOUT ONE HOUR EARLIER TO GO SHOPPING. NO INJURIES RESULTED. THE DWELLING IS UNINHABITABLE AND IS SCHEDULED FOR DEMOLITION. DAMAGES ARE ESTIMATED AT \$150,000.

Incident Date: 20021210 City: MCMINNVILLE State: OR

THE ELECTRIC POWER CORD FOR AN ELECTRIC CLOTHES DRYER APPEARED TO HAVE ARCED AGAINST THE BACK OF THE DRYER IGNITING THE POWER CORD INSULATION AND THE PLASTIC DRYER VENT HOSE. THE OWNER DISCOVERED THE FIRE AT AN EARLY STAGE. THE CIRCUIT BREAKER TRIPPED AND THE FIRE SELF EXTINGUISHED AFTER THE PLASTIC HOSE AND CORD INSULATION WERE CONSUMED. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT FOUND THE FIRE OUT UPON ARRIVAL. NO INJURES OCCURRED. THE FIRE CAUSED AN ESTIMATED \$500 DAMAGE.

Incident Date: 20021118 City: RIDDLE State: OR

AN 81 YEAR OLD MALE AND A 75 YEAR OLD FEMALE DIED FROM INJURIES SUSTAINED DURING A FIRE IN THEIR SINGLE FAMILY HOME. FIRE OFFICIALS SAID THAT AN EXTENSION CORD APPEARED TO HAVE STARTED THE FIRE. THE EXTENSION CORD WAS CONNECTED TO A HEATED CHAIR AND A LAMP CORD WAS IMPROPERLY SPLICED TO THE EXTENSION CORD. THE CORD WAS LOCATED UNDER A RUG. FIRE OFFICIALS SAID THAT THE VICTIMS APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN OVERCOME BY SMOKE. THERE WERE NO SMOKE ALARMS IN THE HOME.

Incident Date: 20021229 City: POMPANO BEACH State: FL

A THIRTY-SIX YEAR OLD FEMALE REQUIRED HOSPITALIZATION DUE TO SMOKE INHALATION AND MINOR BURNS SUSTAINED IN A FIRE INSIDE HER ATTACHED TOWNHOUSE TYPE RESIDENCE. THE FIRE WAS CAUSED BY A MALFUNCTION IN AN ELECTRICAL RECEPTACLE INSIDE A BATHROOM. A FACTOR IN THE INCIDENT WAS THE USE OF AN EXTENSION CORD RUN FROM THE OUTLET TO A REFRIGERATOR APPLIANCE IN THE LAUNDRY ROOM. IT WAS DETERMINED THAT THE OUTLET SHORTED OUT DUE TO THE IMPROPER SIZED BREAKER AND EXTENSION CORD SUPPLIED TO THE REFRIGERATOR. NO DAMAGE ESTIMATES ARE AVAILABLE.

Incident Date: 20021222 City: EVERETT State: WA

THE 37 YEAR OLD FEMALE VICTIM SUSTAINED POSSIBLE SMOKE INHALATION FROM AN EXTENSION CORD THAT CAUGHT FIRE IN HER HOME. THE VICTIM WAS TAKEN TO THE HOSPITAL WHERE SHE WAS TREATED AND RELEASED.

Incident Date: 20021231 City: NEWPORT State: KY

A 10 YEAR OLD MALE WAS FATALLY INJURED IN A HOUSE FIRE, WHEN AN OVERLOADED EXTENSION CORD FAILED AND CAUGHT ON FIRE. THE HOME WAS UNDER RENOVATION AND SUSTAINED APPROXIMATELY \$300,000 IN DAMAGE AND PROPERTY LOSS. THE CHILD IS BELIEVED TO HAVE DIED AS A RESULT OF SMOKE INHALATION.

Incident Date: 20021123 City: BELLEFONTAINE State: OH

A 2 YEAR-OLD FEMALE DIED IN A FIRE AT HER FAMILY RENTAL HOME. THE FIRE WAS POSSIBLY CAUSED DUE TO A DISCARDED SPACE HEATER THAT HER FATHER PICKED FROM A TRASH PILE AND REPLACED THE POWER CORD ON IT BEFORE USING IT. THE FIRE WAS CONFINED TO THE STRUCTURE CAUSING \$70,000 IN PROPERTY DAMAGE AND CONTENT LOSS.

Incident Date: 20021121 City: SAN MARTIN State: CA

THE VICTIM, A 75-YEAR-OLD FEMALE, WAS ASLEEP IN HER BED. SHE WAS AWAKENED IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT BY HER BARKING DOG. SHE IMMEDIATELY SAW FLAMES IN THE LIVING ROOM. SHE THEN LEFT THE HOUSE. SHE WAS NOT INJURED IN THIS INCIDENT. VICTIM'S DAUGHTER INFORMED ME THAT A MULTI-OUTLET POWER STRIP PLUG STARTED THE FIRE. THE MULTI-OUTLET POWER CORD WAS PLUGGED INTO A WALL OUTLET. SHE SAID TWO TELEVISION SETS AND A RADIO WERE PLUGGED INTO THIS MULTI-OUTLET POWER STRIP. THE MULTI-OUTLET POWER STRIP WAS DESTROYED BY THE FIRE AND DISCARDED AFTER THE FIRE.

Incident Date: 20021227 City: FAYETTEVILLE State: NC

A 46 YEAR OLD MALE DIED FROM MONOXIDE TOXICITY AS A RESULT OF A FIRE IN HIS TWO ROOM APARTMENT. THE VICTIM HAD A 6' TWO WIRE EXTENSION CORD PLUGGED INTO AN OUTLET AND HAD HIS BED PUSHED AGAINST THE WALL CRIMPING THE EXTENSION CORD. THE CORD OVERHEATED AND IGNITED THE MATTRESS AND BEDDING. THE APARTMENT SUSTAINED \$20,000 DAMAGE FROM THE FIRE.

Incident Date: 20021231 City: HONOLULU State: HI

A FIRE OCCURRED IN THE LIVING ROOM OF A HOME WHEN THE BUS BARS OF AN EXTENSION CORD (POWER STRIP) SHORT-CIRCUITED AND IGNITED NEARBY COMBUSTIBLES. NO INJURIES OR DEATHS RESULTED HOWEVER, THE FIRE CAUSED \$175,000 IN DAMAGE TO THE STRUCTURE AND \$35,000 TO ITS CONTENTS.

Incident Date: 20021111 City: PHILADELPHIA State: PA

A 30 YEAR OLD MOTHER AND HER 12 YEAR OLD DAUGHTER DIED AS A RESULT OF SMOKE AND SOOT INHALATION AND THERMAL BURNS, IN A HOUSE FIRE, WHICH IGNITED WHEN AN EXTENSION CORD ARCHED AND SPARKED BEHIND A CLOTH MATERIAL AND WOOD COUCH.

Incident Date: 20021023 City: TALLAHASSEE State: FL

A 62-YEAR-OLD FEMALE DIED FROM THERMAL BURNS OVER 90% OF HER BODY THAT SHE SUFFERED IN A HOUSE FIRE THAT WAS STARTED AS A RESULT OF AN ELECTRICAL SHORT IN THE CORD OF THE FLOOR LAMP. THE FIRE SPREAD TO A BOOKCASE AND A LIVING ROOM CHAIR. THERE WERE NO OTHER INJURIES. ESTIMATED DAMAGE WAS SHOWN AS \$25,000.

Incident Date: 20020301 City: AMBRIDGE State: PA

RESPONDENT AND AN ASSOCIATE PURCHASED FOUR IDENTICAL CERAMIC DISC TYPE SPACE HEATERS. THE FIRST ONE WAS INVOLVED IN A FIRE IN HIS BUSINESS WHEREIN AN EXTENSION CORD TO THE HEATER OVERHEATED AND IGNITED CARPETING. THE SECOND HEATER WAS TESTED IN THE FIRE INVESTIGATION AND APPEARED TO BE OPERATING PROPERLY. THE THIRD AND FOURTH HEATERS WERE USED IN THE ASSOCIATES HOME. THE THIRD HEATER WAS TURNED ON AND THE THERMOSTAT TURNED TO HIGH, THE HEATER SPARKED, SMOKED AND TRIPPED THE CIRCUIT BREAKER ON THE POWER STRIP. THE FOURTH HEATER ALSO SPARKED AND SMOKED AND QUIT WHEN IT WAS TURNED ON BY ANOTHER PERSON. NO ONE WAS INJURED IN ANY OF THE INCIDENTS. FIRE DAMAGES IN THE FIRST INCIDENT WERE \$300,000.

Incident Date: 20000526 City: EAST GREENBRU State: NY

A NO INJURY RESIDENTIAL FIRE OCCURRED WHEN A FAULTY STRAIN RELIEF ON A TOASTER OVEN'S POWER CORD FAILED AND IGNITED THE KITCHEN CABINETS LOCATED ABOVE IT. THE LOSS WAS ESTIMATED AT BETWEEN \$300,000 AND \$500,000.

Incident Date: 19800121 City: State:

NO RESPONSE WAS RECEIVED TO THE LETTER OF CONTACT AS OF 12-07-80. NO TELEPHONE LISTING CAN BE FOUND FOR THE NAMES OF EITHER OCCUPANT FORMERLY AT THE ADDRESS OF THE FIRE. THE FIRE CHIEF IN CHARGE OF THE FIRE COMPANY EXTINGUISHING THE FIRE WAS CONTACTED. HE STATED THAT THE BURN PATTERN INDICATED THAT THE LIGHT CORD MALE PLUG MELTED ON THE CARPET AND THAT HE WAS OF THE OPINION THAT THE LIGHTS WERE IN FACT NOT CONNECTED AT THE TIME OF THE FIRE. HE STATED THAT THE REPORT OF THE FIRE LISTED AN "UNKNOWN" CAUSE. HIS OBSERVATION WAS THAT THE DECORATED TREE WAS CO-INCIDENTALLY IN THE ROOM AT THE SCENE OF THE FIRE. A COPY OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT IS BEING REQUESTED. UPON RECEIPT IT WILL BECOME A PART OF THIS INVESTIGATION.

Incident Date: 19800206 City: State:

NOTE: LIMITED INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. THE OCCUPANTS COULD NOT LOCATED OR INTERVIEWED. SYNOPSIS: ON OR ABOUT 12/9/79, A TELEVISION CORD SHORTED AND IGNITED NEARBY CURTAINS. OCCUPANTS ESCAPED WITHOUT INJURY. PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION: MODEL-CONSOLE COLOR, MANUFACTURER/MODEL-UNKNOWN, YEAR OF PURCHASE-UNKNOWN, EXTENT OF DAMAGE-HEAVY FIRE DAMAGE IN LIVING ROOM (ORIGIN OF FIRE). SMOKE DAMAGE THROUGHOUT THE REST OF DWELLING.

Incident Date: 19800206 City: State:

REPORTING CAPTAIN (FIRE DEPARTMENT) AT THE SCENE OF THE FIRE STATED THE UNIT WAS APPROX. 2 FT. FROM DRAPERIES. APPEARED THE FIRE STARTED IN POWER TRANSFORMER AREA OF THE SET. BASE OF TV CASE WAS BURNED/MELTED TO A GREATER EXTENT THAN REMAINDER. CARPET AND CURTAINS IGNITED SECONDARILY. WALL OUTLET INVOLVED CHECKED AND IN PERFECT (NEW) CONDITION WITH NO SCORCHED OR MELTED OR DISCOLORED EQUIPMENT. POWER CORD FROM TV CONDITION WITH NO SCORCHED OR MELTED OR DISCOLORED EQUIPMENT. POWER CORD FROM TV MELTED AND BURNED THROUGH. CAPTAIN THOUGH THE APARTMENT LOOKED AT LEAST 10 YEARS OLD. THE APARTMENT WAS 2 STORY. THE FIRE TOOK PLACE IN THE GROUND FLOOR APARTMENT. OWNER REPORTED AN EXPLODING TV OF 5 YRS. OF AGE STATED A FIREMAN NOTED GLASS BREAKAGE IN HANGING PICTURES ON THE OPPOSITE WALL 8 FEET

Incident Date: 19800112 City: State: MI

A SHORT IN AN ELECTRIC BLANKET REPORTEDLY CAUSED A FIRE WHICH DESTROYED A ROOM AND ITS CONTENTS. NO INJURIES WERE REPORTED. THE BLANKET WAS DESTROYED IN THE FIRE. THE INSURANCE ADJUSTER TOOK THE CONTROL, AND THE PIECE OF CORD WHICH REMAINED. ALL INFORMATION FOR THIS REPORT WAS OBTAINED FROM THE OWNER AND THE FIRE DEPARTMENT OVER THE TELEPHONE DUE TO EXCESSIVE TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS. THE FIRE REPORT IS ATTACHED WITH AN EXPLANATION IN THE NARRATIVE OF THE CODES PERTAINING TO THE IGNITION. NO FLAMMABLE FABRIC SAMPLE SENT.

Incident Date: 19800221 City: State:

COULD NOT CONTACT VICTIM: TELEPHONE NUMBER IS UNLISTED (ACCORDING TO DIRECTORY INFORMATION). VICTIM DID NOT ANSWER A LETTER I SENT ON 02/26/80. FIRE REPORT DOES NOT LIST A TELEPHONE. ACCORDING TO FIRE INVESTIGATOR: THE FIRE WAS NOT DUE TO CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTS. RATHER, IGNITION OCCURRED AS A RESULT OF A SPLICE IN THE CORD PLACED THERE BY THE VICTIM. I.E., THE VICTIM SET UP THE CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTS BUT FOUND THAT THE CORD WOULD NOT REACH THE OUTLET. INSTEAD OF PURCHASING AN EXTENSION CORD (HE DIDN'T HAVE ONE), HE CUT THE WIRE AND SPLICED ON A LENGTH. THE SPLICE BECAME HOT AND IGNITED CARPET AND SURROUNDINGS; FIRE OCCURRED AT ABOUT 5:00A.M.

Incident Date: 19800117 City: State: PA

THIS INCIDENT INVOLVES A HOUSE FIRE REPORTEDLY CAUSED BY A SHORT IN AN ELECTRICAL EXTENSION CORD. THIS EXTENSION CORD REPORTEDLY IGNITED AN ELECTRIC BLANKET WHICH IT WAS TOUCHING. THE ELECTRIC BLANKET WAS REPORTEDLY NOT PLUGGED IN AT THE TIME OF THE ACCIDENT. THE TWO OWNERS OF THE HOME SUFFERED MINOR INJURIES (SMOKE INHALATION, FIRST DEGREE BURNS). TOTAL DAMAGE TO THE HOME WAS INDICATED BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT TO BE \$6,000 AND BY THE HOME'S OWNERS TO BE \$29,000. NO SAMPLE SENT.

Incident Date: 19800208 City: State: PA

AN ADULT FEMALE STATED THAT A SHORT IN THE CORD OF AN ELECTRIC BLANKET CAUSED A FIRE WHICH DAMAGED WALLS, CEILING AND FURNITURE IN A BEDROOM OF HER HOME. NO INJURIES RESULTED FROM THIS INCIDENT. NO FLAMMABLE FABRIC SAMPLE SENT.

Incident Date: 19800212 City: State: OH

THE CORD OF AN ELECTRIC BLANKET MELTED AND BLACKENED WHILE THE BLANKET WAS BEING USED BY THE COMPLAINANT. THE BLANKET DID NOT CATCH FIRE. NO ONE WAS INJURED. SAMPLE E-860-135 WAS COLLECTED.

Incident Date: 19800202 City: State: KY

ON FEBRUARY 2, 1980, AT APPROXIMATELY 5:49 AM A FIRE WAS REPORTED IN HARRISBURG, KY., WHICH WAS REPORTEDLY STARTED BY SHORT CIRCUIT IN A ROOM AIR CONDITIONER'S ELECTRICAL CORD. THE UNIT WAS REPORTEDLY APPROXIMATELY 20 YEARS OLD AND THE CORD HAD CRACKED AND DETERORATED IN SUCH A MANNER AS TO CAUSE THE FIRE. THE OWNER OF THE HOME WHERE THE AIR CONDITIONER WAS LOCATED IS AN 85 YEAR OLD FEMALE WHO HAS RECENTLY SUFFERED A STROKE. THE WOMAN HAS CONSTANT NURSING CARE. WHEN I TELEPHONED THE TELEPHONE NUMBER LISTED FOR THIS WOMAN, HER NURSE ANSWERED THE TELEPHONE. SHE INFORMED ME THAT THE WOMAN WAS VERY ILL AND COULD NOT ANSWER MY QUESTIONS. SHE TOLD ME TO CALL THE WOMAN'S INSURANCE AGENT (ALSO HER NEPHEW-IN-LAW) AND GET THE INFORMATION I NEEDED FROM HIM. I THEN TELEPHONED THIS

Incident Date: 19800226 City: State: MN

THIS INVESTIGATION INVOLVED A MATTRESS FIRE WHICH WAS CAUSED BY AN ELECTRICAL SHORT WITH AN ELECTRIC BLANKET. THE ELECTRIC SHORT OCCURRED IN THE ELECTRIC CORD THAT GOES FROM THE ELECTRIC BLANKET THROUGH THE TEMPERATURE CONTROL TO THE WALL OUTLET. THIS SECTION OF CORD RAN BETWEEN THE BOX SPRING AND MATTRESS. THE CONSUMER DISCOVERED THE FIRE AS IT WAS STILL IN THE SMOLDERING STAGE AND WAS ABLE TO TAKE THE MATTRESS OUT OF HIS BASEMENT BEDROOM BEFORE IT CAUSED ANY FIRE DAMAGE TO HIS HOME. THERE WERE NO INJURIES IN THIS FIRE INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19800215 City: State: NJ

THIS INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED VIA TELEPHONE, DUE TO UNAVAILABILITY OF ELECTRIC BLANKET; BLANKET HAS BEEN DESTROYED BY INDEPENDENT LAB THAT TESTED THE BLANKET. THERE WERE NO INJURIES ASSOCIATED WITH THIS ACCIDENT. THERE WAS NO ONE IN THE BEDROOM AT THE TIME OF THE FIRE. THE RESPONDENT STATED THAT ABOUT EIGHT INCHES OF THE END OF THE BLANKET WAS TUCKED IN BETWEEN THE BOX SPRINGS AND PLASTIC COVERED MATTRESS. THE ELECTRICAL CONNECTING ELEMENTS AND POWER CORD, BEING ATTACHED TO THIS END OF THE BLANKET, WERE ALSO BETWEEN THE PLASTIC COVERED MATTRESS AND BOX SPRINGS. APPARENTLY, BECAUSE THE ELECTRIC ELEMENTS WERE CONNECTED IN SUCH A WAY, EXCESSIVE HEATING PROBABLY CAUSED THE PLASTIC TO IGNITE. THIS IGNITION CAUSED THE CHAIN

Incident Date: 19800320 City: State: IL

ON 3-20-80 AT APPROXIMATELY 0700 HOURS A FIRE OCCURRED IN THE BEDROOM OF A SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE WHICH INVOLVED NO INJURY. THE FIRE WAS APPARENTLY CAUSED BY AN ELECTRIC BLANKET IN USE AT THE TIME. INSPECTION OF THE BLANKET INVOLVED IN THE FIRE LEADS THIS INVESTIGATOR TO BELIEVE THAT MECHANICAL DAMAGE TO PART OF THE EXTERNAL CORD GOING TO THE BLANKET LED TO ARCING AND IGNITION OF VARIOUS BED CLOTHING.

Incident Date: 19800402 City: State:

HOUSE FIRE STARTED IN ELECTRIC CORD OF CLOTHES DRYER. RESPONDENTS WERE CONSUMER AND FIRE CHIEF. FIRE CHIEF CONFIRMED THAT CLOTHES DRYER CORD WAS SOURCE OF FIRE. NO ADDITIONAL INSPECTION OF THE DRIER WAS CONDUCTED BY FIRE OFFICIALS. AN APPOINTMENT WAS MADE WITH THE PRODUCT OWNER TO CONDUCT IN-DEPTH INVESTIGATION; PRIOR TO APPOINTMENT, THE PRODUCT WAS STOLEN FROM THE ABANDONED HOUSE, WHICH IS IN THE PROCESS OF BEING DEMOLISHED. THE CONSUMER COULD NOT SUPPLY THE MODEL OR SERIAL NUMBERS.

Incident Date: 19800310 City: State: WI

THIS IS A PHONE INVESTIGATION OF A NEAR FIRE INCIDENT INVOLVING A ONE YEAR OLD SOMPLEX FUEL "SAVER" AND AN "ENERGY MASTER" WOOD BURNING SUPPLEMENTAL HEATING STOVE. THE INCIDENT OCCURRED IN THE BASEMENT AREA OF THE PRODUCT OWNERS HOME WHERE THE STOVE PIPE LEADING FROM THE SUPPLEMENTAL HEATING STOVE STARTED TO OVERHEAT. THE STOVE PIPE BECAME EXTREMELY HOT CAUSING THE PIPE ITSELF TO GLOW RED IN COLOR. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT WAS CALLED, HOWEVER, THE PIPE COOLED PRIOR TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS ARRIVAL. ONLY THE ELECTRICAL CORD ON THE HEAT SAMER UNIT WAS BURNED.

Incident Date: 19800313 City: State: NY

THE VICTIM, A MALE IN HIS LATE 50'S, WAS LYING ON HIS BED WHEN HE HEARD A LOUD NOISE AND THEN SAW A FLAME BEHIND HIS HEAD. THE RESULT- ING FIRE INVOLVED THE MATTRESSES, DRAPES AND BEDDING INCLUDING AN ELECTRIC BLANKET THAT WAS BELIEVED TO BE THE IGNITION SOURCE. DAMAGE WAS EXTENSIVE BUT NO INJURIES WERE SUSTAINED. THE FIRE WAS ALSO POSSIBLY ATTRIBUTED TO AN ELECTRIC EXTENSION CORD. NO FLAMMABLE FABRIC SAMPLE SENT.

Incident Date: 19800616 City: State:

INVESTIGATION REVEALED PRODUCT NOT CLOTHES DRYER AS INDICATED IN NEWSPAPER REPORT. FURTHER INVESTIGATION REVEALED PRODUCT NOT ELECTRIC EXTENSION CORD AS ORIGINALLY STATED BY FIRE DEPARTMENT. INVESTIGATION REVEALED THAT THE CAUSE OF FIRE WAS DUE TO WORKSHOP CHEMICALS CONTAINED ON WORK CLOTHES AND RAGS THAT WERE THROWN IN A CLOTHESHAMPER NEAR A GAS CLOTHES DRYER WHILE RUNNING. THE CLOTHES DRYER HAD BEEN RUNNING FOR AT LEAST AN HOUR BEFORE THE FIRE. FIRE DAMAGES SUSTAINED WERE ONLY TO CLOTHES HAMPER. THERE WERE NO INJURIES. ACCORDING TO HOMEOWNER, BOTH CLOTHES DRYER AND EXTENSION CORD HAVE SINCE BEEN EXAMINED BY A LISCENSED ELECTRICIAN AND FOUND TO BE IN PROPER WORKING CONDITION.

Incident Date: 19800620 City: State: KY

AN ELECTRIC BLANKET WIT DUAL CONTROLS CAUGHT FIRE WHILE IN USE AROUND 1:30 A.M. THE BLANKET IGNITED AT THE POINT WHERE THE POWER CORD ENTER ED THE BLANKET, THE COMPLAINANT AND HIS WIFE WHO WERE ASLEEP UNDER TH E BLANKET AT THE TIME AWOKE AND EXTENGUISHED THE FLAMES.

Incident Date: 19810208 City: State: CO

THE CORD OF 2 WEEK OLD ELECTRIC ALARM CLOCK - IN SOME UNDISCOVERED MANNER - SHORTED OUT, CAUSING A FIRE WHICH, FOR ALL PRACTICAL PRU- POSES, DESTROYED THE OWNER'S HOUSE (BETWEEN THE FIRE & SMOKE DAMAGE). THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19811010 City: State: NY

VICTIM HAD STARTED CAMP FIRE IN WOODS NEXT TO HOME AND TRIED TO POUR GASOLINE IN PLASTIC BAG ONTO FIRE. HE HAD POURD GAS FROM CAN INTO PLA STIC BAG. GASOLINE LEAKED THRU PLASTIC BAG AND IGNITED VICTIM'S COTTO N CORDUROY PANTS AS HE APPROADRED FIRE. HE RAN SHORT DISTANCE, THEN R OLLED ON GROUND TO PUT OUT FIRE

Incident Date: 19811015 City: State: CT

FIRE GUTTED THE SECOND FLOOR APARTMENT OF A 2 1/2 STORY SINGLE FRAME DWELLING ON 10/15/81. THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE WAS ATTRIBUTED TO A DAMA GED ELECTRICAL CORD ATTACHED TO AN ELECTRIC HEATER. NO INJURIES WERE SUSTAINED AND THE HEATER WAS DESTROYED IN THE FIRE. NO FORWARDING A DDRESS IS KNOWN FOR THE OCCUPANTS AND THE DWELLING IS CURRENTLY VACAN T.

Incident Date: 19811003 City: State: NH

DAMAGED ELECTRIC EXTENSION CORDS (2) CAUSED A FIRE IN THE BEDROOM OF A MOBILE HOME. THE MOBILE HOME WAS GRTTED. NO INJURY RESULTED.

Incident Date: 19811219 City: State: TX

A FAMILY OF FOUR PERSONS RECEIVED NO INJURIES EARLY ONE DECEMBER EVEN ING WHEN THEIR SUBURBAN FOUR BEDROOM HOUSE BURNED TO THE GROUND. A C HRISTMAS TREE IN THEIR LIVING ROOM SPREAD THE FIRE. THE PROBABLE CAU SE WAS AN ELECTRICAL SHORT IN THE WIRING TO (EXTENSION CORD), OR IN T HE WIRING IN (STRING OF TREE LIGHTS PLUS TREE TOP ORNAMENT) THE LIVE christmas TREE.

Incident Date: 19811122 City: State: TX

TWO WOMEN AND ONE OF THEIR SONS LIVED IN A TWO-BEDROOM SUBURBAN RENTE D APARTMENT. THEY SET UP A LIVE christmas TREE WITH EXTENSION CORD, STRING OF MINIATURE LIGHTS, AND TREE TOP ORNAMENT IN THE LIVING ROOM. EIGHT DAYS LATER A FIRE BEGAN IN THE UPPER PART OF THE christmas TREE AND CAUSED EXTENSIVE FIRE AND SMOKE DAMAGE. THE PROBABLE CAUSE WAS AN ELECTRICAL SHORT IN THE LIGHT STRING OR TREE ORNAMENT. ONE WOMAN RECEIVED FIRST DEGREE FACIAL BURNS AND A TOE INJURY.

Incident Date: 19800509 City: State: MD

THIS ACCIDENT INVOLVED AN ELECTRIC HEATER BEING USED IN KITCHEN. THE HEATER HAD NO PLUG AND THE BARE WIRES WERE PUSHED INTO RECEPACLE IN EXTENSION CORD. THIS OVERHEATED THE WIRES AND CAUSED A FIRE WHICH RESULATED IN THE DEATHS OF AN 18 YEAR OLD FEMALE AND HER TWO 7 MONTH OLD SONS.

Incident Date: 19800428 City: State: OK

ON APRIL 28, 1980 A FIRE OCCURRED IN A 50 YEAR OLD WOOD FRAME HOUSE CAUSING APPROXIMATELY \$5-10,000 DAMAGE. THE FIRE APPARENTLY STARTED AT AN EXTENSION CORD WHICH WAS POSSIBLY OVERLOADED.

Incident Date: 19800609 City: State: TX

THIS ACCIDENT INVOLVED A HOME FIRE; THERE WERE NO PERSONAL INJURIES RESULTING FROM THIS FIRE. THE ESTIMATED DOLLAR VALUE OF DAMAGE IS APPROXIMATELY \$2800.00. AN EXTENSION CORD REPORTEDLY SHORTED OUT. IT WAS USED WITH AN ELECTRIC FAN. THE FIRE MARSHAL STATED THAT THE POST OF A METAL BED WAS SITTING ON THE CORD. THIS IS REPORTEDLY THE CAUSE OF THE "SHORT" IN THE EXTENSION CORD.

Incident Date: 19800714 City: State: NE

A HOUSEFIRE STARTED IN AN UPSTAIRS BEDROOM OF A SINGLE-FAMILY HOME, ALLEGEDLY CAUSED BY AN UNDERSIZED EXTENSION CORD PLUGGED INTO AIR-CONDITIONER. PUPPY CHEWING ON IT AND CAUSING SHORT WAS ANOTHER POSSIBILITY. CIRCUIT BREAKER DID BLOW.

Incident Date: 19800625 City: State: FL

ON JUNE 25, 1980, AT 0700 HOURS, A 7 MONTH OLD FEMALE WAS FOUND DEAD DUE TO CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING WHEN A FIRE STARTED IN HER BEDROOM ALLEDGEDLY DUE TO UNDERGROUNDED EXTENSION CORDS WITH IMPROPER INSULATION AND THE USE OF A 30 AMP FUSE WHERE A 15 AMP FUSE WOULD HAVE BEEN APPROPRIATE (SEE ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR'S REPORT - ATTACHMENT #2).

Incident Date: 19800701 City: State: PA

AN 83 YEAR OLD INVALID FEMALE DIED OF THERMAL BURNS OVER APPROXIMATELY 50% OF HER BODY AS THE RESULT OF A FIRE IN HER BEDROOM. HER 83 YEAR OLD HUSBAND DIED FROM A HEART ATTACK WHICH OCCURRED WHILE HE WAS ATTEMPTING TO FIGHT THE FIRE. THE FIRE ORGINIATED AT THE FEMALE END OF AN EXTENSION CORD LOCATED NEAR THE WOMANS BED. THE SPECIFIC CAUSE OF THE FIRE WAS NOT DETERMINED. NO FLAMMABLE FABRIC SAMPLE SENT.

Incident Date: 19800615 City: State: IL

AT APPROXIMATELY 1545 HOURS ON SUNDAY, JUNE 15, 1980 A FIRE WHICH STARTED IN A FEDDERS 220 VOLT WINDOW AIR CONDITIONER OR ITS CORD CAUSED EXTENSIVE DAMAGE TO A HOME.

Incident Date: 19800704 City: State: IN

A NINE OLD BOY, HIS TWO YEAR OLD BROTHER, AND HIS TWO YEAR OLD SISTER DIED FORM SMOKE INHALATION AS A RESULT OF A HOUSE FIRE. ACCORDING TO A REPORT THE FIRE DEPARTMENT PROVIDED, A DETERIORATION OF BEARINGS IN A FAN MOTOR CAUSED AN EXCESSIVE AMOUNT OF ELECTRIC CURRENT TO FLOW THROUGH THE CORD TO THE FAN. THE CORD OVERHEATED AND SET A CARPET AD N CHAIR ON FIRE IN THE LIVEING ROOM OF THE VICTIM'S HOME THE REPORT I NDICATED THAT THE FIRE STRTED IN THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE LIVING ROOM AND SPREAD DOWN A HALLWAY PASSED A BEDROOM. THE FIRE CHIEF DID N OTKNOW IF THE 20 AMP FUSE BLEW ANY PRODUCT INFORMATION ON THE FAM. I SENT A LETTER OF CONTACT TO THE VICTIMS' FATHER ON 8-20-80 BUT HE DID NOT RESPOND AS OF 9-2-80. A COPY OF THE FIRE REPORT AND CORONER'S REPORT IS ATTACHED.

Incident Date: 19800726 City: State: MA

FIRE VICTIM WAS 11 YEAR OLD, WHITE, FEMALE CHILD. VICTIM SUFFERED MINOR BURNS (1ST & 2ND DEGREE) TO BOTH HANDS, NOSTRIL AREA (1ST DEGREE) & SMOKE INHALATION FROM FIRE IN HER 2ND FLOOR BEDROOM. FIRE REPORT LISTS "PROBABLE CAUSE OF FIRE-DEFECTIVE EXTENSION CORD TO ELECTRIC FAN" (PORTABLE TYPE).

Incident Date: 19800711 City: State: NY

ON 07/11/80 AT APPROXIMATELY 8:30 PM, WHEN A 30 YEAR OLD FEMALE OPENED THE DOOR TO THE FREEZER COMPARTMENT ON TOP OF HER REFRI- GERATOR, SMOKE AND SOOT BILLOWED OUT IN HER FACE. THEN FLAMES ERUPTED AROUND THE FAN MOTOR, REQUIRING THAT THE POWER CORD BE DISCONNECTED AND A PAIL OF WATER THROWN ON THE FIRE. NO INJURIES RESULTED FROM THIS INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19800820 City: State:

THE NEWSPAPER CLIPPING STATED THAT A RURAL RESIDENTIAL HOME WAS COMPLETELY DESTROYED BY A FIRE. A MICROWAVE OVEN WAS BELIEVED TO BE THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE. HOWEVER, AN ON-SITE VISIT REVEALED THAT THE FIRE STARTED IN THE UTILITY ROOM AND NOT THE IN KITCHEN AREA WHERE THE MICROWAVE WAS LOCATED. IN THE UTILITY ROOM THERE WAS AN EXTRA FREEZER, A WASHER, A DRYER, AN ELECTRIC RANGE, AND A DISH- WASHER ALL PLUGGED INTO THE SAME CIRCUIT. THE HOUSE IS ABOUT 70 TO 80 YEARS OLD. THE WIRING IN THE HOUSE IS AS OLD AS THE HOUSE. SEVERAL EXTENSION CORD WERE USED IN THE UTILITY ROOM TO CONNECT ALL THE APPLIANCE TO WALL RECEPTACLE. THE HOUSE WAS BURNED TO THE GROUND.

Incident Date: 19800811 City: State: MA

A 44 YEAR OLD WOMAN AND HER 10 YEAR OLD SON WERE OVERCOME BY SMOKE INHALATION FROM A FIRE IN THEIR HOME. THE LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENT IDENTIFIED THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE AS AN OVERHEATED EXTENSION CORD.

Incident Date: 19800811 City: State: CA

A FIRE STARTED IN THE BEDROOM OF A SINGLE STORY HOME. FIREMEN BE- LIEVED THE CAUSE TO BE A SHORT IN AN EXTENSION CORD. THE FIRE CAUSED \$15,000 IN DAMAGES. NO INJURIES OCCURRED.

Incident Date: 19800801 City: State: KS

ON 8/1/80, A FIRE OCCURRED IN A SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING WHICH WAS DETERMINED TO BE CAUSED BY AN OVERLOADED EXTENSION CORD. THE EXTEN- SION CORD WAS CONNECTED TO A 110 AIR CONDITIONING UNIT, A LAMP, AN ELECTRIC BLANKET AND A CLOCK RAIDO. THE OCCUPANTS OF THE RESIDENCE WERE NOT AT HOME AT THE TIME OF THE FIRE. DAMAGE TO THE STRUCTURE WAS ESTIMATED AT BETWEEN \$25,000,00 AND \$30,000,00.

Incident Date: 19800901 City: State: ME

AN OVERHEATED SXTENSION CORD CAUSED A FIRE IN THE FIRST FLOOR BEDROOM OF A SINGLE FAMILY HOME. FIRE DAMAGE WAS CONTAINED IN THE ONE ROOM. OCCUPANTS WERE AWAY AT THE TIME. TWO FIRMEN WERE INJURED AT THE SCENE.

Incident Date: 19800810 City: State: MI

A TELEPHONE INVTIGATION WAS CONDUCTED AS REQUESTED. AN ELECTRICAL EXTENSION CORD IS BELIEVED TO HAVE SHORT CIRCUITED AND TO HAVE CAUSED A FIRE IN A BEDROOM OF THE RESPONDENT'S HOME. NO INJUIRES BUT EXTENIS VE DAMAGE OCCURRED. A SAMPLE WAS NOT AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION.

Incident Date: 19800903 City: State: TX

TWO COLLEGE STUDENTS, AGED 19 AND 23, SHARED A SECOND STORY GARAGE APARTMENT WHICH HAD A 115 VOLT AIR CONDITIONER IN TH WINDOW OF THE BEDROOM. THE AIR CONDITIONER CORD WAS INCORRECTLY ATTACHED TO AN EIGHT FOOT LONG ROUND EXTENSION CORD THAT WAS PLUGGED INTO A WALL OUTLET. THE ENDS BOTH CORDS WERE CUT OFF, AND THE ELECTRIC WIRES WERE TWISTED TOGETHER AND TAPED. THE EXTENSION CORD RAN UNDER A MATTRESS LYING ON THE FLOOR. AFTER ABOUT ONE MONTH, THE EXTENSION CORD OVERHEATED AND SET THE MATTRESS AND ROOM ON FIRE. PROPERTY DAMAGE WAS OVER \$5,000.00. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19801114 City: State:

THE SET WAS AN INSTANT-ON PER OWNER. IT HAD BEEN USED MOST OF THE DAY THE FIRE OCCURRED BUT AT THE TIME OF THE FIRE WAS OWNER WAS NEXT DOOR EATING DINNER AND THE SET WAS OFF. THE FIRE REPORT STATED THAT THE FIRE STARTED IN OR NEAR THE TRANSFORMER AND THE FUSE INSIDE THE SET NEVER BLEW. THE CONSULTING ENGINEER'S REPORT STATES THAT THE MOST PROBABLE POINT OF FAILURE IS A CRACKING OR ABRADING OF THE INSULATION OF THE POWER CORD AT ITS POINT OF ENTRY.

Incident Date: 19800924 City: State:

A 6 YEAR OLD GIRL WAS AT HOME WITH HER BABYSITTER AT THE TIME OF THE ACCIDENT. THE TV SET'S CORD HAD BEEN PREVIOUSLY DAMAGED AND WAS FLATTENED BECAUSE IT HAD BEEN STEPPED ON. HE SAID THAT THERE WAS CAVITATION AND ARCHING IN THE CORD WHEN IT WAS EXAMINED AFTER THE ACCIDENT HAPPENED. A PILLOW ON A COUCH WAS IN CONTACT WITH THE TV SET'S CORD AND CAUGHT ON FIRE. THE CHILD TRIED TO EXTINGUISH THE FIRE WITH A MAGAZINE, BUT THE MAGAZINE STARTED TO BURN AND SO SHE DROPPED IT. THE CHILD RECEIVED 1ST, 2ND, AND 3RD DEGREE BURNS ON HER HANDS, ARMS AND BACK, WHILE THE BABYSITTER BURNED HER HANDS, ARMS AND BACK WHEN SHE WALKED THROUGH THE OPEN FIRE FROM THE BEDROOM THROUGH THE LIVING ROOM. THE ARSON INVESTIGATOR DID NOT KNOW WHAT DEGREE BURNS THE BABYSITTER RECEIVED. HE STATED THAT THE PLASTIC CHASSIS MELTED IN

Incident Date: 19800923 City: State: TX

THE VICTIM IS AN ADULT FEMALE WHO LIVED IN A TWO BEDROOM PUBLIC HOUSING APARTMENT BUILDIN. A FAN AND AN EXTENSION CORD HOOKED TO A WINDOW AIR CONDITIONER. WERE PLUGGED INTO A WALL OUTLET IN THE BEDROOM WHILE THE VICTIM WAS AT WORK A FIRE BEGAN IN THE CLOTHING AND PAPER ITEMS WHICH WERE LYING ON TOP OF THE EXTENSION CORD. THERE WAS FIRE AND SMOKE, BUT NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19800916 City: State: TX

ON OR ABOUT SEPTEMBER 16, 1980 A FIRE OCCURRED IN THE INVINGROOM AND BEDROOM OF A WOOD FRAME HOUSE, THE FIRE WAS ORIGINALLY REPORTED TO HA VE STARTED FROM AN ELECTRICAL EXTENSION CORD. THE LOCAL FIRE MARSHAL SAID THE FIRE RESULTED FROM AN OVERLOAD AN THE HOUSE ELECTRICAL CIRCUIT; HOWEVER, A WITNESS SAYS THE FIRE STARTED IN BEDROOM CLOSET.

Incident Date: 19801114 City: State:

THIS LIMITED INVESTIGATION WAS A FOLLOW-UP TO A TELETYPE REQUESTING FURTHER INFORMATION RE: EXTENSION CORD CAUSED FIRE WAS UNABLE TO CONTACT RESIDENT FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PHONE ATTEMPTS LIST FOLLOWS. WENT TO RESIDENCE TWICE AND FOUND NO ONE HOME UNABLE TO DETERMINE WHO THE INSURANCE AGENT WAS FOR INFORMATION. COPY OF FIRE INCIDENT REPORT IS ATTACHED WHICH CITES CAUSE OF FIRE AS EXTENSION CORDS. FIRE DEPARTMENT DID NOT HAVE THE EXTENSION CORDS SO I WAS UNABLE TO COLLECT SAME I SENT A LETTER TO RESIDENT REQUESTING SHE FILL OUT FORM OR PHONE US WITH FURTHER INFORMATION BUT HAVE RECEIVED NO RESPONSE COPY OF LETTER IS ATTACHED ALSO.

Incident Date: 19800930 City: State: PA

THIS FIRE REPORTEDLY OCCURRED WHEN A HEAVY DUTY EXTENSION CORD (3 PRONG) SHORT CIRCUITED AFTER THE WASHING MACHINE IT WAS CONNECTED TO VIBRATED OVER THE CORD CUTTING ITS INSULATION. NO ONE WAS AT HOME AT THE TIME OF THE FIRE AND NO INJURIES REPORTEDLY OCCURRED. THIS 09-30-80 FIRE REPORTEDLY RESULTED IN THE TOTAL LOSS OF THE HOME AND ITS CONTENTS. TOTAL DOLLAR LOSS WAS UNKNOWN TO THE HOME'S OCCUPANT.

Incident Date: 19801007 City: State: ME

FIRE INVOLVED BEDROOM OF THIRD FLOOR APARTMENT OCCUPIED BY WHITE, 67 YEAR OLD FEMALE. INTERVIEW WITH FIRE OFFICIALS ESTIMATED CAUSE OF FIRE TO BE A DEFECTIVE EXTENSION CORD CONNECTED TO PORTABLE ELECTRIC HEATER. VICTIM OF FIRE INDICATED SHE FELT IT WAS A FAULT WALL RECEPTACLE, THAT WAS CAUSE OF FIRE. NO INJURIES INVOLVED IN FIRE.

Incident Date: 19801021 City: State: NY

ON ABOUT 10/21/80, A CONSUMER NOTED THAT THE LINE CORD AND MALE PLUG OF A BRAND NEW PORTABLE ELECTRIC HEATER BECAME TOO HOT TO TOUCH AFTER THE HEATER HAD OPERATED FOR ABOUT 30-45 MINUTES. NO INJURIES OR PROPERTY DAMAGE RESULTED, BUT THE COMPLAINANT, A FIREMAN BY PROFESSION, FEARED THAT THE HOT CORD COULD BECOME AN IGNITION SOURCE FOR A FIRE.

Incident Date: 19801010 City: State: OK

DURING OCTOBER 10, 1980 A 14 X 84 FOOT MOBILE HOME WAS DESTROYED BY FIRE. THE LOCAL FIRE FEELS THE FIRE WAS CAUSED BY A SHORT IN THE 220 CORD OF THE CLOTHES DRYER.

Incident Date: 19801103 City: State: CO

A 110 V DRYER, OF UNKNOWN AGE, STARTED A FIRE IN THE BASEMENT OF A HOME, CAUSING \$3,000 DAMAGE TO THE HOME AND \$3,000 DAMAGE TO CONTENTS. FIRE PREVENTION OFFICIALS DETERMINED THAT THE FIRE ORIGINATED AT THE IMPROPER SPLICE OF A VERY OLD FRAYED LAMP CORD MADE BY THE HOME OWNER TO CONNECT THE DRYER CORD TO THE CIRCUIT.

Incident Date: 19801124 City: State: WA

A 54 YEAR OLD FEMALE DIED AS THE RESULT OF INHALTION OF PRODUCTS OF COMBUSTION AND HEATED FIRE GASES WHEN A FIRE IN HER HOME WAS CAUSED BY A DEFECTIVE ELECTRICAL CORD AN ANTIQUE BEDSIDE LAMP. THE FIRE ORIGINATED IN THE BASEMENT BEDROOM OF THE VICTIM ABOUT 11 P.M.

Incident Date: 19801125 City: State: CO

A 3,220 WATT PORTABLE ELECTRIC SPACE HEATER, DRAWING 1,500 WATTS AND PLUGGED INTO A STANDARD AC "LAMP CORD" TYPE 8-FOOT EXTENSION CORD, OVERHEATED SOMEWHERE IN THE LINE AND STARTED A FIRE WHICH DID EXTENSIVE DAMAGE TO THE MOBILE HOME IT WAS IN. THE HOME WAS BEING USED FOR STORAGE, AND THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19801005 City: State: WA

THIS INVESTIGATION WAS A FOLLOW-UP TO A REQUEST FROM THE NYC-RO FOR FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING A FIRE WHICH REPORTEDLY WAS CAUSED BY A PRODUCT CALLED A NATALIE LAMP. THE CORD ON THE LAMP BURNED THROUGH WHILE PLUGGED INTO AN OUTLET NEXT TO THE BED, AND CAUGHT THE BEDDING ON FIRE. THE PRODUCT IS MANUFACTURED IN PATTERSON, N.J. THERE WERE NO INJURIES. NO SAMPLE SENT.

Incident Date: 19801205 City: State: ID

THE STAR CONTAINS 11 MINIATURE LIGHTS, ONE OF WHICH MADE THE ENTIRE SET FLASH ON AND OFF. SHE WANTED TO HAVE ALL "YELLOW" LIGHTS IN THE STAR. THEREFORE SHE REPLACED THE "FLASHER" LIGHT AND ALL OTHER THAT WERE NOT YELLOW. BULBS SUPPLIED WITH THE SET. AS WELL SOME EXTRA "YELLOW" BULBS PURCHASED SEPARATELY. WHEN SHE TESTED THE ALL "YELLOW" SET SHE PLUGGED THE STRINGCORD INTO A WALL OUTLET DIRECTLY (NO EXTENSION CORD). SHE NOTICED LIGHT GRAY SMOKE COMING FROM SEVERAL BULB SOCKETS SHE IMMEDIATELY UNPLUGGED THE SET AND HER HUSBAND TOOK IT INTO THE FIRE DEPT. THAT SAME DAY. SHE STATED THAT NO DAMAGE WAS DONE OTHER THAN TO THE LIGHTS THEMSELVES.

Incident Date: 19801119 City: State: OK

THIS CASE INVOLVED AN ELECTRIC SPACE HEATER WITH BLOWER FAN ACCORDING TO NEWSPAPER AND FIRE REPORTS. THE OWNER STATED THAT A HOME-MADE OR RATHER SELF-INSTALLED RECEPTACLE WAS AT FAULT. OWNER BELIEVES THE WORK BENCH DRAWER CUT INTO THE POWER CORD TO THE RECEPTACLE WHICH WAS MOUNTED ON THE WORK BENCH. THE ACCIDENT INVOLVED ONLY A SMALL FIRE IN THE GARAGE WITH NO INJURED PERSONS. THE FIRE OCCURRED AFTER THE HEATER HAD BEEN LEFT ON APPROXIMATELY 6 HOURS.

Incident Date: 19801203 City: UNK State: OR

THIS INVESTIGATION WAS A FOLLOW-UP TO A CONSUMER COMPLAINT OF AN EXTENSION CORD SHORTING OUT AND CAUSING A SMOULDERING FIRE IN THE BATHROOM. THE FIRE DAMAGE WAS LIMITED TO A BURNED AREA ON THE FLOOR. THERE WERE NO INJURIES. AN ON-SITE VISIT WAS MADE AND PICTURES OF THE BURNED AREA AND CORD ARE ATTACHED. AND PHOTOS ARE ATTACHED. THE ONLY IDENTIFICATION ON THE 12' EXT. CORD WAS THE NAME AND "MADE IN USA". WHEN QUESTIONED THE COMPLAINANT STATED THAT AT APPROX. 9 AM A PAINTER WHO HAD COME TO WORK ON THE HOUSE NOTICED SMOKE IN THE UPSTAIRS HALLWAY. THE COMPLAINANT SAID THE BATHROOM DOOR WAS SHUT AND WHEN HE OPENED IT HE SAW ASHES AND THE CARBONIZED REMAINS OF A TOWEL OVER WHERE THE CHARRED FLOOR IS.

Incident Date: 19801114 City: State: PA

THE FIRE REPORTEDLY OCCURRED IN A 3 STORY FRAME HOME ON 11/14/80 AT APPROX. 6:40 A.M. THE FIRE MARSHAL STATED THAT HIS INVESTIGATION SHOWED THAT A SPACE HEATER, LOCATED IN THE LIVINGROOM ON THE 1ST FLOOR OF THE SUPPLY AND IDENTIFYING INFO. (MFR., BRAND, MODEL ETC.) REGARDING HIS OPINION THAT THE FIRE APPARENTLY STARTED AS A RESULT OF A SPLICE MADE ON THE HEATER'S POWER CORD. HE INDICATED THAT 16 GAUGE WIRE HAD BEEN SPLICED TO 18 GAUGE WIRE. IT WAS THIS INDIVIDUAL'S CONCLUSION THAT THE FIRE RESULTED BECAUSE OF THIS MODIFICATION.

Incident Date: 19801115 City: State: IN

AT APPROXIMATELY 0232 HOURS ON SATURDAY, NOV. 15 1980 THREE MALES, AGES 70 60 AND 55 WERE KILLED WHEN OVERCOME BY SMOKE IN THEIR TWO-STORY OLDER WOOD FRAME PLACE OF RESIDENCE THE FIRE WAS APPARENTLY STARTED IN THE LIVING ROOM WHEN A FRAYED EXTENSION CORD UNDER A CARPET AND SOFA TO A TV AND A STEREO SHORTED AND CAUGHT FIRE AND IGNITED THE CARPET AND SOFA. AS THE FLAMES SPREAD A CORD TO AN ELECTRIC SPACE HEATER RUNNING UNDER THE SAME CARPET WAS ALSO IGNITED IN THE CONVERTED APARTMENT HOUSE. IT WAS REPORTED THAT THE EXTENSION CORD WAS BADLY FRAYED FROM BEING UNDER A LEG OF THE SOFA AND FROM THE WEIGHT OF THE SOFA.

Incident Date: 19801202 City: State: MA

THIS ABBREVIATED INVESTIGATION WAS CONDUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH TN NUMBER: 810112HIA1059 BOS-RO #2271. THE INVESTIGATION INVOLVES A HOUSEFIRE BELIEVED BY FIRE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL TO HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY AN OVERLOADED EXTENSION CORD POWERING A SPACE HEATER. THERE WERE NO INJURIES INVOLVED.

Incident Date: 19801105 City: State: OH

STRAIN ON THE CORD OF AN ELECTRIC DRYER CAUSED IT TO SHORT OUT, RESULTING IN A FIRE IN A MOBILE HOME. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19801128 City: State: TX

ON 11-28-80 A WOOD FRAME RENTAL HOUSE SUFFERED SEVERE FIRE DAMAGE DUE TO AN OVERLOAD OR ELECTRICAL SHORT IN AN EXTENSION CORD WHICH WAS NAILED TO THE WALL AND CONNECTED TO A TELEVISION SET.

Incident Date: 19801124 City: State: OH

A 29 YEAR OLD MALE AND HIS 18 MONTH OLD SON DIED DUE TO SMOKE INHALATION AS A RESULT OF A DEFECTIVE EXTENSION CORD FIRE.

Incident Date: 19801117 City: State: WI

THE DEATH OF A 52 YEAR OLD WOMAN IS THOUGHT TO HAVE BEEN CAUSED WHEN AN EXTENSION CORD PLUGGED IN BEHIND A SOFA IN HER LIVING ROOM CAUGHT FIRE IGNITING THE FURNITURE AND DRAPES AND PREVENTING HER ESCAPE. INFORMATION IS LIMITED TO VERBAL INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE FIRE INVESTIGATOR, A COPY OF THE CORONER'S REPORT, & PHOTO'S FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT REFUSED COPIES OF THEIR REPORT PENDING COMPLETION OF THEIR INVESTIGATION. THIS WAS EXPLAINED AS MEANING THE REPORT FROM THE UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR WHO WAS EXAMINING THE CORD. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT REFUSED TO ALLOW THE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO RELEASE A COPY OF THEIR REPORT. THE REPORT ON THE EXTENSION CORD WILL BE FORWARDED IF AND WHEN IT ARRIVES.

Incident Date: 19801115 City: State: OH

A SHORT IN AN ELECTRICAL EXTENSION CORD WAS THE REPORTED CAUSE OF FIRE IN THE BASEMENT OF HOME RENTED BY CORD OWNER. NO INJURIES OCCURRED AS A RESULT OF THE FIRE. CORD IS NO LONGER AVAILABLE FOR SAMPLING. CORD OWNER DID NOT KNOW BRAND OR SIZE OF CORD.

Incident Date: 19801117 City: State: MI

A FIRE BROKE OUT AT APPROXIMATELY 1400 HOURS ON 11-17-80 IN A TWO STORY, WOOD FRAME HOUSE. THE FIRE IS ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY A SHORT IN AN ELECTRICAL EXTENSION CORD WHICH HAD BEEN SECURED ABOVE A DOORWAY. NO INJURIES NOR FATALITIES RESULTED FROM THE FIRE, BUT PROPERTY DAMAGE WAS ESTIMATED TO BE \$15,000.

Incident Date: 19801205 City: State: WA

NO INJURIES WERE SUSTAINED BY THE OCCUPANTS OF A HOME DURING A FIRE WHICH CAUSED AN ESTIMATED \$2,000 DAMAGE TO THE CONTENTS OF THE HOME AND DESTROYED THE HOME WITH AN ESTIMATED VALUE OF \$25,000. THE BEST ESTIMATE OF THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT IS A WALL RECEPTACLE INTO WHICH AN EXTENSION CORD TO A PORTABLE ELECTRIC HEATER WAS PLUGGED OR WIRED. THE ACCIDENT OCCURRED ABOUT 1:35 P.M. ON DECEMBER 5, 1980.

Incident Date: 19801217 City: State: CT

A SINGLE 1 1/2 STORY WOOD FRAME FAMILY DWELLING WAS ENTIRELY GUTTED BY A FIRE BELIEVED TO HAVE STARTED WHEN AN EXTENSION CORD SUPPLYING CURRENT TO BOTH A WASHING MACHINE AND A FREEZER SHORTED AND OVERHEATED SETTING WOOD PANELING ON FIRE. NO ONE WAS HOME AT THE TIME OF THE FIRE.

Incident Date: 19801211 City: State: MI

A 38 YEAR OLD CAUCASIAN FEMALE RETURNED HOME TO DISCOVER HER LIVING ROOM ON FIRE CAUSED BY A MALFUNCTIONING EXTENSION CORD.

Incident Date: 19810101 City: State: WA

THIS INVESTIGATION WAS A FOLLOW-UP TO NEWSPAPER REPORTS FOR A FIRE CAUSED BY A FAULTY EXTENSION CORD. THE "GUIDELINES FOR INVESTIGATION OF EXTENSION CORD FIRES" WAS FOLLOWED (ATTCH. 1). THE FIRE WHICH RESULTED IN A DEATH AND APPROX. \$12,000 PROPERTY DAMAGES, WAS CAUSED BY MISUSE OF AN EXTENSION CORD ACCORDING TO FIRE DEPT. OFFICIALS. THE EXTENSION CORD WAS ALMOST COMPLETELY DESTROYED IN THE FIRE AND HAS BEEN DISCARDED, SO THE PRODUCT INFORMATION REQUESTED IN THE GUIDELINES IS NOT AVAILABLE.

Incident Date: 19801218 City: State: NC

AN EXTENSION CORD WAS CONSIDERED THE PROBABLE CAUSE OF A FIRE CAUSING MINOR DAMAGE TO THE BEDROOM OF A PRIVATE DWELLING. THE MALE PLUG CAP OF THE CORD WAS PLUGGED INTO AN UNGROUNDED WALL RECEPTACLE AND THE FEMALE RECEPTACLE WAS OPEN. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19810112 City: State: WI

THIS INCIDENT, A HOUSE FIRE, IS THOUGHT TO HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY AN OVERLOADED EXTENSION CORD IN AN UPSTAIRS BEDROOM. AN ON-SITE INVESTIGATION WAS NOT CONDUCTED AS THE CORD HAD BEEN TOTALLY DESTROYED AND LATER DISCARDED.

Incident Date: 19801231 City: State:

NEWSPAPER ARTICLE STATES THAT THE SUBJECT FIRE STARTED NEAR AN EXTENSION CORD. ATTEMPTS TO CONTACT THE CONSUMERS OR OWNERS OF THE HOME BY TELEPHONE HAVE BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL AS THE TELEPHONE NUMBER IS NOT IN SERVICE, POSSIBLY DUE TO THE EXTENT OF THE FIRE AT THE SITE.

Incident Date: 19810127 City: State: WA

TELEPHONE INDEPTH INVESTIGATION REVEALED THAT A FIRE IN A RESIDENCE, RESULTING IN APPROXIMATELY \$500 PROPERTY DAMAGE AND NO INJURIES, OCCURRED APPARENTLY AS THE RESULT OF A VERY OLD SPACE HEATER HAVING OVERHEATED, CAUSING MELTING OF A LIGHT DUTY EXTENSION CORD (ZIP CORD) TO WHICH THE HEATER WAS CONNECTED. ACCORDING TO THE PROPERTY OWNER, WHO WAS NOT LIVING AT THE SCENE OF THE FIRE AT THE TIME, THE SPACE HEATER WAS NOT FUNCTIONING PROPERLY PRIOR TO THE FIRE (SHE WAS TOLD BY THE RESIDENT RENTER THAT IT DIDN'T WORK). ACCORDING TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT EXTENSION CORDS IN USE SHOWED A MISUSE SITUATION IN THAT THEY WERE STAPLED IN VARIOUS PLACES TO BASEBOARDS, RUN OVER DOORWAYS, ECT. NO IDENTIFICATION OF THE HEATER WAS KNOWN BY THE PROPERTY OWNER. THE RESIDENT HAD MOVED TO AN UNKNOWN LOCATION SINCE THE FIRE.

Incident Date: 19810126 City: State: CA

A OVERLOADED EXTENSION CORD CAUSED A FIRE RESULTING IN APPROXIMATELY \$7000 DAMAGE TO A GARAGE AND CONTENTS. GARAGE WAS BEING USED AS LIVING QUARTERS FOR FAMILY RELATIVE WHERE EXTENSION CORD WAS STRUNG FROM HOUSE OUTLET. THE ONE EXTENSION CORD WAS SUPPLYING SEVERAL APPLIANCES WITHIN GARAGE. NO ONE WAS INJURED.

Incident Date: 19810109 City: State: MD

THIS INCIDENT INVOLVED A HOUSE FIRE CAUSED BY A DEFECTIVE CORD LEADING TO AN ELECTRIC HEATER BEING USED IN THE LIVING ROOM. THE CORD SPARKED AND OVERHEATED, IGNITING A SOFA AND LATER THE DWELLING. THREE PERSONS DIED IN THE FLAMES AND SMOKE.

Incident Date: 19810309 City: State: WA

THE FIRE DEPARTMENT RECEIVED A REPORT OF A FIRE IN A RESIDENCE AT 1232 HOURS ON MARCH 9, 1981. THEY FOUND THE HOUSE SECURED AND NO ONE WAS AT HOME. THE SOFA WAS ALMOST COMPLETELY CONSUMED BY THE FIRE WITH HEAT AND SMOKE DAMAGE THROUGHOUT THE HOUSE. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT INVESTIGATOR CONCLUDED THAT THE FIRE WAS STARTED AT THE BACK OR BOTTOM OF THE SOFA BY ARCING OF DAMAGED EXTENSION CORD WIRES ON THE FLOOR UNDER ON BEHIND THE SOFA.

Incident Date: 19810305 City: State: TX

THE VICTIM, A 29 YEAR OLD FEMALE, LIVED IN A SUBURBAN SINGLE HOUSE WITH HER HUSBAND. SHE USED A 12 YEAR OLD TWIN SIZE ELECTRIC BLANKET ON HER SIDE OF THE BED IN THIS COUPLE'S BEDROOM. ONE EVENING THE VICTIM CUT THE ELECTRIC BLANKET ON, GOT IN BED, AND TURNED THE LIGHT OFF. THREE TO FIVE MINUTES LATER, SHE HEARD ARCING NOISES. THE VICTIM LOOKED AND SAW SPARKS AND A FLAME AT THE FOOT OF THE ELECTRIC BLANKET. ONE OF THE WIRES OF THE ELECTRIC BLANKET'S DETACHABLE APPLIANCE CORD HAD BURNED INTO, AND THIS WIRE WAS LYING AGAINST, THE BOTTOM EDGE OF THE ELECTRIC BLANKET. THE FIRE WAS PUT OUT WITH DAMAGE ONLY TO THE ELECTRIC BLANKET. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19810106 City: State: VA

A 31 YEAR OLD MALE WAS DRYING HIS 20 MONTH OLD DAUGHTER'S HAIR IN THE BATHROOM OF THEIR APARTMENT WITH THE FAMILY'S ELECTRIC HAIR DRYER. THE CONSUMER SUFFERED A SLIGHT (1ST DEGREE) AND SMALL BURN ON THE SIDE OF HIS RIGHT HAND. THE CORD OF THE DRYER HAD SHORTED OUT WITH A BREAK IN THE CORD AND A FLASH FIRE.

Incident Date: 19811201 City: State: MD

THIS INCIDENT INVOLVED AN ELECTRIC HAND CLOTHES IRON BEING USED IN THE KITCHEN OF THE COMPLAINANT'S HOME. THE COMPLAINANT, A 55 YEAR OLD FEMALE WAS IRONING CURTAINS WHEN THE IRON CAUGHT FIRE AT THE POINT THE CORD IS ATTACHED. THERE WERE NO INJURIES

Incident Date: 19810227 City: State: OK

ON 2/27/81, AT APPROXIMATELY 3:27 A.M., A MAJOR FIRE WITH INJURY OCCURRED IN THE RESIDENCE OF A 25 YEAR OLD WHITE MALE. THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN A SHORT IN AN EXTENSION CORD INSTALLED UNDER A CARPET.

Incident Date: 19810326 City: State: CA

AN 80 YEAR OLD MALE DIED OF SMOKE INHALATION AS A RESULT OF A CORD OF AN ELECTRIC BLANKET IGNITING AND SUBSEQUENTLY SETTING FIRE TO THE MATTRESS ON THE BED. IT WAS REPORTED THAT THE CORD LEADING FROM THE BLANKET TO THE THERMOSTAT CONTROL HAD BEEN PLACED BETWEEN THE MATTRESS AND BOX SPRING, RUNNING LENGTHWISE FROM THE FOOT OF THE BED TO THE HEAD BOARD.

Incident Date: 19810306 City: State: LA

NO INJURIES WERE SUSTAINED IN A TV/EXTENSION CORD FIRE IN THE BEDROOM. NO ONE WITNESSED THE INCIDENT IN THAT NO ONE WAS HOME AT THE TIME THE FIRE BEGAN. THE TOTAL LOST APPROXIMATED \$19,500 INCLUDING STRUCTURE AND CONTENTS.

Incident Date: 19810329 City: State: IA

ON 3/29/81 A FIRE OCCURRED IN THE LIVING ROOM OF A SINGLE FAMILY DWEL LING. THE CAUSE WAS DETERMINED TO BE A SHORT CIRCUIT IN AN ELECTRICAL CORD ATTACHED TO A LAMP. THE CORD HAD BEEN DAMAGED DUE TO BENDING A ND USE NO INJURIES RESULTED HOWEVER TWO DAYS DID SMOKE INHALATION.

Incident Date: 19810402 City: State: ID

A FIRE WHICH IGNITED FURNITURE, CLOTHING AND BEDDING IN THE BEDROOM O F THE OCCUPANT APPARENTLY WAS CAUSED BY AN OVERLOADED TEMPORARY EXTEN SION CORD BEING USED TO SUPPLY POWER TO A PORTABLE ELECTRIC HEATER. T HE FIRE DEPARTMENT RECEIVED THE REPORT OF THE FIRE ABOUT 10:04 PM ON APRIL 2, 1981.

Incident Date: 19810321 City: State: CA

THE FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORTS THAT THIS HOME FIRE WAS CAUSED BY A DEFEC TIVE EXTENSION CORD, WHICH IGNITED (ARCING FROM A FAULTY CONNECTION) A NEARBY UPHOLSTERED SOFA IN THE LIVINGROOM. THERE WERE NO INJURIES O R DEATHS, AS NO ONE WAS HOME DURING THIS FIRE. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT RE PORTS THAT THERE WAS FIRE DAMAGE TO THE SOFA, CARPET, AND LIVINGROOM. DAMAGE IS EXTIMATED AT: \$1,000 TO THE STRUCTURE; AND \$700.-- TO THE CONTENTS. THE FIRE WAS CONTAINED TO THE LIVINGROOM.

Incident Date: 19810412 City: State: IL

A SHORT-CIRCUIT IN A "HANGING" LAMP'S CORD STARTED A HOUSE FIRE. THE ACCIDENT OCCURRED IN THE RESPONDENT'S 11 YEAR OLD SON'S BEDROOM. NO ONE WAS AT HOME WHEN THE ACCIDENT HAPPENED, BUT THE RESPONDENT'S DOG DIED FROM SMOKE INHALATION.

Incident Date: 19810426 City: State: NY

THIS FIRE CLAIMED TWO LIVES. THE BUILDING OWNER CLAIMED THAT IT BEGA N IN A SEVEN YEAR OLD ELECTRIC BLANKET. HOWEVER, THE NEW YORK CITY FIRE MARSHAL TRACED THE FIRE TO A BROKEN CABLE WHIC H HAD BEEN CONVERTED INTO AN EXTENSION CORD.

Incident Date: 19810429 City: State: MA

A 27 YEAR OLD WOMAN WAS IRONING CLOTHES WHEN IN A MATTER OF SECONDS T HE CORD WAS ON FIRE. NO INJURIES OCCURRED FROM THIS INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19810401 City: State: VT

COMPLAINANT STATES THAT A FOUR (4) YEAR OLD, SINGLE SIZE ELECTRIC BLA NKET CAUGHT FIRE WHILE IN USE. FIRE STARTED NEAR WHERE CORD ENTERED BLANKET. NO INJURY RESULTED.

Incident Date: 19810419 City: State: DE

A FIRE BEGAN IN AN APARTMENT BUILDING THAT HOUSES RETIRED PEOPLE. IT STARTED IN THE APARTMENT OF AN 80 YEAR OLD FEMALE. THE FIRE ALLEGEDLY WAS DUE TO A WORN ELECTRIC CORD CONNECTED TO A LAMP IN THE VICTIM'S APARTMENT. THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE FIRE DAMAGE TO THE APARTMENT AND SM OKE DAMAGE TO THE ENTIRE 9TH FLOOR ON WHICH THE FIRE OCCURRED. 3 ELDE RLY PERSONS WERE TREATED FOR SMOKE INHALATION AND RELEASED.

Incident Date: 19810226 City: State: CA

AN EXTENSION CORD DRAPED OVER A METAL TOWEL BAR AND CONNECTED TO A QUARTZ HEATER OVER HEATED AND GROUNDED ITSELF TO THE TOWEL BAR. THE TOWEL BAR MELTED AND MOLTEN METAL DROOPED ONTO THE BATHROOM CARPET IGNITING FIRE IN THE BATHROOM. INFORMATION WAS OBTAINED FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. THE HOME OWNER'S, SON, PRESENT DURING THE FIRE, IS IN A COMA FROM AN UNRELATED ACCIDENT. THE FATHER IS QUITE PRE-OCCUPIED AND PROVIDED VERY LITTLE INFORMATION.

Incident Date: 19810121 City: State: NJ

THIS TELEPHONE INVESTIGATION WAS CONDUCTED AS A FOLLOW-UP TO A FIRE DEPARTMENT COMPLAINT REGARDING A RESIDENTIAL FIRE THAT WAS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY A PORTABLE SPACE HEATER. AFTER THE ARSON SQUAD CONDUCTED AN INVESTIGATION, ITS FINDINGS REVEALED THAT THE FIRE WAS CAUSED BY AN OVERLOADED EXTENSION CORD. THE ENTIRE ATTIC AREA OF THE HOME WAS DAMAGED BY FIRE. THERE WERE NO INJURIES INVOLVED.

Incident Date: 19810424 City: State: OK

A 43 YEAR OLD WHITE MALE AND A 43 YEAR OLD WHITE FEMALE DIED OF SMOKE INHALATION IN A FIRE ATTRIBUTED TO AN ELECTRICAL EXTENSION CORD. NO WITNESSES SURVIVED. THE CIRCUIT BREAKER ON THE SUSPECT CIRCUIT HEAD TRIPPED.

Incident Date: 19810204 City: State: AZ

AN ELECTRIC BLANKET SHORTED AND SCORCHED SPOTS ON THE SHEETS ON THE BED. THE SERVICE CORD WAS DISCONNECTED. THERE WAS NO FIRE AND NO ONE WAS INJURED.

Incident Date: 19810511 City: State: MA

A FIRE STARTED IN AN EXTENSION CORD, OR IN THE AQUARIUM PUMP TO WHICH IT WAS ATTACHED. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL COULD NOT DETERMINE THE EXACT SOURCE.

Incident Date: 19810528 City: State: WA

THIS INVESTIGATION WAS A FOLLOW-UP TO A REPORT FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT OF AN ELECTRIC BLANKET FIRE. THERE WERE NO INJURIES AND PROPERTY DAMAGE WAS ESTIMATED AT \$500. THE ELECTRIC BLANKET CORD BURNED THROUGH AND CAUGHT THE BEDDING ON FIRE. THE BLANKET WAS COLLECTED AND IS OFFICIAL SAMPLE F-870-1821. GUIDELINES FOR INVESTIGATION OF ELECTRIC BLANKET FIRES WERE FOLLOWED.

Incident Date: 19810401 City: State: CA

THIS INCIDENT INVOLVED A MICROWAVE OVEN. THE VICTIM WAS USING THE MICROWAVE OVEN TO COOK A POTATO. THE VICTIM STATED THAT DESPITE THE FACT THAT SHE OPERATED THE OVEN ACCORDING TO THE DIRECTIONS A FIRE ENSUED. THE SMOKE AND FUMES FROM THE FIRE CAUSED THE VICTIM EYE IRRITATION, NAUSEA, HEADACHE, AND THROAT IRRITATION. THE VICTIM STATES THAT SHE HAS FULLY RECOVERED AT THIS TIME.

Incident Date: 19810526 City: State: MN

THIS IS AN INVESTIGATION OF A FIRE INCIDENT THAT OCCURRED INVOLVING A THAT OCCURRED ON 5/26/81. THE COMPLAINANT AWOKE AT NIGHT AND FOUND THAT FIRE AND SPARKS WERE BEING EMITTED AT THE POINT THAT THE ELECTRIC CORD FOR THE REFRIGERATOR WAS PLUGGED INTO A 3 PRONG ADAPTER PLUG, WHICH IN TURN WAS PLUGGED INTO A WALL OUTLET. THE FIRE WAS EXTINGUISHED BY THE COMPLAINANT AND HIS ROOMMATE, AND NO INJURIES WERE SUFFERED.

Incident Date: 19810422 City: State: PA

A SHORT IN THE ELECTRICAL CORD OF A LAMP CAUSED A FIRE WHICH RESULTED IN EXTENSIVE DAMAGE TO A HOUSE. THE ONLY INJURY REPORTED WAS SUFFERED BY A FIREMAN.

Incident Date: 19810513 City: State: KS

ON 5/13/81, A HOME WAS TOTALLY DESTROYED BY FIRE WHICH WAS REPORTEDLY CAUSED BY AN OVERLOADED 220 VOLT EXTENSION CORD BEING USED TO OPERATE AN AIR COMPRESSOR. THE FIRE REPORTEDLY STARTED IN THE KITCHEN AREA OF THE HOME. THERE WERE NO INJURIES INVOLVED.

Incident Date: 19810506 City: State: NV

A 27 YEAR OLD MALE DIED IN A HOUSE FIRE WHICH FIRE INVESTIGATORS DETERMINED STARTED NEAR A WALL RECEPTACLE BEHIND THE HEADBOARD OF A BED. THE FIRE WAS PROBABLY CAUSED BY A SHORT IN THE CORD OF AN ELECTRIC CLOCK CAUSED BY DAMAGE FROM THE HEADBOARD OF THE BED.

Incident Date: 19810505 City: State: MI

A HOME-MADE LAMP THAT THE VICTIM PURCHASED AT A FLEA MARKET WAS IN PLACE IN THE VICTIM'S BEDROOM. THE VICTIM'S FAMILY HAD BEEN AWAY FROM THE PREMISES ON THE DATE OF THE INCIDENT UNTIL 3 PM. AT THAT TIME, THE VICTIM RETURNED AND NOTICED THAT THE LAMP HAD ITS WIRE CORD INSULATION FRAY AND RESULTED IN A FIRE THAT CAUSED \$10,000 DAMAGE. NO INJURIES OR DEATHS RESULTED.

Incident Date: 19810525 City: State: AR

NEWS REPORT CITED A RESIDENTIAL REFRIGERATOR FIRE. LOCAL FIRE REPORT GAVE CAUSE AS THE USE OF AN EXTENSION CORD TOO SMALL FOR THE PURPOSE. THIS CAUSED THE FAN MOTOR IN THE REFRIGERATOR TO OVERHEAT. THE REFRIGERATOR WAS NOTED TO BE 20 YEARS OLD.

Incident Date: 19810430 City: State: NE

ON 04/30/81 A FIRE OCCURRED IN A MOBIL HOME WHICH WAS CAUSED WHEN THE ELECTRICAL CORD ON A DRYER SHORTED OUT. THIS CORD HAD BEEN DAMAGED AS A RESULT OF A WASHER TESTING ON THE CORD AND VIBRATING. THE MOBIL HOME WAS DESTROYED. NO INJURIES RESULTED.

Incident Date: 19810511 City: State: CA

THE POWER CORD OF A REFRIGERATOR SHORT-CIRCUITED, CAUSING A \$25,000 FIRE IN A DUPLEX HOUSE. THERE WAS NO INJURY IN THE FIRE, THE OCCUPANTS WERE NOT AT HOME AT TIME.

Incident Date: 19810608 City: State: IN

AT APPROXIMATELY 0230 HOURS ON MONDAY, JUNE 8, 1981, A TABLE LAMP CORD APPARENTLY CAUGHT FIRE AND BURNED THE CORD FROM THE POINT OF FIRE ORIGIN TO THE LAMP. THE LAMP CORD RAN FROM THE LAMP, WHICH WAS ON TOP OF A DESK, DOWN BEHIND THE DESK. THE BURNING LAMP CORD IGNITED THE THIN WOOD VENEER OF THE BACK OF THE DESK AND THE WOOD PANELING BEHIND THE DESK.

Incident Date: 19810616 City: State: WA

THIS INVESTIGATION WAS A FOLLOW-UP TO A NEWSPAPER REPORT OF A FIRE REPORTEDLY CAUSED BY AN EXTENSION CORD. THE FIRE OCCURRED IN A HARDWARE /LUMBER STORE. DAMAGES ARE ESTIMATED AT \$3-1/2 MILLION. THERE WERE NO INJURIES. FIRE DEPARTMENT INVESTIGATORS DETERMINED THE PROBABLE CAUSE OF FIRE TO BE AN OVERLOADED EXTENSION CORD OR CORDS. THE FEW PIECES OF CORD(S) WHICH WERE FOUND AT THE SCENE WERE NOT AVAILABLE FOR EXAMINATION, HOWEVER FIRE DEPARTMENT INVESTIGATOR SAID IT WAS OF A LIGHT GAUGE, POSSIBLE 18 GAUGE.

Incident Date: 19810628 City: State: TX

AN EXTENSION CORD CONNECTED TO A WINDOW UNIT AIR CONDITIONER LOCATED IN THE FRONT BEDROOM OF THE HOUSE WHERE THE VICTIM; RESIDED SHORTED OUT CAUSING SPARKS TO BE EMITTED AND IGNITING THE WINDOW CURTAINS, CAUSING THE HOUSE FIRE. AS A RESULT OF THE FIRE, TWO INDIVIDUALS WERE KILLED.

Incident Date: 19810613 City: State: IN

A WINDOW FAN'S CORD POSSIBLY STARTED A FIRE ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF A FRAME HOUSE. NO ONE WAS INJURED AS A RESULT OF THE ACCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19810418 City: State: NC

THE RESPONDENT REPORTED THAT THE CORD ON AN ELECTRIC HAIR DRYER APPARENTLY IGNITED SOFA IN THE DEN, CAUSING EXTENSIVE DAMAGES DUE TO FIRE AND SMOKE. IT WAS REPORTED THAT THE IGNITION SOURCE WAS CREATED BY THE DOG CHEWING THRU THE CORD - ALLOWING THE EXPOSED WIRES TO MAKE CONTACT WITH THE SOFA. THE HAIR DRYER WAS PLUGGED INTO THE ELECTRIC OUTLET AT THE TIME. THE HAIR DRYER AND SOFA WERE TOTALLY DESTROYED DURING THE FIRE AND THERE WERE NO WITNESSES TO THE INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19810608 City: State: TX

THIS CASE INVOLVED THE PLACING OF A CHRISTMAS TREE BULB INTO A STANDARD SOCKET LAMP CAUSING THE LAMP TO SHORT OUT. THE FIRE RESULTED IN THE POWER CORD TO THE LAMP. THE FIRE TOOK PLACE ON THE BEDROOM. NO PERSONAL BODILY INJURIES WERE SUSTAINED BETWEEN \$28,000 AND \$36,000 STRUCTURAL DAMAGE AND AROUND \$34,000 CONTENTS DAMAGE WERE THE LOSSES.

Incident Date: 19810608 City: State: TX

THE VICTIM WAS A 21 YEAR OLD MALE WHO AWOKE AND DISCOVERED FIRE IN HIS RENTED APARTMENT. HE ESCAPED WITH NO INJURIES. THE ELECTRIC CORD OF THE FRONT LIVING ROOM AIR CONDITIONER HAD BEEN SPLICED TOGETHER TO AN EXTENSION CORD. THIS SPLICE SHORTED OUT AND CAUSED THE FIRE.

Incident Date: 19810613 City: State: MD

THIS ACCIDENT INVOLVED A HEATING PAD AND SOFA-BED BEING USED IN LIVING ROOM OF VICTIMS' APARTMENT. VICTIMS, AN 82 YEAR OLD MALE AND HIS WIFE, 79, HAD USED A HEATING PAD ON BED ALONG WITH EXTENSION CORD. THE CORDS WERE ALL KNOTTED AND TANGLED AND A SHORT CIRCUIT DEVELOPED, CAUSING A FIRE WHICH RESULTED IN DEATH TO THE WIFE AND BURNS AND ACUTE SMOKE INHALATION TO HUSBAND.

Incident Date: 19810612 City: State: TX

THIS CASE INVOLVED NO PERSONAL INJURY. A FREEZER WAS PLUGGED INTO AN EXTENSION CORD, THE EXTENSION CORD WAS PLUGGED INTO A PORCELAIN CEILING LIGHT SOCKET. THE COMBINATION OF POWER CORD AND EXTENSION CORD WAS SURROUNDED BY FLAMMABLES. ON JUNE 12TH, WITH NO WITNESSES PRESENT A SHORT IN THE EXTENSION CORD STARTED A FIRE. THE FIRE WAS WELL OUT OF CONTROL BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT'S ARRIVAL. THE HOUSE HAD HEAVY SMOKE DAMAGE THROUGHOUT.

Incident Date: 19810613 City: State: VA

THIS IDI WAS A FOLLOW-UP TO A NEWSPAPER REPORT OF A HOUSEFIRE CAUSED BY AN OVERHEATED EXTENSION CORD. NO ON-SITE VISIT WAS MADE AFTER TELEVISION WITH THE OCCUPANT OF THE HOUSE, THE INSURANCE AGENT, THE HOME OWNERS AND THE FIRE DEPARTMENT INVESTIGATOR, REVEALED THAT NONE OF THE PRODUCTS INVOLVED WERE AVAILABLE FOR PICTURES OR IDENTIFICATION AND THAT THE HOUSE WAS BEING REPAIRED. THE EXTENSION CORD WAS USED TO CONNECT THE LIGHT-DUTY CLOTHES DRYER TO A 220 VOLT OUTLET ACCORDING TO THE OCCUPANTS AND OWNERS OF THE DRYER. THE EXTENSION CORD WAS TOO LONG AND HAD BEEN WRAPPED SEVERAL TIMES AROUND THE FAUCETS. THERE WERE NO INJURIES, AND THE PROPERTY DAMAGE WAS ESTIMATED TO BE \$15,000. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT DETERMINED THE CAUSE OF IGNITION TO BE THE OVERHEATED EXTENSION CORD.

Incident Date: 19810620 City: State: OK

AROUND 3:15 P.M. ON JUNE 20, 1981 A SMALL WOOD FRAME HOUSE CAUGHT FIRE. THE HEAVIEST DAMAGE WAS AROUND THE LIVING ROOM'S AIR CONDITIONER AND ITS EXTENSION CORD. THE FIRE CHIEF SAID THE HOME'S WIRING WAS INADEQUATE AND WAS THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE.

Incident Date: 19810623 City: State: LA

ON JUNE 23 THE WOOD FRAME HOME OF A 47 YEAR OLD MALE AND HIS FAMILY WAS GUTTED WHEN AN ELECTRIC IRON/EXTENSION CORD IGNITED WALL AND CEILING MATERIALS. NO ONE WAS INJURED IN THIS FIRE.

Incident Date: 19810604 City: State: NY

A KITCHEN FIRE WHICH RESULTED IN \$21,000 WORTH OF DAMAGE TO A RESIDENCE WAS TRACED TO A SHORT IN A HOMEMADE EXTENSION CORD BELIEVED BY A FIRE INVESTIGATOR TO HAVE BEEN CHEWED BY A RODENT. NO INJURIES WERE SUSTAINED. NO FIRE REPORT OR INVESTIGATION REPORT WERE FILED.

Incident Date: 19810709 City: State: IN

RESIDENTIAL FIRE WAS APPARENTLY CAUSED BY A TOASTER WHOSE SERVICE CORD OVERHEATED AS A RESULT OF ITS SERVICE CORD BEING FOLDED OVER ITSELF AND THEN TIED WITH A METAL TIE.

Incident Date: 19810717 City: State: IL

RESIDENTIAL FIRE SUPPOSEDLY STARTED IN AN AIR CONDITIONER CORD OR IN THE OUTLET THE CORD WAS CONNECTED TO.

Incident Date: 19810731 City: State: TX

ON JULY 13, 1981 A 4 FOOT HOMEMADE EXTENSION CORD HOOKED UP TO AN AIR CONDITIONER OVERHEATED AND STARTED A HOUSE FIRE.

Incident Date: 19810721 City: State: CA

A POWER CORD OF A TABLE LAMP SHORTED AND IGNITED A SMALL FIRE ON A CARPET. EVIDENCE INDICATED THAT A PORTION OF THE ELECTRIC CORD INADVERTENTLY BECAME TRAPPED UNDER ONE OF THE BED POSTS. THE METAL BED POSTS SHORTED ACROSS THE ELECTRIC CORD AND GENERATED SUFFICIENT HEAT TO IGNITE A SMALL FIRE. THE DAMAGE WAS CONFINED TO A SMALL SCORCHED AREA ON THE CARPET, NEAR ONE OF THE BED POSTS. NO INJURIES RESULTED HOWEVER.

Incident Date: 19810624 City: State: PA

THIS FIRE INCIDENT REPORTEDLY INVOLVES AN ELECTRIC FAN WHICH MALFUNCTIONED RESULTING IN A FIRE AT IN INSTITUTION FOR THE AGED. THE INVOLVED FIRE CHIEF HYPOTHEZIZES THAT THE FIRE STARTED AS A RESULT OF A SHORT IN THE ELECTRICAL CORD ATTACHED TO THE FAN. NO PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION WAS AVAILABLE REGARDING THIS FAN. THE FIRE REPORTEDLY OCCURRED ON 6/24/81, AT APPROXIMATELY 2:50 A.M. DAMAGE WAS LIMITED TO THE FAN AND THE WINDOW SEAL ON WHICH IT WAS SITUATED. NO INJURIES REPORTEDLY OCCURRED AS A RESULT OF THIS FIRE.

Incident Date: 19810718 City: State: WI

THIS INVESTIGATION INVOLVED A FIRE IN AN APARTMENT COMPLEX. THE FIRE OCCURRED WHILE THE OCCUPANT WAS IN BED. THE EXACT CAUSE OF THE FIRE HAS NOT BEEN DETERMINED AS THE LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENT LISTED THE POSSIBLE CAUSE AS EITHER THE ELECTRIC CORD OF A LAMP OR CARELESS USE OF SMOKING MATERIALS. THE OCCUPANT SUSTAINED MINOR 1ST DEGREE BURNS AND CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING.

Incident Date: 19810711 City: State: IL

THE CAPTAIN FOR THE STREAMWOOD, ILLINOIS FIRE DEPARTMENT STATED THAT THE CORD INVOLVED IN THIS FIRE WAS NOT AN "APPROVED APPLIANCE EXTENSION CORD" HE REMARKED THAT THE CORD WAS LIKE A "DROP LIGHT CORD" MODIFIED TO BE USED AS AN EXTENSION CORD FOR AN AIR CONDITIONER. THIS INCIDENT IS OUT-OF-SCOPE, SINCE A HOMEMADE PRODUCT IS INVOLVED.

Incident Date: 19810715 City: State:

ASSIGNMENT MESSAGE REFERRED TO A RESIDENTIAL FIRE WHERE THE SOURCE OF IGNITION WAS REPORTEDLY A DEFECTIVE LAMP. THE INVOLVEMENT OF UPHOLSTERED WAS ALSO MENTIONED. THE FIRE CHIEF WHO RESPONDED TO THE CALL INTERVIEWED IN REFERENCE TO THE INCIDENT. HE STATED THAT THERE WAS NO INVOLVEMENT OF A LAMP CORD. HE STATED THAT THE SOURCE OF THE FIRE HAS BEEN TENTATIVELY LISTED AS AN EXTENSION CORD. HE DID NOT NOTE ANY DIRECT INVOLVEMENT OF UPHOLSTERED FURNITURE. CONTACT WAS ALSO MADE WITH THE FEMALE RESIDENT OF THE DWELLING WHO STATED THAT NO EXTENSION CORD WAS IN USE IN THE LIVINGROOM WHERE THE FIRE STARTED. SHE STATED THAT THE FIRE, IN HER OPINION, MAY HAVE BEEN ATTRIBUTED TO A POSSIBLE LIGHTNING STRIKE TO THE HOME.

Incident Date: 19810718 City: State: OH

A DEFECTIVE IRON CORD CAUSED APPROXIMATELY \$15,000 DAMAGE TO THE VICTIM'S HOME. THE FIRE WAS CONFINED TO THE BEDROOM (SITE OF THE IRON WITH DEFECTIVE IRON CORD) AND INVOLVED NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19810707 City: State: VA

A FIRE CAUSED BY AN EXTENSION CORD CAUSED APPROXIMATELY \$250,000.00 IN DAMAGES TO A HOME. THE CONSUMERS WERE NOT AT HOME AT THE TIME OF THE FIRE - NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19810802 City: State: AL

ACCORDING TO THE FIRE CHIEF AND OCCUPANT OF MOBILE HOME, AT APPROXIMATELY 2:03 A.M. ON AUGUST 2, 1981, THREE UNIDENTIFIED MEN PASSING BY A MOBILE HOME NOTICED SMOKE. THE THREE MEN GRABBED A GARDEN HOSE AND EXTINGUISHED THE FIRE. THE FIRE CHIEF AND THE OCCUPANT SAID THAT THE FIRE WAS CAUSED BY AN EXTENSION CORD WHICH HAD BECOME SHORTED OUT.

Incident Date: 19810810 City: State: WA

TELEPHONE IDI REVEALED THAT A MOBILE HOME FIRE, RESULTING IN \$5000 PROPERTY DAMAGE AND NO INJURIES, WAS APPARENTLY CAUSED BY AN OVERLOADED EXTENSION CORD RUN FROM THE MOBILE HOME TO A CAMPER TRAILER NEARBY. THE CORD HAD BEEN DISPOSED OF PRIOR TO THE INVESTIGATION.

Incident Date: 19810911 City: State: PA

AN EXTENSION CORD THAT WAS TOUCHING A MATTRESS SHORTED AND CAUGHT THE MATTRESS ON FIRE. A 14 YEAR OLD GIRL THAT WALKED INTO THE ROOM DURING THE FIRE WAS TREATED FOR SMOKE INHALATION.

Incident Date: 19811209 City: State: CA

A NEWSPAPER CLIPPING STATED THAT A WORN OR FAULTY LAMP CORD MAY HAVE STARTED A FIRE IN A SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLING. SPARKS FROM THE WALL OUT LET IGNITED A SOFA, WHICH IN TURN SPREAD THE FIRE TO THE ENTIRE FAMILY ROOM. THE FIRE CAUSED \$50,000 DAMAGES TO THE HOME.

Incident Date: 19820926 City: State: MI

A HOMEOWNER SUFFERED SECOND AND THIRD DEGREE BURNS TO HIS FACE, NECK, BOTH ARMS, AND CHEST WHEN A LP GAS-FIRED WATER HEATER EXPLODED. THE VICTIM WAS GOING DOWN A STAIRWAY TO FIND THE SOURCE OF A GAS ODOR. THE EXPLOSION OCCURRED WHEN THE HOMEOWNER PULLED THE CORD ON A CEILING LIGHT.

Incident Date: 19820909 City: State: WI

AN EXTENSION CORD ATTACHED TO A WATER SOFTENER OVERHEATED CAUSING THE PLASTIC COVER TO MELT AND BURN. THE PLASTIC WATER PIPE MELTED. THE WATER PUT OUT THE FIRE. THERE WAS ONLY SMOKE DAMAGE, NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19810815 City: State: GA

A FIRE WAS STARTED UNDER A MATTRESS FROM AN ELECTRICAL EXTENSION CORD CONNECTED TO A WINDOW AIR CONDITIONER WHICH WAS RUNNING FROM THE AIR CONDITIONER THROUGH THE BED SPRINGS TO A WALL PLUG. THE EXTENSION CORD WAS NOT RATED HIGH ENOUGH FOR THE CURRENT BEING CARRIED BY THE AIR CONDITIONER.

Incident Date: 19810912 City: State: IN

AN 81 YEAR OLD FEMALE DIED OF SMOKE INHALATION DURING A FIRE HER BEDROOM, POSSIBLY CAUSED BY AN ELECTRIC BLANKET AND/OR EXTENSION CORD.

Incident Date: 19810907 City: State: FL

A FIRE REPORTEDLY STARTED IN A MOTEL IN BAY HARBOR ISLAND, FLORIDA, AS A RESULT OF A BROKEN AIR CONDITIONER CORD, ACCORDING TO A MIAMI HERALD NEWSPAPER ARTICLE. FOUR PERSONS REPORTEDLY WERE INJURED BY SMOKE INHALATION AND ONE PERSON SUFFERED BACK PAIN.

Incident Date: 19810912 City: State: CA

AN ALLEGED SHORT IN A SWAG LAMP IGNITED A SMALL FIRE ON THE CORD WHICH WAS AT THE BACK OF AN UPHOLSTERED SOFA. THE SMOLDERING FIRE WAS EXTINGUISHED IMMEDIATELY BY THE OCCUPANT OF THE HOUSE WITH A FIRE EXTINGUISHER. APPROXIMATELY \$600 WORTH OF CONTENTS WERE DESTROYED, HOWEVER, NO INJURIES RESULTED.

Incident Date: 19810909 City: State: TX

A ONE STORY WOOD FRAME HOUSE BECAME INVOLVED IN A FIRE AFTER AN EXTENSION CORD/ELECTRICAL WALL OUTLET CONNECTION IGNITED THE WOODEN WALL IN A BEDROOM.

Incident Date: 19810902 City: State: OK

5ON 9/2/81 AT APPROXIMATELY 11:00 P.M. A NONINJURY FIRE OCCURRED IN A N APPARTMENT WHEN (IT IS SUSPECTED) A SHORT CIRCUIT IN EITHER A FAN M OTOR OR ITS CORD IGNITED THE APPARTMENT'S CARPETING.

Incident Date: 19811002 City: State: MN

THIS HOUSEFIRE STARTED IN AN UPSTAIRS BEDROOM, OF A 75 YEAR OLD HOME, IN A SMALL UPPER MIDWEST TOWN. THERE WERE NO WITNESSES, AND WHILE T HERE WAS AN ELECTRICAL EXTENSION CORD, BEING USED IN THE BEDROOM, THE FIRE DEPARTMENT LISTS THE FIRE AS BEING OF UNDETERMINED ORIGIN. NO INJURIES WERE SUSTAINED.

Incident Date: 19810921 City: State: MA

SPARKS FROM A SHORT IN A LAMP CORD ARE REPORTED TO HAVE IGNITED A FUL L SIZE INNERSPING MATTRESS IN THE RESPONDENT'S BEDROOM. NO INJURIES WERE SUSTAINED. DAMAGE WAS LIMITED TO THE BEDROOM. THE LAMP CORD AN D MATTRESS WERE DESROYED IN THE FIRE.

Incident Date: 19800601 City: State: OH

REPORTEDLY, \$12,000 DAMAGE WAS DONE TO A HOME AND ITS CONTENTS BY A F IRE STARTED BY A FAULTY THERMOSTAT IN AN ELECTRIC COFFEE POT. HOWEVER , SUBSEQUENT INFORMATION INDICATED THE CORD MAY HAVE CAUSED THE FIRE. THERE WERE NO INJURIES

Incident Date: 19811105 City: State: GA

A FIRE THAT WAS ALLEGEDLY CAUSED BY A FAULTY EXTENSION CORD IGNITED T HE LOVE SEAT, SOFA AND OTHER FURNISHINGS IN THE LIVING ROOM OF THE CO MPLAINANT'S HOME. THE FIRE WAS CONFINED TO THE AREA OF ORIGIN AND NO NE OF THE OCCUPANTS OF THE HOUSE WERE INJURED. THE INCIDENT OCCURRED AT APPROXIMATELY 1700 HOURS. SAMPLES (E-810-3936/7) OF THE LOVE SEA T AND SOFA WERE OBTAINED BUT THE EXTENSION CORD WAS DESTROYED IN THE FIRE.

Incident Date: 19811121 City: State: CA

THIS INVESTIGATION WAS CONDUCTED UNDER THE "HIA UPHOLSTERED FIRE PROG RAM". AN ELECTRIC LAMP CORD SHORTED-OUT AND IGNITED A SOFA BED. THE UPHOLSTER FABRIC WAS SAMPLED UNDER F8200992 AND SENT TO HIS.

Incident Date: 19811022 City: State: DE

AN ELECTRIC HEATER REPORTEDLY WAS ACCIDENTALLY KNOCKED OVER BY A 2 YE AR OLD FEMALE IN THE LIVING ROOM OF HER TRAILER HOME. THE HEATER REP ORTEDLY WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR A FIRE THAT RESULTED IN FIRST AND SECOND DEGREE BURNS TO THE 2 YEAR OLD FEMALE AND HER 3 YEAR OLD BROTHER. AC CORDING TO THE FIRE MARSHAL, THE PARENTS WERE UNINJURED.

Incident Date: 19811117 City: State: TX

ON NOVEMBER 17, 1981, AN EXTENSION CORD SHORT INITIATED A RESIDENTIAL FIRE. A SMALL PUPPY FOUND IN THE DEBRIS WAS THOUGHT TO HAVE CHEWED THE CORD THEREBY CAUSING THE SHORT AND FIRE. NO OTHER INJURIES OCCUR RED.

Incident Date: 19811113 City: State: OH

A FIRE STARTED IN AN ATTIC BEDROOM AS A RESULT OF A SHORT IN AN EXTEN SION CORD WHICH WAS ATTACHED TO AN ELECTRIC BLANKET.

Incident Date: 19810113 City: State: MN

VICTIM, A 26 YEAR OLD MALE WAS SLEEPING WITH THE SINGLE CONTROL ON HIS FULL SIZE ELECTRIC BLANKET SET ON #6. A LIGHTWEIGHT VELOUR TYPE BLANKET WAS SPREAD LOOSELY OVER THE ELECT. BLANKET. A PAINFUL SENSATION CAUSED HIM TO WAKE UP AT ABOUT 4:45 AM AND HE SAW FLAMES AT THE FOOT OF THE BED. THE ELECTRIC BLANKET WAS ON FIRE AT THE CORD CONNECTOR. HE BEAT OUT THE FLAMES AND SUFFERED 1ST DEGREE BURNS ON HIS FEET AND HANDS.

Incident Date: 19820101 City: State: TX

AROUND 12:15 A.M. ON JANUARY 1, 1982, A RESIDENCE WAS SEVERELY DAMAGED BY FIRE WHEN A REAL CHRISTMAS TREE WAS IGNITED BY MINIATURE LIGHTS AND/OR A SHORT EXTENSION CORD WHICH WERE ON THE TREE. NOTE: THIS INVESTIGATION WAS CONDUCTED BY TELEPHONE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTS AND ELECTRICAL DECORATIONS SURVEY INSTRUCTIONS BECAUSE THE PRODUCTS INVOLVED WERE NOT AVAILABLE FOR EXAMINATION.

Incident Date: 19820121 City: State: IL

AT APPROXIMATELY 0131 HOURS, ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 1982, A FATHER, HIS SON, AGE 18, AND HIS DAUGHTER, AGE 15, WERE AWAKENED BY A SMOKE DETECTOR. THE FATHER SAID HE SAW FLAMES ALL ALONG THE INSIDE BOTTOM BACK OF A SLEEP SOFA IN THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE KITCHEN. THE FATHER SAID HIS DAUGHTER SMOKED BUT HE DOUBTED VERY MUCH IF SMOKING WAS THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE. HE SAID THAT AFTER THE INSURANCE ADJUSTERS VISITED THE SCENE OF THE FIRE HE WAS INCLINED TO BELIEVE THE FIRE STARTED FROM ELECTRICAL CAUSES. HE SAID THERE WAS AN OUTLET WITH ELECTRICAL CORDS BEHIND THE SOFA. THE FLAME DAMAGE WAS LIMITED TO THE MAIN FLOOR OF THIS 1-LEVEL WOOD FRAME HOME WITH SOME ROOF DAMAGE. THE FATHER SAID ABSOLUTELY EVERY ROOM AND ALL FURNITURE SUFFERED SMOKE DAMAGE. DAMAGE WAS ESTIMATED AT \$24,000.

Incident Date: 19811225 City: State: IA

THIS LIMITED INVESTIGATION CONCERNS A HOUSE FIRE THAT OCCURRED WHEN NO ONE WAS HOME. FIRE OFFICIALS BELIEVE THE FIRE WAS STARTED BY MALFUNCTIONING CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTS. THE RESPONDENT STATED HE DID NOT HAVE ANY IDEA WHERE THE FIRE STARTED. HE DID STATE THAT THE CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTS WERE LEFT ON WHEN THEY LEFT THE HOUSE. THE CHRISTMAS TREE WAS LOCATED IN THE LIVING ROOM, FIRE DAMAGE WAS LIMITED TO THE LIVING ROOM WITH SMOKE DAMAGE TO THE ENTIRE HOUSE. THE RESPONDENT STATED THE TREE WAS DECORATED WITH MINIATURE FLASHING LIGHTS HE DID NOT KNOW IF AN EXTENSION CORD HAD BEEN USED OR HOW MANY STRINGS OF LIGHTS WERE USED. THE LIGHTS HAD BEEN PURCHASED THIS YEAR AND THE PACKAGING WAS DESTROYED NO BRAND NAME, MODEL OR STYLE INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE.

Incident Date: 19820119 City: State: CA

THE ELECTRIC CORD OF A FULL-ELECTRIC CLOTHES DRYER ALLEGEDLY SHORTED AND IGNITED LINT AND OTHER DEBRIS UNDER AND ABOUT THE DRYER CAUSING A GARAGE FIRE THAT RESULTED IN A \$50,000 LOSS OF PERSONAL PROPERTY; THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19820201 City: State: CA

PORTABLE ELECTRIC HEATER WAS GIVEN TO FIRE DEPARTMENT BECAUSE OWNER FELT THAT CORD BECAME TOO HOT DURING USE. INFORMAL TESTING REVEALED TEMPERATURES WITHIN NORMAL RANGE.

Incident Date: 19811227 City: State: NE

THE VICTIM, A 61 YEAR OLD MAN, SUFFERED SMOKE INHALATION WHEN AN ELECTRIC FIREPLACE OR ITS EXTENSION CORD CAUSED A FIRE. THE INCIDENT OCCURRED IN THE LIVING ROOM OF HIS HOME. HE WAS ADMITTED TO THE HOSPITAL FOR 3 DAYS.

Incident Date: 19811229 City: State: CA

IMPROPER USE OF SEVERAL EXTENSION CORDS WAS BLAMED FOR THE FIRE THAT TOTALLY DESTROYED A MOBILE HOME. THERE WERE REMAINS OF SEVERAL EXTENSION CORDS FOUND UNDER THE WALL-TO-WALL CARPET IN THE LIVING ROOM AFTER THE FIRE. THE FIRE ERUPTED WHILE NO ONE WAS HOME. THE ESTIMATED LOSS WAS \$40,000 FOR THE STRUCTURE AND THE CONTENT.

Incident Date: 19820120 City: State: NY

COMPLAINANT PURCHASED A QUARTZ HEATER. DURING 3-4 USES CORD AND PLUG GOT VERY HOT AFTER 10 TO 15 MINUTES. THE COMPLAINANT WAS AFRAID TO USE AND RETURNED ITEM TO RETAILER. NO INJURY, FIRE OR DAMAGE TO PRODUCT RESULTED FROM USE.

Incident Date: 19820208 City: State: WI

AN APARTMENT FIRE WHICH RESULTED IN \$500,000 DAMAGES OCCURRED WHEN A LAMP CORD SHORTED OUT AGAINST A METAL HEAT PANEL COVER. THE SPARKS IGNITED AN UPHOLSTERED SOFA AND SPREAD FROM THERE. THERE WERE NO INJURIES

Incident Date: 19820106 City: State: AR

THIS INVESTIGATION INVOLVES THE DEATH OF A MOTHER AND HER SIX CHILDREN. THE DEATHS WERE ATTRIBUTED TO CARBON MONOXIDE AND SMOKE INHALATION AS A RESULT OF A FIRE AT THEIR PLACE OF RESIDENCE. THE FIRE STARTED FROM AN EXTENSION CORD.

Incident Date: 19811224 City: State: WA

A CONSUMER CALLED THE HOTLINE TO COMPLAIN ABOUT PROBLEMS SHE HAD WITH THE CORDS AND WALL PLUGS ON THREE DIFFERENT PORTABLE ELECTRIC SPACE HEATERS, ALL THE SAME MODEL AND FROM THE SAME MANUFACTURER. THE PROBLEMS WITH THE SPACE HEATERS HAVE BEEN OVER A PERIOD OF ABOUT FIVE YEARS, WITH THE MOST RECENT INCIDENT BEING ABOUT DECEMBER 24, 1981. THERE HAVE BEEN NO INJURIES OR FIRES RELATED TO THE COMPLAINT, BUT A POSSIB

Incident Date: 19820131 City: State: NJ

A 17 MONTH OLD MALE PERISHED IN A HOUSEFIRE WHICH HAS BEEN ATTRIBUTED TO THE OVERHEATING OF AN EXTENSION CORD WHICH WAS BEING USED TO PROVIDE ELECTRIC POWER TO A PORTABLE ELECTRIC HEATER.

Incident Date: 19820212 City: State: IL

AT APPROXIMATELY 0739 HOURS ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1982, A MOTHER AND HER FOUR CHILDREN WERE AWAKENED BY A SMOKE DETECTOR AND THEY DISCOVERED A FIRE IN A SOFA IN THEIR FAMILY ROOM AT THE REAR OF THEIR TOWN LEVEL WOOD FRAME HOUSE. THE FIRE APPARENTLY STARTED FROM A SHORT IN AN EXTENSION CORD UNDER THE SOFA. DAMAGE WAS ESTIMATED AT \$70,000 FOR THE HOUSE AND \$30,000 FOR THE FURNISHINGS. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19820303 City: State: PA

A MATTRESS FIRE RESULTED FROM A TV CORD AND EXTENSION CORD BEING PLACED BETWEEN THE TWO MATTRESSES OF A TRUNDLE BED.

Incident Date: 19820221 City: State: CA

THE COMPLAINANT REPORTS THAT SHE WAS AWAKENED AT ABOUT 6 A.M. BY THE SMELL OF SOMETHING BURNING. SHE FOUND THE FOOT OF HER BED ON FIRE AND HER BEDROOM FULL OF SMOKE. THE COMPLAINANT WAS ABLE TO PUT OUT THE FIRE (SMOLDERING MATTRESS AND BURNED ELECTRIC BLANKET), WITHOUT ANY ASSISTANCE FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. THE ELECTRIC BLANKET HAD BURN MARKS AT THE POINT WHERE THE POWER CORD PLUGS INTO IT, AS WELL AS OTHER.

Incident Date: 19820207 City: State: PA

A PORTABLE AC/DC, AM/FM RADIO OPERATING ON THE AC MODE ALLEGEDLY SHORTED AND CAUSED A MINOR FIRE IN A BEDROOM OCCUPIED BY THE SON OF THE OWNER. THE SHORT ALLEGEDLY OCCURRED WHERE THE POWER SUPPLY CORD CONNECTED TO THE BODY OF THE RADIO. THERE WERE NO INJURIES IN THIS INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19820216 City: State: PA

A MINOR FIRE OCCURRED IN THE LIVING ROOM OF THE OCCUPANT'S HOME WHEN AN EXTENSION CORD SHORTED, IGNITING CURTAINS AND A CHAIR. THE FIRE WAS CONTAINED TO THE CHAIR AND CURTAINS AND NO ONE WAS INJURED.

Incident Date: 19820214 City: State: WI

THIS INCIDENT INVOLVED A MOBILE HOME DESTROYED BY A FIRE THAT WAS CAUSED BY EITHER HEAT TAPE OR AN EXTENSION CORD. THE FIRE COMPLETELY DESTROYED THE MOBILE HOME, BUT NO INJURIES OCCURRED. THE EXACT CAUSE OF THE FIRE WAS NOT AGREED UPON BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND THE OCCUPANT. WHEN TALKING TO THE OCCUPANT OF THE MOBILE HOME HE STATED THE FIRE STARTED WHEN A LIGHT DUTY, 6 FOOT EXTENSION CORD IGNITED STRAW THAT FELT THAT STRAW ADJACENT TO HEAT TAPE ALONG THE WATER LINE FROM THAT STRAW ADJACENT TO HEAT TAPE ALONG THE WATER LINE FROM THE WELL TO THE MOBILE HOME WAS IGNITED BY THE HEAT TAPE AND SPREAD TO THE MOBILE HOME.

Incident Date: 19820323 City: State: MD

THIS ACCIDENT INVOLVED AN ELECTRIC CLOCK WITH EXTENSION CORD BEING USED IN BEDROOM OF VICTIM'S HOME. FIRE BROKE OUT EARLY IN THE MORNING AND CAUSED DEATH OF VICTIM AND WIFE, BOTH ELDERLY, AND FIRE WAS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY EXTENSION CORD.

Incident Date: 19820310 City: State: NY

A BATTERY CHARGING UNIT FOR USE WITH A PORTABLE CORDLESS ELECTRIC DRILL WAS SUSPECTED OF CAUSING A FIRE IN THE OFFICE IN WHICH IT WAS LOCATED. ALTHOUGH ENERGIZED, THE UNIT WAS NOT IN USE AT THE TIME OF THE FIRE. NO INJURIES WERE SUSTAINED AND THE FIRE WAS LIMITED TO THE OFFICE AND TWO ADJACENT OFFICES.

Incident Date: 19820227 City: State: IL

AT APPROXIMATELY 0144 HOURS, ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1982, A FEMALE OF UNDETERMINED AGE APPARENTLY SUFFERED THERMAL BURNS DURING A FIRE IN HER SECOND FLOOR APARTMENT KITCHEN WHICH APPARENTLY STARTED WHEN THE CORD ON HER TOASTER OVEN BECAME FRAYED AND WORN AT THE POINT OF ENTRY INTO THE UNIT.

Incident Date: 19820309 City: State: OK

ON 3/9/82, AT APPROXIMATELY 11:57 AM, A FIRE OCCURRED AT A FAMILY DAY CARE HOME, IN WHICH TWO INFANTS (TWO MONTHS AND ELEVEN MONTHS OF AGE) WERE KILLED AND A THIRD INFANT (TEN MONTHS OF AGE) WAS HOSPITALIZED FOR SMOKE INHALATION. THE FIRE IS THOUGHT TO HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY AN EXTENSION CORD SUPPLYING CURRENT TO AN ELECTRIC PORTABLE SPACE HEATER.

Incident Date: 19820406 City: State: MO

ON 4/6/82 AT APPROX. 10AM A FIRE BROKE OUT IN A TWO STORY TOWN HOUSE KILLING A 28 YR OLD MALE AND HIS 2 AND 3 YR OLD DAUGHTERS. A 19 YR O LD FEMALE BABYSITTER WAS ALSO CRITICALLY INJURED AND ON 4/8/82 SHE W AS TAKEN OFF LIFE SUPPORT SYSTEMS AND EXPIRED. THE FIRE OCCURRED IN THE DINING ROOM. A 2 FOOT STACK OF LP RECORDS SITTING ON A STEREO PO WER CORD CAUSED IT TO SHORT-OUT AND STARTED THE FIRE.

Incident Date: 19820406 City: State: PA

FIRE EXTENSIVELY DAMAGED THE UPSTAIRS PORTION OF A SINGLE FAMILY ROW STYLE DWELLING WHEN AN EXTENSION CORD UNDER A THROW RUG IN AN UPSTAIR S BEDROOM APPARENTLY SHORTED OUT IGNITING THE RUG AND WOODWORK. NO IN JURIES TO OCCUPANTS WERE SUSTAINED AS A RESULT OF FIRE.

Incident Date: 19811116 City: State: NC

AN OVEN HEATING ELEMENT ON AN ELECTRIC RANGE EXPLODED AND BURNED. AC CORDING TO THE COMPLAINANT THE FIRE WAS CONTAINED TO THE ELEMENT ONLY , BECAUSE SHE HAPPENED TO BE IN THE KITCHEN AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDE NT. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19820320 City: State: PA

FIRE DESTROYED AN OLD FRAME HOUSE LOCATED IN A RURAL AREA AND OCCUPIE D BY 10 PEOPLE. ACCORDING TO THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL, THE CAUSE OF TH E FIRE WAS ATTRIBUTED TO A SHORT IN AN EXPOSED ELECTRICAL WIRE RUNNIN G FROM THE FUSE BOX IN THE BASEMENT TO A SECOND FLOOR BEDROOM. THE W IRE WAS LAID AS WOULD BE AN EXTENSION CORD AND THE SHORT REPORTEDLY O CCURED WHERE THE OCCUPANTS FREQUENTLY WALKED OVER THE WIRE LYING ON T

Incident Date: 19820428 City: State: PA

THREE SMALL CHILDREN DIED AS A RESULT OF A FIRE WHICH OCCURRED IN THE IR SECOND FLOOR APARTMENT. THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE WAS DUE TO AN ELECTRIC HEATER. RESULTS OF THIS INVESTIGATION REVEALED THAT THE VICTIM'S M OTHER, ALTERED THE ELECTRICAL CORD ATTACHED TO THE HEATER.

Incident Date: 19820510 City: State: NY

THREE (3) YEAR OLD AND FOUR (4) YEAR OLD BOYS DIED IN A FIRE ON THE T OP FLOOR OF A SIX (6) STORY WALK-UP APARTMENT. THE BOYS WERE PLAYING WITH MATCHES. THE FIRE ORIGINATED IN CLOTHES AND BEDDING AT FOOT OF A BED. NO EXTENSION CORDS INVOLVED.

Incident Date: 19820429 City: State: NC

AN EXTENSION CORD CONNECTRD TO AN ELECTRIC SPACE HEATER WAS BELIEVED TO BE THE SOURCE OF IGNITION WHICH STARTED A FIRE IN WHICH FOUR INDIV IDUALS DIED. ACCORDING TO LOCAL FIRE OFFICIALS THE EXTENSION CORD WA S NOT SUFFICIENTLY RATED TO CARRY THE CURRENT THAT IT WAS BEING REQUI ERD TO BY THE HEATER.

Incident Date: 19820201 City: State: CA

COMPLAINANT REPORTED TO CPSC THAT A STEAM IRON CAUGHT ON FIRE DURING NORMAL USE. FLAMES SHOT OUT OF THE BOTTOM PORTION OF THE STEAM IRON (WHERE THE ELECTRICAL CORD ENTERS THE STEAM IRON HOUSING).

Incident Date: 19821116 City: State: KS

AN ELECTRIC SPACE HEATER CORD DRAPED OVER A SOFA OVERHEATED IGNITING THE SOFA AND CAUSED APPROXIMATELY \$45,000 DAMAGE TO A SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING. THE FIRE OCCURRED ON NOVEMBER 16, 1982 AT 1817 HRS. THE ONLY OCCUPANT ESCAPED WITHOUT INJURIES. THIS INVESTIGATION WAS CONDUCTED BY TELEPHONE BECAUSE THE OWNER, WHEN ASKED FOR AN APPOINTMENT, STATED THE FAMILY WAS LEAVING TOWN.

Incident Date: 19820512 City: State: MN

THIS INVESTIGATION INVOLVED A HOUSE FIRE THAT CAUSED APPROX. \$60,000 DAMAGE TO A HOME. IT REPORTEDLY WAS CAUSED BY AN EXTENSION CORD THAT SAT UNDERNEATH A WOODEN BASED COUCH. THE FIRE CHIEF THINKS THE WOODEN BASE SEVERED THE CORD, CAUSING IT TO SHORT, IGNITING THE CARPETING. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19820524 City: State: MD

VICTIM WAS BLOW DRYING HER DAUGHTERS HAIR. SHE WAS HOLDING THE DRYER NEAR THE BOTTOM OF DRYER HANDLE WHERE THE ELECTRICAL CORD CONNECTS. SUDDENLY SPARKS AND FLAMES BEGAN SHOOTING OUT OF THE HANDLE SHOCKING THE VICTIM. SHE THREW THE DRYER ON THE FLOOR THEN PULLED THE PLUG FROM THE WALL SOCKET SINCE SHE WAS AFRAID OF A HOUSE FIRE. TREATED AND RELEASED. RETURNED TO HOSPITAL FOLLOWING NIGHT WITH REACTION TO TETANUS

Incident Date: 19820521 City: State: WI

A FIRE ATTRIBUTED TO A FAULTY ELECTRICAL CORD BELONGING TO A STEREO SET CAUSED \$2000 TO \$3000 IN DAMAGE TO A HOUSE IN JANESVILLE, WISCONSIN. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19820513 City: State: NY

FOUR CHILDREN, AGES RANGING FROM 5 MONTHS TO 4 YEARS, WERE ASPHYXIATED WHEN FIRE DESTROYED THEIR RENTED HOUSE. THE PARENTS WERE OUT FOR THE EVENING AND LEFT THE CHILDREN IN CARE OF A BABYSITTER WHO WAS SUBSEQUENTLY INJURED ESCAPING FROM THE FLAMES. THE FIRE CHIEF REPORTS THE BLAZE ORIGINATED IN A FRAYED ELECTRICAL CORD TO A CLOCK WHICH HAD APPARENTLY BEEN RESTING ON THE FLOOR OF A BEDROOM AND THE CORD CONTINUALLY WALKED ON AND KICKED UNTIL THE INSULATION WAS FRAYED. THE CORD APPARENTLY SHORTED IGNITING A NEARBY PLASTIC PAIL AND THEN WOODWORK.

Incident Date: 19820616 City: State: FL

A FIRE INCIDENT WITH ASSOCIATED ESTIMATED PROPERTY DAMAGES OF \$9,000-12,000 OCCURRED IN THE KITCHEN OF A HIGH-RISE APARTMENT CONDOMINIUM ON 6/16/82. ACCORDING TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT INSPECTOR, THE FIRE WAS CAUSED BY CONSUMER ABUSE OF THE POWER CORD COMPONENT OF THE ELECTRICAL TOASTER/OVEN PRODUCT WHICH WAS LOCATED ON THE CORNER COUNTER AREA AND PLUGGED IN TO A 115 VOLT DOUBLE RECEPTACLE ON THE WALL BEHIND; THE CORD WAS "WADDLED UP" BEHIND THE UNIT. FIRE WAS ATTRIBUTED TO WORN INSULATION ON THE CORD. THE TENANT WAS NOT IN HER CONDO AT THE TIME OF THE FIRE; HER DOG DID OCCUPY THE PREMISES AND SUFFERED SMOKE INHALATION AND WAS TREATED AND RELEASED BY A VETERINARIAN. THE CONDOMINIUM UNIT NEXT DOOR SUFFERED SMOKE AND WATER DAMAGE; NO HUMAN INJURIES WERE REPORTED.

Incident Date: 19820629 City: State: WI

THIS INVESTIGATION INVOLVED AN APARTMENT FIRE WHICH WAS REPORTEDLY STARTED WHEN THE CORD TO A PORTABLE FAN SHORT CIRCUITED AND IGNITED THE ADJACENT BEDDING IN THE BEDROOM OF THE APARTMENT WHILE THE OCCUPANT WAS WATCHING TELEVISION. THERE WERE NO INJURIES IN THE FIRE.

Incident Date: 19820605 City: State: PA

A SHORTED EXTENSION CORD CAUSED A FIRE IN A TAVERN WHICH RESULTED IN APPROX. \$10,000 WORTH PROPERTY DAMAGE. NO INJURIES RESULTED FROM THE FIRE. THE SHORT WAS CAUSED BY CASES OF BEER WHICH WERE PILED ON TOP OF THE EXTENSION CORD.

Incident Date: 19820713 City: State: VT

A STRUCTURE FIRE, REPORTEDLY CAUSED BY AN EXTENSION CORD, CAUSED AN ESTIMATED \$80,000 WORTH OF DAMAGE TO A SINGLE FAMILY HOME. THERE WAS NO INJURY TO THE OCCUPANT.

Incident Date: 19820709 City: State: NH

A FAULTY EXTENSION CORD (SEE FIRE REPORT) THAT WAS POWER SOURCE FOR PORTABLE ELECTRIC FAN, WAS BELIEVED TO BE SOURCE OF SPARKS WHICH CAUSED FIRE IN SECOND FLOOR APARTMENT. FIRE REPORT INDICATES EXTENSIVE DAMAGE BUT NO INJURIES WERE SUSTAINED IN FIRE/ACCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19820628 City: State: CT

AN EARLY MORNING FIRE DESTROYED A COFFEE SHOP AND AN ADJACENT VACANT SHOP WHICH PER FIRE INVESTIGATOR WAS CAUSED BY AN OVERLOADED EXTENSION CORD(ONE OF THREE IN USE) OVERHEATING AND SHORTING OUT. THE 20 AMP CIRCUIT BREAKER NEVER TRIPPED AND THE INVESTIGATOR SURMISED THE FIRE BUILT UP OVER A PERIOD OF TIME BEFORE THE FRONT WINDOWS BLEW OUT ALERTING PASSERSBY OF THE FIRE.

Incident Date: 19820702 City: State: OH

THE HOUSE IN QUESTION WAS USUALLY VACANT. THE DAUGHTER OF THE OWNER OF THE HOUSE. SHE PLUGGED IN THE REFRIGERATOR WHICH WAS APPARENTLY RATHER OLD. AFTER A PERIOD OF TIME, THE CORD OF THE REFRIGERATOR STARTED TO SMOKE. THE UNIT WAS UNPLUGGED AND THE FIRE DEPT. WAS CALLED. NO INJURIES RESULTED AND DAMAGE WAS MINOR TO THE REFRIGERATOR.

Incident Date: 19820305 City: State: CA

THE POWER CORD ON A BRAND NEW CONVECTION OVEN BECAME VERY HOT TO TOUCH WHENEVER IT WAS USED. THE COMPLAINANT FIRST NOTICED IT WHEN THE OVEN WAS USED IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE PURCHASE. SHE WAS CONCERNED THAT IT COULD BE A POTENTIAL FIRE HAZARD.

Incident Date: 19820713 City: State: IN

A SHORT CIRCUIT IN A LINE CORD OF A 17-CUBIC-FOOT REFRIGERATOR CAUSED A FIRE IN A TWO-STORY WOOD FRAME HOUSE. THE OCCUPANTS WERE NOT AT HOME AT THE TIME OF THE FIRE. THERE WERE NO INJURIES AND DAMAGE TO THE HOUSE WAS SET AT \$10,000.

Incident Date: 19820725 City: State: MA

THE PRODUCTS INVOLVED IN THIS APARTMENT FIRE HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AS 1. AN AIR CONDITIONER, AND 2. A LIGHT WEIGHT HOUSEHOLD EXTENSION CORD. THE FIRE OCCURRED IN THE BEDROOM OF THE APARTMENT. THERE WERE NO WITNESSES, NOR WERE ANY INJURIES OR DEATHS SUSTAINED.

Incident Date: 19820726 City: State: MA

THE TWO PRODUCTS INVOLVED IN THIS HOUSE FIRE HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AS A EXTENSION CORD AND A AIR CONDITIONER. NO INJURIES OR DEATHS WERE SUSTAINED. IT IS BELIEVED A SHORT CIRCUIT IN THE EXTENSION CORD IGNITED A POLYURETHANE RUG PAD IN THE BEDROOM.

Incident Date: 19820728 City: State: MI

A 10 YEAR OLD ELECTRIC FAN, LOCATED IN AN UPSTAIRS WINDOW OF THE VICTIM'S HOME, HAD ITS ELECTRIC CORD RADIATE HEAT TO NEARBY BEDDING TO CAUSE IGNITION. THE FIRE RESULTED IN \$25,000 STRUCTURAL DAMAGE WITH NO INJURIES INCURRED TO THE VICTIM OR HER FAMILY.

Incident Date: 19820727 City: State: MI

ON JULY 27, 1982, AT APPROXIMATELY 9:09 AM A FIRE WAS REPORTED IN AN APARTMENT COMPLEX. THE LOCAL FIRE CHIEF STATED THAT THE FIRE WAS CAUSED BY A FAULTY EXTENSION CORD THAT WAS CONNECTED TO A CIRCULAR FAN. THERE WERE NO INJURIES REPORTED.

Incident Date: 19820817 City: State: MA

THERE ARE 3 PRODUCTS INVOLVED IN THIS HOUSE FIRE; 2 IDENTICAL EXTENSION CORDS AND A TELEVISION. THIS INCIDENT OCCURRED IN THE LIVINGROOM AREA. THE EXTENSION CORDS WERE JOINED TOGETHER TO PROVIDE ELECTRICAL POWER TO THE TELEVISION. IT IS BELIEVED THE EXTENSION CORD CLOSEST TO THE TELEVISION OVERHEATED, SHORT CIRCUITED, AND IGNITED THE LIVINGROOM RUG. NO INJURIES OR DEATHS WERE REPORTED.

Incident Date: 19820727 City: State: SD

A DOG CHEWED OFF THE INSULATION ON A FAN'S CORD, AND IN TURN ARCHING STARTED A RUG ON FIRE. THE INCIDENT OCCURRED IN THE LIVING ROOM OF THE OWNER'S HOME. NO ONE WAS INJURED BECAUSE OF THE ACCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19820906 City: State: AL

TWENTY-FIVE (25) FOOT DRY ROTTED EXTENSION CORD IGNITED CAUSING A HOUSE FIRE. THE CORD WAS HANGING ON A NAIL ABOUT 6.5 FEET FROM THE FLOOR CONNECTED TO AN OLD REFRIGERATOR.

Incident Date: 19820916 City: State: TX

ON SEPTEMBER 16, 1982, TWO FEMALES, AGES ELEVEN AND EIGHT YEARS, DIED OF SMOKE INHALATION AS A RESULT OF A RESIDENTIAL FIRE. CAUSE OF FIRE WAS CITED AS A LOOSE OR FAULTY CONNECTION BETWEEN AN EXTENSION CORD AND AN AIR CONDITIONER APPLIANCE CORD.

Incident Date: 19820826 City: State: IA

A FIRE WHICH OCCURRED DURING THE EVENING OF 8/26/82, DESTROYED A COMBINATION STORAGE/REPAIR BUILDING AT A FARMERS CO-OPERATIVE. THE FIRE IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY A SHORT IN THE CORD OF A HEAVY DUTY ELECTRIC IMPACT WRENCH. THE WRENCH HAD NOT BEEN UNPLUGGED AT THE END OF THE DAY AND WAS FOUND LYING ON ITS POWER CORD AFTER THE FIRE. THE POWER CORD AND A LONG EXTENSION CORD APPARENTLY HEATED UNTIL IGNITION OCCURRED. THERE WERE NO INJURIES AND APPROXIMATELY \$50,000 DAMAGE.

Incident Date: 19820909 City: State: OK

ON SEPTEMBER 9, 1982 AT APPROXIMATELY 4:30 A.M. A FIRE RESULTING IN A FATALITY OCCURRED IN A SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING IN A SMALL RURAL TOWN IN NORTHEASTERN OKLAHOMA. THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE WAS REPORTEDLY BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN A SHORT IN AN ELECTRICAL EXTENSION CORD.

Incident Date: 19821005 City: State: CA

THE LINE CORD ON A MICROWAVE OVEN APPARENTLY SHORTED AND CAUSED FIRE AND SMOKE DAMAGE TO A RESIDENCE.

Incident Date: 19821015 City: State: NY

A TABLE LAMP LINE CORD BECAME CRUSHED BY CORNER OF THE NIGHT TABLE ON WHICH IT WAS RESTING, IN THE ROOM OF A NURSING HOME. THE CRUSHED WIRE SHORTED AND SET FIRE TO NEARBY CURTAINS AND OTHER FURNISHINGS IN THE AREA. QUICK ACTION BY TWO NURSES PUT OUT THE FIRE, KEPT IT FROM SPREADING AND PERMITTED THE TWO PATIENTS IN THE ROOM TO ESCAPE WITHOUT INJURY. SMOKE AND FLAME HAD SLIGHTLY DAMAGED NEARBY WALLS AND FURNISHINGS.

Incident Date: 19820828 City: State: NE

A DAMAGED CORD ON A COMBINATION REFRIGERATOR FREEZER SHORTED-OUT AND STARTED A FIRE. THE ACCIDENT OCCURRED IN THE KITCHEN OF A SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING. NO ONE WAS INJURED BECAUSE OF THE ACCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19821029 City: State: WA

A CONSUMER WITH A BACKGROUND IN ELECTRICITY CALLED THE SEA RP TO COMPLAIN ABOUT A POTENTIAL FIRE AND ELECTRICAL SHOCK HAZARD RELATED TO THE USE OF FLUORESCENT SHOPLIGHTS. HE CLAIMED PLASTIC COATED WIRENUTS INSIDE THE LIGHT FIXTURE WERE IN CONTACT WITH RESISTORS, AND THAT HEAT FROM THE RESISTORS WAS MELTING THE PLASTIC ON THE WIRENUTS, HE ALSO RELATED THAT A STRAIN RELIEF ON THE POWER CORD OF ONE OF THE LIGHTS WAS ABOUT 1-3/4 INCHES FROM THE HOUSING AND GAVE NO STRAIN RELIEF.

Incident Date: 19821013 City: State: CT

FIRE CAUSED EXTENSIVE DAMAGE TO THE DOWNSTAIRS LIVINGROOM AND DINING ROOM AREA OF A SINGLE FAMILY 2 STORY BRICK AND FRAME RESIDENCE OCCUPIED BY A 73 YEAR OLD WIDOW. THE WIDOW EXPIRED AT THE HOSPITAL TWO WEEKS LATER FROM BURNS SUSTAINED IN THE FIRE. CAUSE OF THE FIRE WAS TRACED TO EITHER AN ELECTRICAL CORD TO A TABLE LAMP OR TO AN EXTENSION CORD CONNECTING THE LAMP TO THE WALL OUTLET IN THE LIVINGROOM. BOTH CORDS WERE DESTROYED IN THE FIRE AND THERE WERE NO WITNESSES.

Incident Date: 19821019 City: State: HI

A FIRE CAUSED AN ESTIMATED \$100,000 DAMAGE TO A 2 STORY FOUR BEDROOM APARTMENT. THE OCCUPANTS WERE AROUSED BY THE FLAMES AND ESCAPED WITHOUT ANY INJURIES. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT INVESTIGATOR ATTRIBUTED CAUSE TO A DAMAGE FLEXIBLE LAMP CORD WHICH SHORT CIRCUITED.

Incident Date: 19821102 City: State: WA

A FIVE YEAR OLD FEMALE RECEIVED 1ST AND 2ND DEGREE BURNS ON HER LEFT HAND WHEN CLOTHING AND OTHER COMBUSTIBLES LAYING ON TOP OF THE CORD TO AN ELECTRIC HEATER IGNITED. THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE IS BELIEVED TO BE AN IMPROPER SPLICE IN THE CORD TO A PORTABLE ELECTRIC HEATER. THE WIRE OVERHEATED, IGNITING THE COMBUSTIBLES.

Incident Date: 19821117 City: State: AL

A FIRE REPORTEDLY ORIGINATED AS A RESULT OF A SMALL PORTABLE ELECTRIC SPACE HEATER. THE LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENT STATED SOMEONE HAD REMOVED THE MALE PLUG PORTION ON THE WIRES OF THE HEATER AND HAD TWIST TIED EXTENSION CORD WIRES TO THE HEATER WIRES CAUSING A FIRE TO ORIGINATE AT THIS POINT. THE INCIDENT OCCURRED AT A HOME IN BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA. NO INJURIES WERE INVOLVED.

Incident Date: 19821210 City: State: NY

A 25 YEAR OLD MOTHER AND HER CHILD DIED IN A FIRE ASSOCIATED WITH WIRING OF AN ELECTRIC HEATER. THE WIRING CONSISTING OF THE ORIGINAL CORD SPLICED TO AN EXTENSION CORD, HAD BEEN PLACED UNDER AN UPRIGHT MATRESS.

Incident Date: 19821216 City: State: AZ

THE HEATING ELEMENT ON A CLOTHES DRYER REMAINED AFTER THE DRYING CYCLE HAD STOPPED. THERE WAS NO FIRE OR INJURIES BECAUSE THE OWNER DISCONNECTED THE SERVICE CORD.

Incident Date: 19821226 City: State: OR

AN ELECTRIC BLANKET WAS IDENTIFIED AS THE CAUSE OF A MOBILE HOME FIRE. THE FIRE MARSHAL ATTRIBUTED THE CAUSE TO AGE DETERIORATION OF THE POWER CORD AND LACK OF KNOWLEDGE BY THE USER. THERE WERE NO INJURIES HOWEVER THE FIRE CAUSED \$2,000.00 DAMAGE TO STRUCTURE AND \$3,000.00 CONTENTS.

Incident Date: 19830102 City: State: DC

A 68 YEAR OLD WOMAN DIED IN THE REAR BEDROOM OF HER SECOND FLOOR APARTMENT IN A FIRE EARLY (ABOUT 4:30 A.M.) ON A SUNDAY MORNING. AUTOPSY SHOWED DEATH TO BE ACCIDENTAL AS A RESULT OF THERMAL BURNS AND SUFFOCATION. A PORTABLE ELECTRIC SPACE HEATER AND TWO EXTENSION CORDS WERE INVOLVED IN THE FIRE, BUT SPECIFIC CAUSE WAS NOT DETERMINED. COMBUSTIBLE MATERIAL, INCLUDING LARGE QUANTITIES OF NEWSPAPERS, WAS CLOSE TO THE ELECTRIC HEATER AND MAY BE POSSIBLE CAUSE OF FIRE IGNITION. STRUCTURAL DAMAGE OF \$30,000 WAS REPORTED.

Incident Date: 19821214 City: State: ID

SIX CHILDREN AND THEIR MOTHER DIED IN THEIR MOBILE AS THE RESULT OF A FIRE WHICH APPARENTLY WAS CAUSED BY A SHORT CIRCUIT IN A 10-FT LONG EXTENSION CORD ON WHICH A 1300 WATT RATED PORTABLE ELECTRIC HEATER WAS OPERATING AT THE HIGH SETTING. A MAGAZINE APPARENTLY FELL ON THE EXTENSION CORD RESULTING IN A HEAT BUILD-UP AND EVENTUAL DEFECT. THE GAS SERVICE TO THE HOUSE WAS DISCONNECTED AND THE FAMILY WAS RELYING ON PORTABLE ELECTRIC HEATERS TO HEAT.

Incident Date: 19821219 City: State: NC

ON 12-19-82 A 22 YEAR OLD MAN DIED OF SMOKE INHALATION IN A FIRE IN HIS APARTMENT. THE FIRE STARTED WHEN A CORD TO A RADIO SHORTED AND IGNITED AN UPHOLSTERED CHAIR. THE CORD HAD BEEN SPLICED AND IT WAS AT THE SPLICE WHERE A SHORT WAS BELIEVED TO HAVE OCCURRED. THE VICTIM LIVED ALONE AND WAS ALONE IN THE APARTMENT AT THE TIME OF THE FIRE. THE FIRE BURNED ITSELF OUT AND WAS NOT DISCOVERED UNTIL THE FOLLOWING DAY.

Incident Date: 19821223 City: State: MI

ON 12-23-82 A FIRE WAS REPORTED IN A HOME. THE LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENT INVESTIGATOR STATED THAT THE FIRE WAS CAUSED BY AN OVER HEATED ELECTRICAL CORD. THE FIRE OCCURRED ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF THE HOME. A FOUR MONTH OLD BABY GIRL WAS IN THE ROOM WITH THE FIRE. SHE DIED OF BURNS AND ASPHYXIA.

Incident Date: 19830119 City: State: GA

FIRE CAUSED DAMAGE TO A ONE-STORY, NINE ROOM WOOD-FRAME RESIDENCE. ACCORDING TO THE CHIEF BUILDING INSPECTOR, CITY OF ATLANTA A NEW BRICK FIREPLACE AND CHIMNEY PROBABLY CAUSED THE FIRE. SUBJECT FIREPLACE AND CHIMNEY WERE BUILT IN VIOLATION OF SEVERAL SECTIONS OF THE ATLANTA BUILDING CODE. THREE(3) FATALITIES OCCURRED IN THE FIRE.

Incident Date: 19830126 City: State: NJ

THIS INVESTIGATION CONCERNS THE DEATHS OF TWO INDIVIDUALS AN 18 YEAR OLD MOTHER AND HER 15 MONTH OLD DAUGHTER. ACCORDING TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS THE FIRE WAS CAUSED BY AN OVERLOADED ELECTRICAL SOCKET, TO WHICH TWO EXTENSION CORDS WERE CONNECTED. THE TWO EXTENSION CORDS MET BENEATH A RUG. TO THE END OF THE SECOND EXTENSION CORD, A LIGHT BULB WAS CONNECTED. TO ONE OF THE TWO EXTENSION CORDS AN ELECTRIC HEATER WAS ATTACHED. TO THE OTHER A BLACK & WHITE TV.

Incident Date: 19821207 City: State: AL

ACCORDING TO AN ANNISTON, ALABAMA FIRE OFFICIAL, A PORTABLE ELECTRIC HEATER CORD OVERHEATED AND STARTED A FIRE. THERE WERE NO REPORTED INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19830126 City: State: PA

A FIRE BEGAN ON THE SECOND FLOOR BEDROOM OF THE VICTIMS ROW HOME. IN HER BEDROOM THE VICTIM HAD AN ELECTRICALLY POWERED ALARM CLOCK. THE ELECTRIC CORD OF THE ALARM CLOCK OVERHEATED CAUSING THE BEDROOM CARPETING AND BEDDING TO IGNITE. THE FIRE SPREAD TO THE OTHER ROW HOUSES (4). DAMAGE AT THIS TIME HAS NOT BEEN FINANCIALLY ESTIMATED. NO ONE WAS INJURED.

Incident Date: 19830114 City: State: MN

THIS INVESTIGATION INVOLVED A HOUSE FIRE THAT REPORTEDLY WAS CAUSED BY A SHORT IN AN ELECTRIC CORD. IT WAS USED TO SUPPLY POWER FOR AN ELECTRIC RADIANT TYPE SPACE HEATER.

Incident Date: 19821228 City: State: PA

AN EXTENSION CORD CONNECTED TO AN OPERATING ELECTRIC HEATER WAS CITED AS THE CAUSE OF A FIRE WHICH CAUSED AN UNKNOWN BUT EXTENSIVE AMOUNT OF DAMAGE TO A HOME. NO INJURIES WERE REPORTED.

Incident Date: 19821219 City: State: NC

THIS INVESTIGATION INVOLVED A FIRE. A 63 YEAR OLD MAN DIED IN HIS APARTMENT AT THE MOTEL HE AND HIS WIFE MANAGED. THE VICTIM WAS ASLEEP IN THE BACK BEDROOM OF THE 3 ROOM APARTMENT. THE FIRE STARTED IN THE FRONT ROOM OF THE APARTMENT THAT WAS USED AS A LIVING ROOM. THE FIRE STARTED WHEN A CORD TO AN ELECTRIC PORTABLE HEATER OVERHEATED OR SHORTED AND IGNITED ADJACENT CURTAINS. THE VICTIM'S WIFE WAS ABLE TO ESCAPE THE FIRE WITH NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19821231 City: State: NC

THIS INVESTIGATION INVOLVED A RESIDENTIAL FIRE THAT DESTROYED THE RESIDENCE. THE FIRE STARTED WHEN A SMALL GAUGE EXTENSION CORD CONNECTED TO AN ELECTRIC SPACE HEATER OVERHEATED AND IGNITED COMBUSTIBLE MATERIALS. FIVE FAMILY MEMBERS WERE IN THE HOME AT THE TIME OF THE FIRE. THEY ESCAPED WITH MINOR INJURIES THROUGH A WINDOW IN THE REAR OF THE STRUCTURE. THE MOST SERIOUS INJURY WAS A LACERATION TO A 7 YEAR OLD GIRL AS SHE ESCAPED THROUGH THE WINDOW. THIRTY SUTURES WERE REQUIRED.

Incident Date: 19830116 City: State: LA

ACCORDING TO FIRE OFFICIALS THIS INCIDENT INVOLVED A HOUSE FIRE REPORTEDLY CAUSED BY AN INADEQUATE GAUGE EXTENSION CORD BEING USED WITH A 1500 WATT ELECTRIC ROOM HEATER. THE EXTENSION CORD OVERHEATED EVENTUALLY RESULTING IN A BATHROOM WALL IGNITING/BURNING. NO INJURIES WERE REPORTED

Incident Date: 19830204 City: State: TX

THIS INVESTIGATION INVOLVES A HOUSE FIRE THAT STARTED FROM AN EXTENSION CORD OVERLOAD. THE EXTENSION CORD WAS SUPPLYING CURRENT TO THREE PORTABLE SPACE HEATERS. AS A RESULT OF THE OVERLOAD, THE EXTENSION CORD IGNITED NEARBY COMBUSTIBLE MATERIALS. ONE PERSON WAS INJURED AND THE HOUSE AND CONTENTS WERE DESTROYED.

Incident Date: 19830208 City: State: MD

CIRCUIT SHORTED AN ELECTRIC BLANKET WHERE CORD PLUGS INTO BLANKET CAUSING FIRE WHICH BURNED MATTRESS, BLANKET, BED SPREAD AND BOX SPRING. NO INJURIES OCCURRED.

Incident Date: 19830117 City: State: MO

METAL PRONGS ON THE PLUG OF A POWER CORD ON AN ELECTRIC QUARTZ HEATER ALLEGEDLY BEGAN MELTING AFTER ABOUT 3 MONTHS USE. NO FIRE OCCURRED- NO INJURY IS INVOLVED.

Incident Date: 19830218 City: State: PA

A FIRE BROKE OUT ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF A TWO STORY ROW HOME. AT THE TIME OF THE FIRE, FOUR PERSONS OCCUPIED THE HOME. ALL FOUR WERE ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF THE HOME. CAUSE OF THE FIRE APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN USE OF AN EXTENSION CORD CONNECTED TO AN ELECTRICAL SPACE HEATER, WHICH CORD OVERHEATED AND IGNITED AN UPHOLSTERED CHAIR UNDER WHICH IT WAS RESTING. PROPERTY DAMAGE HAS NOT BEEN ESTIMATED. THREE PERSONS PERISHED IN THE BLAZE. THE FOURTH WAS TREATED FOR MINOR SMOKE INHALATION AND RELEASED.

Incident Date: 19830302 City: State: WA

THE BEST ESTIMATE FOR THE CAUSE OF A FIRE WHICH CAUSED AN ESTIMATED \$ 100 DAMAGE WAS A DEFECTIVE ELECTRIC HEATER CORD IGNITING BEDDING. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT OF THE INCIDENT SHOWS THE HEATER CORD APPARENTLY SHORTED OUT BECAUSE OF ITS DETERIORATED CONDITION. THE ACCIDENT OCCURRED ABOUT 6 :32 A.M. ON MARCH 2, 1983.

Incident Date: 19830601 City: State: WA

AN OVERLOADED CORD AND ELECTRICAL OUTLET ARE BELIEVED TO BE THE CAUSE OF A HOUSE FIRE THAT RESULTED IN \$45,000 DAMAGE. THE HOUSE WAS OVERLOADED WITH CLOTHING AND HOUSEHOLD ITEMS THAT THE OWNER HAD COLLECTED AND STORED.

Incident Date: 19830609 City: State: OR

A SHORT IN AN EXTENSION CORD WAS IDENTIFIED AS THE CAUSE OF A RESIDENTIAL FIRE. THERE WERE NO INJURIES HOWEVER THE HOME WAS A TOTAL LOSS.

Incident Date: 19830528 City: State: CA

AN POORLY VENTILATED GENERALLY OVERLOADED ELECTRICAL EXTENSION CORD IS HELD RESPONSIBLE BY THE FIRE MARSHALL AND WITNESSES FOR HAVING STARTED A FIRE THAT DESTROYED COMPLETELY A RESIDENTIAL HOME, THE CORD IS ABOUT TWENTY YR OLD AND IS NOT IDENTIFIED.

Incident Date: 19840412 City: State: MA

A HOUSEFIRE WHICH CAUSED AN ESTIMATED \$42,000 DAMAGE TO A SIX FAMILY RESIDENCE HAS BEEN ATTRIBUTED TO A SHORT IN AN EXTENSION CORD. NO INJURIES RESULTED FROM THIS ACCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19830309 City: State: CA

A SHORT-CIRCUITED POWER CORD ON A PORTABLE ELECTRIC HEATER SET FIRE TO A SPRING MATTRESS USED AS A SPRING BOX UNDER A POLYURETHANE FOAM MATTRESS. THE FIRE SPREAD TO THE FOAM MATTRESS AND 2 BEDDING ITEMS BEFORE THE VICTIM EXTINGUISHED IT. THE WALLS AND CEILING OF THE BEDROOM WERE SLIGHTLY SMOKE STAINED, AND THE CARPET WAS DAMAGED IN A FEW PLACES. THERE WAS NO INJURY IN THE INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19830312 City: State: IL

RESIDENCE FIRE OCCURRED AT 0350 ON 3-12-83, APPARENTLY CAUSED BY AN EXTENSION CORD LOCATED IN A REDECORATED PORCH/SEWING ROOM. A 19 YR-OLD MALE OCCUPANT ESCAPED, A 20 YR-OLD AND 60 YR-OLD FEMALE WERE OVERCOME BY SMOKE WHILE TRYING TO ESCAPE, AND BOTH SUFFERED BURNS, THE 60 YR-OLD DYING. A 62 YR OLD MALE DIED OF ANOXIA.

Incident Date: 19830301 City: State: CO

NO ONE WAS INJURED. NO ONE WAS PRESENT IN THE MOTEL ROOM WHEN AN ELECTRIC CORD TO A LAMP SHORTED AND SET FIRE TO BEDDING AND MATTRESS IN THE ROOM.

Incident Date: 19830310 City: State: IN

AN OLD EXTENSION CORD USED WITH AN ELECTRIC SPACE HEATER OVERHEATED OR SHORTED OUT, CAUSING A FIRE IN THE WASHROOM. NO ONE WAS INJURED.

Incident Date: 19830707 City: State: MT

A 4 MONTH OLD MICROWAVE OVEN, WITH AUTOMATIC TIMER FEATURES, TURNED ITSELF ON IN THREE SEPRATE INCIDENTS. THE MALFUNCTIONS OCCURRED DURING ELECTRICAL STORMS. NORMAL PROCEDURES FOR TURNING THE OVEN OFF DURING THESE INCIDENTS DID NOT OPERATE. THE POWER CORD HAD TO BE DISCONNECTED. THE OVEN FUNCTIONED PROPERLY AT ALL OTHER TIMES. AFTER THE THIRD INCIDENT, THE OVEN CAUGHT FIRE AND MELTED. NO INJURIES OCCURRED.

Incident Date: 19830330 City: State: CA

THIS BEDDING FIRE OCCURRED IN A HOTEL ROOM. THE FIRE DAMAGE WAS LIMITED TO THE BED. NO ONE WAS INJURED DURING THIS FIRE. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT'S INCIDENT REPORT LISTS THE CAUSE OF THIS FIRE AS: "DISCARDED SMOKING MAT." CIGARETTE". THE HOTEL ROOM'S OCCUPANT AND MANAGEMENT DO NOT AGREE WITH THIS CONCLUSION. THEY CONTEND THAT THE FIRE STARTED FROM A LAMP CORD'S WIRE PLACED UNDER THE MATTRESS SHORTING OUT. THE FIRE REMAINS WERE HAULED OFF TO THE DUMP, PRIOR TO THE CPSC ON-SITE VISIT ON 3/30/83.

Incident Date: 19830402 City: State: WI

AT APPROXIMATELY 2220 HOURS, ON SATURDAY, 4/2/83, A MOTHER AND FIVE CHILDREN ESCAPED WITHOUT INJURY FROM A FIRE IN THEIR MODEST FIVE ROOM WOOD FRAME RESIDENCE WHICH THEY HAD MOVED INTO THE DAY BEFORE. THE FIRE WAS BELIEVED TO HAVE STARTED AT A WALL SOCKET IN A CHILDREN'S BEDROOM WHERE A PORTABLE ELECTRIC RADIANT SPACE HEATER WAS PLUGGED IN AND OPERATING AT A HIGH SETTING. THE WALL SOCKET WAS BURNED, THE PLUG WAS BURNED OFF THE CORD AND 2-1/2' OF THE 3/8" DIAMETER HEAVY DUTY CORD ON THE HEATER NEAR THE PLUG WAS BURNED WITH NO INSULATION LEFT.

Incident Date: 19830405 City: State: MD

THREE PRODUCTS SHARE INVOLVEMENT IN THIS FIRE WHICH OCCURRED IN A APARTMENT BEDROOM; AN ELECTRIC PORTABLE SPACE HEATER, A CRIB (METAL FRAME), AND A ELECTRIC OUTLET RECEPTACLE. TWO BOYS AND 1 ADULT MALE SUSTAINED SMOKE INHALATION (ANOXIA). A SHORT CIRCUIT DEVELOPED BETWEEN THE OUTLET RECEPTACLE, THE CRIB FRAME AND HEATER POWER CORD.

Incident Date: 19830328 City: State: NJ

ELDERLY MAN WAS KILLED AND HIS SISTER SERIOUSLY INJURED IN A FIRE CAUSED BY A MALFUNCTIONING LAMP CORD.

Incident Date: 19830419 City: State: NY

A 20-YEAR OLD MOTHER AND HER 11 MONTH OLD DAUGHTER ESCAPED INJURY WHEN A SMOKE ALARM ALERTED THE MOTHER TO A FIRE IN THEIR MOBILE HOME. THE FIRE WAS ATTRIBUTED TO THE FAULTY LINE CORD OF AN ELECTRIC SPACE HEATER IN THE LIVING ROOM. THE FIRE LEFT THE HOME UNINHABITABLE.

Incident Date: 19830321 City: State: AZ

AS THE COMPLAINANT WAS LEAVING FOR WORK, THE SMOKE DETECTOR WENT OFF. HE FOUND THE SMOKE COMING FROM THE MICROWAVE OVEN. HE DISCONNECTED THE SERVICE CORD. THERE WAS NO FIRE OR INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19830405 City: State: NC

TWO PERSONS DIED FROM SMOKE INHALATION WHEN A FIRE ORIGINATED AS THE RESULT OF AN ELECTRICAL SHORTAGE IN A FLOOR FAN CORD. THE INCIDENT OCCURRED AT A HOME IN MONROE, NC.

Incident Date: 19830509 City: State: ME

OVERLOADED EXTENSION CORD SPARKED AN ELECTRICAL FIRE IN A COTTAGE, SECOND FLOOR BEDROOM. NO PERSONAL INJURIES INVOLVED IN ACCIDENT; EXTENSIVE FIRE DAMAGE TO 1ST AND 2ND FLOORS OF HOME.

Incident Date: 19830520 City: State: VT

ACCIDENT-FIRE-INVOLVED A TWO & HALF YEAR OLD, MALE CHILD, THAT RECEIVED BURNS (2ND & 3RD DEGREE) ON HIS FEET AND LOWER LEG, FROM A MATTRESS FIRE, FIRE DEPT. REPORTED SUSPECT SOURCE OF COMBUSTION WAS A "SHORT CIRCUIT" IN A "BENT" EXTENSION CORD.

Incident Date: 19830525 City: State: PA

A FIRE IN THE BASEMENT OF A 2 STORY DWELLING BEGAN IN THE FLOOR JOIST IN THE REAR OF THE BASEMENT. REPORTEDLY, THE BASEMENT LIGHT WAS LEFT ON. AN EXTENSION CORD NAILED ALONG FLOOR JOIST, SHORTED AND STARTED A FIRE. THE VICTIM WAS INJURED WHEN HE JUMPED FROM THE SECOND FLOOR TO THE PAVEMENT. HE SUSTAINED A BACK INJURY. THERE WAS EXTENSIVE DAMAGE TO THE HOME.

Incident Date: 19830529 City: State: PA

THE PRODUCT INVOLVED IN THIS ACCIDENT HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS AN EXTENSION CORD. THE VICTIM, A 45 YEAR OLD MALE, WAS KILLED WHEN AN OVERLOADED EXTENSION CORD BURST INTO FLAMES. THE FIRE OCCURRED IN THE BEDROOM OF THE VICTIM'S APARTMENT. DAMAGES TO THE TWO APARTMENT DWELLING CAME TO APPROXIMATELY \$50,000.

Incident Date: 19830623 City: State: MD

THERE ARE MULTIPLE CONSUMER PRODUCTS INVOLVED IN THIS HOUSE FIRE WHICH CLAIMED THE LIFE OF A 10 MONTH OLD FEMALE; EXTENSION CORD, TELEVISION, WINDOW FAN, ELECTRIC CLOCK, STEREO, LAMP AND IRON. THE OVERLOADED EXTENSION IS SUSPECTED AS THE MOST PROBABLE CAUSE OF FIRE WHICH STARTED IN A BEDROOM.

Incident Date: 19830615 City: State: PA

A 15 MONTH OLD BOY DIED OF ASPHYXIATION IN A FIRE IN HIS HOME. THE FIRE ORIGINATED FROM THE ELECTRICAL CORD OF A WINDOW FAN. INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT THE TIME OF THIS INVESTIGATION INDICATES THE FIRE RESULTED BECAUSE ELECTRICAL CORD WAS DETERIORATED FROM OLD AGE.

Incident Date: 19830525 City: State: CA

WHILE THE COMPLAINANT WAS USING AN STEAM IRON, ITS POWER CORD SUDDENLY STARTED BURNING IN FLAMES, SETTING FIRE TO THE IRONING BOARD COVER. THE FIRE WAS QUICKLY EXTINGUISHED BY HER BEFORE SPREADING ANY FURTHER THERE WAS NO INJURY IN THE INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19830606 City: State: WA

AN OVERLOADED EXTENSION CORD ATTACHED TO A PORTABLE SPACE HEATER IS THE PROBABLE CAUSE OF A FIRE IN A ONE-ROOM APARTMENT. ESTIMATED DAMAGE WAS \$14,000.00. NO INJURIES OCCURRED.

Incident Date: 19830708 City: State: MI

THIS CASE INVOLVES THE DEATHS DUE TO SMOKE INHALATION OF A 12 YEAR OLD FEMALE, AND A 13 YEAR OLD FEMALE IN THE 12 YEAR OLD FEMALE'S HOUSE. THEY DIED DURING A HOUSE FIRE THAT FIRE OFFICIALS BELIEVED WAS STARTED BY THE MISUSE OF AN EXTENSION CORD. THE EXTENSION CORD, WHICH WAS CONNECTED TO A FAN, WAS FOUND UNDER THE RUNNERS(LEGS) OF A HEAVY LIVING ROOM CHAIR. THE HEAVY CHAIR'S FULL WEIGHT WAS ACTUALLY RESTING UPON THE CORD, AND OVER A PERIOD OF TIME IT CUT INTO THE EXTENSION CORD.

Incident Date: 19830709 City: State: PA

A FAMILY OF THREE (HUSBAND, WIFE, AND DAUGHTER) LIVED IN A 70-FOOT TRAILER WITH A SCREENED FRONT PORCH. AN EXTENSION CORD USED TO POWER AN ELECTRICAL BUG ZAPPER WAS THE CAUSE OF A FIRE WHICH BURNED THE TRAILER. NO ONE WAS INJURED. DAMAGE CAME TO APPROX. \$20,000.

Incident Date: 19830623 City: State: WA

IMPROPER INSTALLATION OF A 3-4 YEAR OLD ELECTRIC CLOTHES DRYER IS THE PROBABLE CAUSE OF A MINOR FIRE. THE FIRE REPORT STATES THAT THE HEAR BUILDUP IN THE VENT HOSE CAUSED BY THE DRYER SITTING ON THE VENT HOSE CAUSED THE FIRE. THE OWNER OF THE DRYER AND THE REPAIRMAN SAID IMPROPER INSTALLATION OF THE POWER CORD CAUSED THE FIRE TO OCCUR IN THE VENT HOSE.

Incident Date: 19830615 City: State: HI

A MID MORNING FIRE GUTTED A REAR BEDROOM OF A ONE STORY SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING. NO ONE WAS IN THE ROOM WHEN THE FIRE WAS DISCOVERED AND THE ONLY PERSON INJURED WAS ONE OF THE FIREMEN WHO CUT HIS HAND ON A FLOU RESCENT LIGHT FIXTURE. THE FIRE DEPT. INVESTIGATOR DETERMINED PROBABLE CAUSE TO BE AN FAULTY EXTENSION CORD.

Incident Date: 19830713 City: State: CT

FIRE, SMOKE AND WATER CAUSED AN ESTIMATED \$50,000 IN DAMAGES TO A 3 S TORY WOOD FRAME DWELLING OCCUPIED BY TWO FAMILIES. THE FIRE APPARENTL Y ORIGINATED WHEN A 20-30 FT LONG EXTENSION CORD SPLICED INTO A SMALL WINDOW FAN OVERHEATED SETTING NEARBY COMBUSTIBLES ON FIRE. THE WINDOW FAN HADREPORTEDLY BEEN OPERATING CONTINUOUSLY FOR 2-3 DAYS. THE EXTEN SION CORD AND FAN HAVE BEEN DISCARDED. THERE WERE NO INJURIES TO OCCU PANTS IN THE BLAZE.

Incident Date: 19830726 City: State: MD

THE PRODUCT INVOLVED IN THIS APARTMENT FIRE IS IDENTIFIED AS A PORTAB LE ELECTRIC FAN. ONE (1) ELDERLY FEMALE HURT HER LEGS WHILE EVACUATI NG THE APARTMENT. AN OVERHEATED POWER CORD OF THE FAN IS SUSPECTRED AS THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE.

Incident Date: 19830801 City: State: WI

A ONE YEAR OLD ELECTRIC COFFEE POT SHORTED OUT IN ITS ELECTRIC CORD, NEXT TO THE WALL PLUG. IT CAUSED A KITCHEN FIRE THAT EXTENSIVELY DAM AGED THE HOUSE. THERE WERE NO INJURIES

Incident Date: 19830821 City: State: IN

A FIRE OCCURED IN RESTURANT/ARCADE AS A RESULT OF A SHORT IN THE POWE R CORD ON A MOVABLE COMMERCIAL TYPE FREEZER. THE FREEZER HAD BEEN SI TTING ON THE CORD, AND THE CORD WORE THROUGH AS THE FREEZER WAS MOVED BACK AND FORTH OVER IT. NO INJURIES OCCURED. THE NEWS CLIP THE ASS IGNMENT WAS TAKEN FROM GAVE THE CAUSE AS OVERLOADED ELECTRICAL WIRING .

Incident Date: 19830820 City: State: MN

THIS INVESTIGATION CONCERNS A FIRE THAT OCCURRED WHEN NO ONE WAS AT H OME AND RESULTED IN EXTENSIVE DAMAGE TO THE HOME. I INTERVIEWED THE FIRE MARSHAL WHO HAD CONDUCTED AN INVESTIGATION. HE FOUND THAT THE H OMEOWNER HAD BEEN RENOVATING PART OF THE HOUSE AND HAD BEEN USING A P ORTABLE 20 INCH ELECTRIC FAN CONNECTED TO A TWO WIRE LIGHT DUTY EXTEN SION CORD. APPARENTLY A SMALL TABLE HAD BEEN PLACED SO THAT ONE OF T HE LEGS WAS RESTING ON THE EXTENSION CORD. THE FIRE MARSHAL FEELS TH AT THE EXTENSION CORD SHORTED OUT AT THAT POINT AND IGNITED THE FLOOR ING. THE FAN HAD BEEN LEFT RUNNING WHEN THE HOMEOWNER HAD LEFT THE H OUSE. THE OUTLET THAT THE EXTENSION WAS CONNECTED TO WAS FUSED AT 20 AMPS. A COPY OF THE FIRE INCIDENT REPORT HAS BEEN REQWUESTED AND WI LL BE FORWARDED WHEN IT IS RECIEVED.

Incident Date: 19830910 City: State: TX

ON SEPTEMBER 9, 1983, A 37 YEAR OLD FEMALE, A SIX YEAR OLD FEMALE, A TWENTY YEAR OLD MALE DIED OF ANOXIA IN A HOUSE FIRE. SOURCE OF IGNITI ON WAS DESCRIBED AS AN ELECTRICAL SHORT NEAR A WINDOW AIR CONDITIONER AN A EXTENSION CORD.

Incident Date: 19831030 City: State: OK

A FIRE OCCURRED WHEN EXTENSION CORD BEING USED ON A LAMP. ON AQUARIA M MOTOR AND A TV BECAME ENTANGLED CAUSING A MAGNETIC FIELD AND SHORTE D OUT. THE ACCIDENT CAUSED AN ESTIMATED \$13,000.00 DAMAGE TO A FORTY YEAR OLD FRAME HOUSE AND TO CONTENTS. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19831106 City: State: MI

A 62 YEAR OLD WOMAN DIED DUE TO SMOKE INHALATION IN HER APARTMENT, BE CAUSE OF A FIRE. THE POWER CORD TO AN ELECTRIC BLANKET WAS CRUSHED UNDER A LEG OF HER METAL FRAME BED. THE CORD THEN SHORT CIRCUITED, WHICH CAUSED COMBUSTIBLES TO IGNITE. THE LOCAL FIRE MARSHAL STATED THAT EXTREME ABUSE OF THE POWER CORD CAUSED THE FIRE, AND THAT THE BLANKET AND ITS POWER CORD DID NOT MALFUNCTION. HE STATED THAT THEY ALSO WERE NOT DEFECTIVE.

Incident Date: 19831109 City: State: OK

IMPROPER MODIFICATION AND USE OF A 110 VOLT EXTENSION CORD IN A 220 VOLT RECEPTACLE. EXTENSION CORD SUBSEQUENTLY OVERHEATED AND STARTED SMOKING. VICTIM APPARENTLY SUSTAINED SOME SMOKE INHALATION WHILE TRYING TO EXTINGUISH THE SMOKING EXTENSION CORD. FIRE DAMAGE WAS MINIMAL.

Incident Date: 19831028 City: State: CA

THIS ACCIDENT INVOLVES A FIRE IN A SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING. NO ONE WAS HOME DURING THIS FIRE. THERE WERE NO INJURIES. THE FIRE DEPT. LISTED THE AREA OF ORIGIN OF THIS FIRE AS THE ELECTRIC CAN OPENER. THE FIRE DEPT. OFFICIALS INDICATED THAT THE PROBABLE CAUSE OF THIS FIRE WAS AN ELECTRICAL SHORT IN THE ELECTRIC CAN OPENER. THE ELECTRIC CAN OPENER WAS PLUGGED DIRECTLY IN AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET AND THERE WAS NO EXTENSION CORD INVOLVED. FIRE DAMAGE WAS LIMITED TO THE KITCHEN.

Incident Date: 19831205 City: State: MA

PORTABLE ELECTRIC HEATER BURST INTO FLAMES AFTER 1/2 HOUR OF USE. NEWLY PURCHASED HEATER HAD BEEN USED FOR APPROXIMATELY 4-1/2 HOURS THE DAY BEFORE THIS FIRE TOOK PLACE. NO INJURIES TO THE VICTIM, NO EXTENSION CORD BEING USED, AND MINOR PROPERTY DAMAGE FROM THE FIRE.

Incident Date: 19840430 City: State: OR

FAILURE OF THE POWER CORD FOR SMOKE DETECTOR WAS IDENTIFIED AS THE CAUSE OF A MAJOR RESIDENTIAL FIRE. THE CORD HAD BEEN CONTINUOUSLY PINCHED BY A DOOR PRIOR TO FAILURE. NOBODY WAS HOME AT THE TIME OF THE FIRE AND THERE WERE NO INJURIES. THE FIRE CAUSED AN ESTIMATED \$20,000 IN PROPERTY DAMAGE.

Incident Date: 19840514 City: State: OR

AN IMPROPERLY MODIFIED CORD ON A PORTABLE HEATER WAS IDENTIFIED AS THE CAUSE OF A RESIDENTIAL FIRE. THE OCCUPANTS HAD DEACTIVATED THEIR SMOKE DETECTOR AND NARROWLY ESCAPED AFTER A NEIGHBOR DISCOVERED THE FIRE. THERE WERE NO INJURIES, HOWEVER, THE FIRE CAUSED AN ESTIMATED \$7000 IN PROPERTY DAMAGE.

Incident Date: 19840626 City: State: CT

AN ELECTRICAL SUPPLY CORD (APPLIANCE CORD) TO A STEREO PHONOGRAPH MOUNTED ON A STAND SHORTED OUT IGNITING A WOOL RUG AND PANELING. INVESTIGATION FOUND THE ELECTRICAL SUPPLY CORD WAS BENEATH THE CASTERS TO THE STAND AND HAD THE INSULATION WORN OFF BY CONTACT WITH THE CASTERS. THE STEREO PHONOGRAPH WAS PURCHASED SECOND-HAND AND WAS COMPLETELY DESTROYED IN THE FIRE WHICH RESULTED IN APPROXIMATELY \$40,000 IN DAMAGES TO A FIVE FAMILY APARTMENT DWELLING. NO INJURIES RESULTED.

Incident Date: 19850101 City: State: IA

A 15 MONTH-OLD FEMALE DIED IN A FIRE OCCURRING IN A HOUSE TRAILER. THE TRAILER WAS TOTALLY DESTROYED IN THE FIRE. THE PROBABLE ORIGIN OF THE FIRE WAS GIVEN AS A PORTABLE ELECTRIC SPACE HEATER, CONNECTED TO AN EXTENSION CORD, WHICH HAD BEEN SET UNDER THE TRAILER TO KEEP WATER PIPES FROM FREEZING. THE VICTIM'S PARENTS AND 4 OTHER CHILDREN ESCAPED. CAUSE OF DEATH WAS GIVEN AS SMOKE INHALATION.

Incident Date: 19860423 City: State: OR

A FIRE IN A PICKUP CAMPER CAUSED THE DEATHS OF TWO FEMALES AGES 16 AND 12 YEARS OLD. THE VICTIMS WERE SLEEPING IN THE CAMPER WHEN THE ELECTRICAL FAULT IN A SPLICED EXTENSION CORD CAUSED A SMOLDERING FIRE .

Incident Date: 19831126 City: State: WI

THIS INVESTIGATION INVOLVED A FIRE THAT OCCURRED IN THE LAUNDRYROOM OF AN INSTITUTION FOR THE MENTALLY RETARDED. IT APPEARS THAT THE ELECTRICAL CORD FOR A LARGE FAN WAS PINCHED UNDER ITS METAL BASE. THE USER CAUSED AN ELECTRICAL SHORT, WHICH IGNITED NEARBY WOODEN CART THAT WAS FILLED WITH CLOTHES. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19831112 City: State: MI

THE CORD OF AN ELECTRIC PORTABLE HEATER SHORT CIRCUITED AND STARTED AN UPHOLSTERED RECLINER ON FIRE. THE ACCIDENT OCCURRED IN THE LIVING ROOM OF THE OWNER'S HOME. THE OWNER, WHO WAS ALONE AT HOME, WAS NOT INJURED.

Incident Date: 19831205 City: State: WA

A 2 1/2 YR OLD MALE DIED IN A FIRE WHICH WAS DETERMINED BY THE FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE TO HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY A COMPLETE COLLAPSE OF THE HOME ELECTRICAL SYSTEM. FAULTY WIRING IN THE ATTIC OF THE HOUSE, DESCRIBED AS BEING KNOB AND TUBE WIRING WHICH HAD AIR INSULATION, WAS IDENTIFIED AS THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE. A SPACE HEATER WAS SAID TO HAVE HAD A 50 FOOT EXTENSION CORD SPLICED TO IT, BUT NO EXCESSIVE CHARRING WAS FOUND AROUND IT, AND IT WAS RULED OUT AS THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE.

Incident Date: 19831225 City: State: MD

THE PRODUCT INVOLVED IN THIS HOUSE FIRE IS IDENTIFIED AS A TABLE LAMP(ELECTRIC). THE VICTIM, A 19 YEAR OLD MALE WAS ASLEEP AT THE TIME OF THE FIRE, AND SUCCUMBED TO SMOKE INHALATION. THIS FIRE ORIGINATED IN THE LIVING ROOM. THE FRAYED POWER CORD OF THE LAMP IS SUSPECTED AS THE PRIMARY CAUSE OF IGNITION DUE TO A SHORT CIRCUIT.

Incident Date: 19831203 City: State: MT

ON 12/3/83 AT APPROXIMATELY 11:00 A.M. A NON-INJURY FIRE OCCURRED IN THE BASEMENT OF A SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING IN RURAL MONTANA. THE FIRE IS THOUGHT TO HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY A FAULTY ELECTRICAL CORD TO A LAMP.

Incident Date: 19831124 City: State: OR

THE FIRE REPORT LISTS THE MOST PROBABLE CAUSE OF THIS HOME FIRE, AS AN ELECTRICAL SHORT IN AN ELECTRICAL HEATER'S CLOTH POWER CORD. THIS REPORT ALSO REPORTS THAT THE SOFA WAS THEN IGNITED. NO ONE WAS HOME AT THE TIME OF THIS FIRE. NO ONE WAS INJURED DURING THIS FIRE. FIRE DAMAGE TO THE HOME THAT WAS VALUED AT ABOUT \$80,000.--IS ESTIMATED AT ABOUT \$15,000.--DAMAGE TO THE BUILDING AND ABOUT \$10,000.-- DAMAGE TO THE CONTENTS. THE HOMEOWNER REPORTS THAT THE HEATER WAS OBTAINED, USED, AND IT IS OVER 10 YEARS OLD.

Incident Date: 19840101 City: State: WI

A FARM OUTBUILDING WAS DAMAGED BY FIRE WHICH APPEARS TO HAVE STARTED EITHER IN A HEAT TAPE OR AT ITS CONNECTION WITH AN EXTENSION CORD. THE TAPE WAS WRAPPED AROUND AN OUTDOOR HYDRANT, AND THE PLUG STRUNG THROUGH A HOLE CUT IN THE BUILDING WALL AND CONNECTED TO AN EXTENSION CORD.

Incident Date: 19831121 City: State: OR

A NEWSPAPER ARTICLE IDENTIFIED A SHORT IN AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET AS THE CAUSE OF A RESIDENTIAL FIRE. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT DID NOT CONDUCT AN INDEPTH INVESTIGATION. THE OWNER DISAGREED WITH THE FIRE OFFICIALS AND ATTRIBUTED THE FIRE TO POSSIBLE FAILURE OF THE POWER CORD ON A VERY OLD TOASTER.

Incident Date: 19831226 City: State: PA

THREE CHILDREN DIED AS A RESULT OF A FIRE IN A THREE BEDROOM HOUSE. A FIRE OFFICIAL INTERVIEWED STATED THAT IT WAS DETERMINED THAT THE ELECTRICAL CIRCUITS IN THE HOUSE WERE OVERLOADED WITH MULTIPLE APPLIANCES PLUGGED INTO MULTIPLE EXTENSION CORDS THAT EITHER AN APPLIANCE CORD OR EXTENSION CORD IGNITED, CAUSING THE FIRE.

Incident Date: 19831230 City: State: CA

THE PRODUCT INVOLVED IN THIS ACCIDENT WAS AN EXTENSION CORD THE ACCIDENT OCCURRED WHEN THE EXTENSION CORD ARCED IN TWO LOCATIONS IGNITING COMBUSTABLE MATERIALS IN CLOSE RANGE. THE PERSON DIED AS A RESULT OF THE FIRE ANOTHER PERSON SUFFERED 2ND AND 3RD DEGREE BURNS OVER 40 PER CENT OF HIS BODY.

Incident Date: 19831203 City: State: NY

A 66 YEAR OLD MAN DIED OF SMOKE INHALATION DURING A FIRE CAUSED BY AN IMPROPERLY SPLICED EXTENSION CORD.

Incident Date: 19831209 City: State: MI

THE CONSUMER HAD AN ELECTRIC BLANKET ON A BED IN HIS HOME. THE POWER CORD ON THE BLANKET WAS PINCHED BETWEEN THE BED'S METAL FRAME AND THE ADJACENT WALL. OVER A PERIOD OF TIME A SECTION OF THE CORD'S INSULATION WORE AWAY AND PERMITTED THE WIRES INSIDE THE CORD TO SHORT THE SHORTED WIRES IGNITED THE WALL AND THE SUBSEQUENT FIRE DESTROYED THE BEDROOM. THERE WERE NO INJURIES; THE BLANKET AND CORD WERE DISCARDED.

Incident Date: 19831204 City: State: MD

THIS ACCIDENTAL FIRE INVOLVED TWO YEAR OLD ELECTRIC FORCED AIR HEATER BEING USED IN KITCHEN OF A FRAME COTTAGE. RESPONDENT WAS SITTING AT TABLE WITH THE HEATER BLOWING WARM AIR WHEN SHE HEARD A LOUD "POP" AND NOTICED FLAMES COMING FROM THE WALL AND THE CORD WAS ON FIRE AT THE PLUG. FIREMEN SOON ARRIVED AND DAMAGE WAS NEGLIGIBLE. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19841111 City: State: KS

ON JANUARY 11, 1984, AT APPROXIMATELY 11:30 A.M. A FIRE OCCURRED IN A BED WHEN AN ELECTRIC BLANKET OVERHEATED AND CAUGHT ON FIRE. THE OWNER RETURNED AFTER SIX HOURS TO FIND THE HOUSE FULL OF SMOKE. FIRE OFFICERS FOUND THE BED ON FIRE WITH THE ELECTRIC BLANKET CORD PLUGGED INTO THE WALL OUTLET STILL SPARKING. NO INJURY.

Incident Date: 19840120 City: State: TX

THE VICTIMS WERE A RETIRED MAN AND WIFE WHO LIVED IN A SINGLE FAMILY HOUSE IN BEEVILLE, TEXAS. EARLY ONE MORNING, A FIRE STARTED IN THEIR LIVING ROOM WHILE THEY WERE ASLEEP IN THEIR BEDROOM. THE PROBABLE CAUSE WAS ELECTRICAL OVERHEATING NEAR THE CONNECTION OF AN ELECTRIC EXTENSION CORD TO THE PLUG OF AN ELECTRIC SPACE HEATER. BOTH VICTIMS DIED FROM ANOXIA DUE TO SMOKE INHALATION.

Incident Date: 19840207 City: State: NM

A SHORT IN THE CORD OF AN ELECTRIC SPACE HEATER RESULTED IN A BEDROOM FIRE WHICH DESTROYED SEVERAL PIECES OF FURNITURE. NO ONE WAS INJURED, ALTHOUGH THE HOME OWNER WAS TREATED WITH OXYGEN FOR 10 MINUTES AT THE SCENE. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT WAS SUMMONED AND EXTINGUISHED THE BLAZE. BY THE TIME OF THIS INVESTIGATION, THE DAMAGE HAD BEEN RE- PAIRED AND THE BURNED ITEMS PLUS THE PRODUCT IN QUESTION HAD BEEN REMOVED.

Incident Date: 19840203 City: State: PA

A FIRE BROKE OUT IN A HUGE APARTMENT COMPLEX. THE FIRE WAS CONFINED TO A SINGLE BEDROOM IN THE SPRAWLING PROJECT. THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE WAS FOUND TO BE AN EXTENSION CORD. NO ONE WAS INJURED. PROPERTY DAMAGE HAS NOT BEEN ESTIMATED.

Incident Date: 19840219 City: State: WI

A NINE YEAR OLD GIRL DIED AND FOUR PEOPLE WERE HOSPITALIZED AS A RESULT OF SMOKE INHALATION FROM A HOUSE FIRE. THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE IS OFFICIALLY LISTED AS UNDETERMINED AND ARSON HAS NOT BEEN RULED OUT. THE POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENT SAY THE FIRE MAY HAVE BEGUN NEAR A 13 INCH PORTABLE BLACK AND WHITE TELEVISION IN THE LIVING ROOM. THE TELEVISION, WHICH WAS DESTROYED IN THE FIRE, HAD A SHORT IN THE POWER CORD.

Incident Date: 19840208 City: State: MD

THIS ACCIDENTAL FIRE WAS CAUSED BY IMPROPER WIRING SET-UP OF AN ELECTIC QUARTZ SPACE HEATER. AN EXTENSION CORD IN BEDROOM WAS WIRED DIRECTLY TO HOUSE WIRING AND CORD RAN UNDER CARPET. EXCESS CORD HAD BEEN WRAPPED SEVERAL TIMES AROUND BASE OF HEATE. FIRE BROKE OUT IN WIRING AND SPREAD RAPIDLY TO COMBUSTIBLES RESULTING IN THREE DEATHS AND SEVEN INJURIES. THE HOUSE WAS TOTALLY DESTROYED.

Incident Date: 19840207 City: State: MA

A 67 YEAR OLD FEMALE AND A 40 YEAR OLD FEMALE WERE TREATED FOR SMOKE INHALATION FOLLOWING A HOUSEFIRE, WHICH CAUSED APPROXIMATELY \$20,000 DAMAGE AND WHICH HAS BEEN ATTRIBUTED TO A HOME-MADE EXTENSION CORD.

Incident Date: 19840201 City: State: GA

TWO MALES, AGES 12 AND 6, DIED FROM SMOKE INHALATION WHEN A FIRE ORIGINATED IN A MOBILE HOME. ACCORDING TO THE FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE, IT IS BELEIVED THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE WAS A COMBINATION OF A HEAT BUILD UP IN A PORTABLE ELECTRIC HEATER AND THE EXTENSION CORD WHICH WAS ATTACHED TO THE HEATER.

Incident Date: 19831206 City: State: IL

AN ELECTRIC CAN OPENER IS BLAMED IN A HOUSE FIRE WHICH CAUSED \$60,000 DAMAGE. DUE TO THE AMOUNT OF DAMAGE TO THE OPENER, THE EXACT ROLE IT PLAYED IS NOT KNOWN. SINCE OCCUPANT REPORTS HEARING 'POPPING' PRIOR TO FIRE, THE FIRE OFFICIALS SPECULATE THAT THE CORD ON THE OPENER 'SHORTED OUT', AND SET NEARBY CONBUSTABLES ABLAZE. THERE WERE NOT ANY INJURIES. MODEL NUMBERS OF THE PRODUCT COULD NOT BE DETERMINED.

Incident Date: 19840116 City: State: VA

A FIRE OCCURRED IN A VACANT STORE BATHROOM POSSIBLE AS THE RESULT OF A MALFUNCTION IN THE CORD OF AN ELECTRIC PORTABLE SPACE HEATER OR THE HEATER ITSELF. THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE IS UNDETERMINED, ACCORDING TO LOCAL FIRE OFFICIALS. NO INJURIES WERE INVOLVED.

Incident Date: 19840114 City: State: NC

THIS INVESTIGATION INVOLVED A RESIDENTIAL FIRE. NO ONE WAS HOME AT THE TIME OF THE FIRE AND NO INJURIES OCCURRED. APPARENTLY TWO EXTENSION CORDS OVERHEATED AT THE JUNCTION OF THE TWO CORDS IGNITING THE ADJACENT CURTAINS AND WALL PANELING. THE EXTENSION CORDS WERE BEING USED TO OPERATE THE BLOWERS ON A FIREPLACE INSERT.

Incident Date: 19840229 City: State: PA

THERE WERE NO INJURIES INVOLVED WITH ACCIDENT. A FIRE BEGAN SOME- WHERE IN THE AREA BEHIND AND ELECTRIC STOVE, IN A KITCHEN OF A ONE STORY HOUSE. AT THE TIME OF FIRE, NO ONE WAS IN THE HOME AND THE ELECTRIC STOVE HAD BEEN TURNED OFF. BECAUSE OF THE BURNED CONDIT- ION OF THE STOVE, THE FIRE CHIEF THAT INVESTIGATED THE FIRE COULD ONLY DETERMINE THAT THE FIRE BEGAN IN THE AREA BEHIND THE KITCHEN STOVE, BUT COULD NOT CONCLUSIVELY DETERMINE THAT THE STOVE OR POWER CORD CAUSED THE FIRE.

Incident Date: 19840309 City: State: CA

A SHORT FROM A FRAYED CORD OF AN ELECTRICAL CALCULATOR, LAMP, OR A COMPUTER, MAY HAVE CAUSED A FIRE IN THE 27TH FLOOR OF A 40 STORY OFFICE BUILDING. DAMAGES WERE ESTIMATED TO BE ABOUT \$250,000. NO ONE WAS INJURED IN THIS HIGH-RISE FIRE. NO ONE WAS IN OFFICE AT THIS TIME.

Incident Date: 19840220 City: State: MD

THIS ACCIDENTAL FIRE WAS CAUSED BY A JERRY-RIG ELECTRICAL HOOK-UP FOLLOWING A PREVIOUS FIRE AT THE SAME LOCATION. ONLY ONE ELECTRICAL OUTLET WAS AVAILABLE AND TWO EXTENSION CORDS WERE PLUGGED INTO IT. ONE EXTENSION CORD WAS 100 FT. LONG AND TWO 50 FT. CORDS PLUGGED TOGETHER FOR AN ELECTRIC HEATER ON THIRD FLOOR. THE CORD OVERHEATED MID-WAY AND FIRE BROKE OUT. KILLING THE 62 YEAR OLD MALE OCCUPANT.

Incident Date: 19840217 City: State: CT

FIRE ORIGINATING FROM A SHORTED EXTENSION CORD RESULTED IN THE DEATH OF AN 88 YEAR OLD FEMALE. THERE WERE NO WITNESSES TO THE FIRE BUT EVIDENCE GATHERED AT THE SCENE FOUND REMANTS OF AN EXTENSION CORD BENEATH A METAL ROLLER ON ONE LEG OF A NIGHTSTAND WHERE THE FIRE IS BELIEVED TO HAVE STARTED. THE VICTIM RESIDED BY HERSELF AND WAS FOUND IN AN ADJOINING DRESSING ROOM AND WAS APPARENTLY OVERCOME BY SMOKE.

Incident Date: 19840305 City: State: PA

AN OVERLOADED ELECTRICAL EXTENSION CORD OVERHEATED AND WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR A FIRE THAT STARTED ON THE FIRST FLOOR LIVING ROOM OF 2 STORY DOUBLE FRAME HOME. THE FIRE SPREAD TO THE SECOND FLOOR WHERE A 28 YEAR OLD MOTHER AND HER 5 YEAR OLD SON PERISHED. THREE OTHER CHILDREN WERE ADMITTED TO THE HOSPITAL. THE DOUBLE HOME WAS BURNED OUT.

Incident Date: 19840212 City: State: WA

A SHORT CIRCUIT IN AN EXTENSION CORD USED WITH STEREO EQUIPMENT IS PROBABLE CAUSE OF A FIRE THAT DESTROYED A MOBILE HOME AND RESULTED IN DEATHS OF A MOTHER AND CHILD. THE EXTENSION CORD WAS RESTING UNDERNEATH ONE FOOT OF A SOFA.

Incident Date: 19840202 City: State: OR

AN EXTENSION CORD CONNECTED TO AN ELECTRIC HEATER WAS IDENTIFIED AS THE CAUSE OF A RESIDENTIAL FIRE. THERE WERE NO NJURIES, HOWEVER, THE FIRE CAUSED AN ESTIMATED \$7000 IN PROPERTY DAMAGE.

Incident Date: 19840123 City: State: UT

THE PRODUCT INVOLVED IN THIS ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION WAS AN EXTENSION CORD. THE ACCIDENT OCCURRED WHEN THE EXTENSION CORD OVERHEATED FROM BEING COILED AND KNOTED WITHIN ITSELF. THE FIRE CAUSED EXTENSIVE DAMAGE TO A MEAT STORE.

Incident Date: 19840405 City: State: NJ

PLUG AND CORD OF AN ELECTRIC HEATER BECAME HOT TO THE TOUCH AFTER BEING PLUGGED IN FOR JUST A FEW MINUTES. THE COMPLAINAT BELIEVES THAT THIS IS A FIRE HAZARD.

Incident Date: 19840309 City: State: MA

AN OVERHEATED ELECTRIC CORD ON A SPACE HEATER IGNITED A FIRE WHICH CAUSED SUBSTANTIAL PROPERTY DAMAGE. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19840407 City: State: IL

VICTIM (NURSE) HAD NO INFO ABOUT FIRE AT ALL. ALL INFO FROM VFD FIRE CHIEF WHO RESPONDED TO FIRE. ELDERLY RESIDENT HAD PLUGGED AND UNPLUGGED TV SET CORD IN ELECTRIC WALL OUTLET DAILY FOR MONTHS. MALE POWER PLUG BENT BACK AND FORTH AND FRAYED CAUSING SPARK TO IGNITE BEDDING. CORD AND BEDDING TOTALLY DESTROYED IN FIRE.

Incident Date: 19840425 City: State: NY

A LINE CORD OF A PORTABLE ELECTRIC HEATER, WHIHC HAD BEEN TAPED TOGETHER, WAS THOUGHT TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR A FIRE, WHICH A THREE YEAR OLD FEMALE KILLED AND TWELVE PEOPLE WERE INJURED. THE LINE CORD HAD BEEN REPAIRED BY THE VICTIMS MOTHER. NO INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE ON THE PORTABLE HEATER, WHICH WAS COMPLETELY DESTROYED IN THE FIRE.

Incident Date: 19840114 City: State: CA

THIS INCIDENT DOES NOT INVOLVE ANY INJURIES OR PROPERTY DAMAGE TO THE CONSUMER'S HOME. THE CONSUMER REPORTS THAT THE PORTABLE ELECTRIC HEATER HAD BEEN ON "LOW" WITH THE FAN ALSO OPERATING, FOR ABOUT 7 MINUTES, WHEN A NEARBY SMOKE ALARM SOUNDED. THE PORTABLE ELECTRIC HEATER WAS FOUND FLAMING AND SMOKING. THE POWER CORD WAS UNPLUGGED THE FIRE DAMAGE WAS LIMITED TO JUST THIS PORTABLE ELECTRIC HEATER. THIS ACCIDENT OCCURRED IN A BATHROOM OF THE CONSUMER'S HOME.

Incident Date: 19840410 City: State: MI

APPARENTLY A PREVIOUSLY DAMAGED CORD ON A RADIO SHORTED-OUT, AND STARTED A FIRE IN THE BEDROOM OF THE VICTIM'S HOME. THE VICTIM, A 28 YEAR OLD MALE, RECEIVED A BURN ON HIS LEFT FOOT AND RIGHT MIDDLE FINGER WHILE TRYING TO EXTINGUISH THE FIRE. THE RESPONEDENT BELIEVED THE VICTIM WAS TREATED AND RELEASED.

Incident Date: 19840402 City: State: WA

A 76-YEAR-OLD MALE DIED AS THE RESULT OF SMOKING INHALATION IN A FIRE IN HIS HOME WHICH HAD ITS POINT OF ORIGIN IN AN ARCING OVERLOAD IN AN EXTENSION CORD THAT WAS UNDER A STACK OF NEWSPAPERS. THE EXTENSION CORD REPORTEDLY WAS USED TO PROVIDE POWER FOR A REFRIGERATOR, A T.V. AND AT LEAST ONE RADIO. REPORTEDLY BECAUSE THE HOUSE WAS OLD AND HAD FEW ELECTRICAL RECEPTACLES. THE CONDITION REPORTEDLY HAD EXISTED FOR SEVERAL YEARS, AND OTHER PEOPLE HAD WARNED THE VICTIM ABOUT THE CONDITION.

Incident Date: 19840327 City: State: WA

A BASEMENT BEDROOM DRESSER CAUGHT ON FIRE CAUSING AN ESTIMATED \$19,000 FIRE AND SMOKE DAMAGE TO THE HOME AND ITS CONTENTS. POINT OF FIRE ORIGIN APPEARS TO BE A STANDARD HOUSE EXTENSION CORD WHICH WAS BEING MULTIPLY USED BY A STEREO, DIGITAL CLOCK/RADIO AND A HAIR CURLER. ONLY THE DIGITAL CLOCK WAS ON AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19840307 City: State: CA

A PORTABLE ELECTRIC HEATER IS LEFT UNATTENDED AND IGNITED A NEARBY SOFA CAUSING A MAJOR FIRE IN AN APARTMENT. THE VICTIM STATED THAT THE CORD ON THE HEATER SHORTED OUT AND THAT BREAKERS IN THE APARTMENT FAILED TO OPERATE. THE VICTIM AND HIS WIFE WERE ALERTED BY A SMOKE DETECTOR IN THE APARTMENT AND ESCAPED THE FIRE UNHARMED.

Incident Date: 19840406 City: State: TX

A FIRE TOTALLY DESTROYED A SMALL RURAL FRAME HOME IN WHICH A MOTHER AND HER SON WERE SLEEPING. THE FIRE APPEARED TO HAVE STARTED IN CUT OR FRAYED EXTENSION CORDS IN THE LIVING ROOM. THE SON RECEIVED FACIAL CUTS ESCAPING. HIS MOTHER WAS NOT INJURED ESCAPING.

Incident Date: 19840406 City: State: IL

A FIRE IN THE BEDROOM OF A RETIREMENT HOME WAS CAUSED BY A PREVIOUSLY DAMAGED APPLIANCE CORD (BELIEVED TO BE A TV). THE OCCUPANT OF THE BEDROOM RECEIVED A BURN ON HIS NOSE AND FOREHEAD (DEGREE BURNS NOT KNOWN) AS A RESULT OF THE ACCIDENT, AND 9 OTHERS WERE TREATED FOR SMOKE INHALATION. THE FIRE CHIEF DID NOT KNOW THEIR DISPOSITIONS OR AGES EXCEPT THAT 2 MEN DIED, BUT ONLY ONE DEATH WAS RELATED TO THE FIRE.

Incident Date: 19840504 City: State: NJ

A FIRE BROKE OUT IN THE ATTIC BEDROOM OF A 2 AND ONE-HALF STORY DOUBLE ROW HOUSE. THE FIRE WAS DISCOVERED AND PUT OUT BY THE FIRE COMPANY. THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE WAS THOUGHT TO BE OVERUSE OF AN EXTENSION CORD. NO ONE WAS INJURED. FINANCIAL DAMAGE HAS NOT BEEN ESTIMATED.

Incident Date: 19840409 City: State: IL

LIMITED INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE ON A FIRE WHICH OCCURRED IN THE BEDROOM OF A MOBILE HOME, APPARENTLY CAUSED BY THE CORD FOR AN ELECTRIC IRON WHICH HAD BEEN LEFT ON WITH THE CORD CAUGHT BETWEEN THE BED SIDERAIL AND THE MATTRESS. NO INJURIES WERE INVOLVED.

Incident Date: 19840610 City: State: IL

THE POWER CORD OF A WINDOW UNIT BOX-STYLE ELECTRIC FAN STARTED AN UN UNPHOLSTERED CHAIR ON FIRE. THE FAN WAS SITTING ON THE CHAIR IN A BEDROOM WHEN THE FIRE BEGAN. TWO CHILDREN, AGES 2 YEARS AND 4 YEARS, WHO WERE SLEEPING IN THE BEDROOM DIED IN FIRE.

Incident Date: 19840425 City: State: NE

A WIND STORM CAUSED AN OUTDOOR ELECTRICAL CORD TO BE LASHED AGAINST METAL FLASHING ON THE EAVES OF A HOME. THE INSULATION ON THE CORD WAS DAMAGED CAUSING A SHORT CIRCUIT IN THE WIRE WHICH IN TURN IS BELIEVED TO HAVE SET THE HOME ON FIRE. NEWSPAPER REPORTS WHICH LISTED THE CAUSE AS AN ELECTRICAL SERVICE BOX SHORT ARE IN ERROR ACCORDING TO THE FIRE CHIEF. THERE WAS NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19840401 City: State: MI

THIS NON-INJURY CASE INVOLVES INCIDENTS THAT OCCURRED AT A STATE OPERATED LONG TERM MEDICAL FACILITY FOR VETERANS. IN A ONE MONTH PERIOD THERE HAVE BEEN 3 SMOKING FIRES (NO FLAMES) WITH 3 DIFFERENT MODELS OF THE SAME MANUFACTURER'S ELECTRIC SHAVERS. IN TWO OF THE SHAVERS MOTOR MOUNTING SCREWS HAD DISLODGED, & FELL AGAINST THE INTERIOR LEADS, CAUSING A SHORT CIRCUIT, & THE CONSEQUENT MELTING OF THE INSULATION OF THE INTERNAL WIRING & POWER CORD. FOUR OTHER SHAVERS WERE FOUND TO HAVE THE SAME PROBLEM.

Incident Date: 19840512 City: State: IL

THE POWER CORD FOR A POWER PACK USED TO POWER A PORTABLE VCR MELTED AND CAUGHT FIRE WHEN PLUGGED INTO THE BATTERY PACK. THE CORD HAD WORKED WITHOUT INCIDENT ON EARLIER OCCASIONS. NO INJURY. PROPERTY DAMAGE LIMITED TO CORD AND BATTERY PACK.

Incident Date: 19840613 City: State: IN

AN 8 YEAR-OLD FEMALE DIED FROM SMOKE INHALATION WHEN THE POWER CORD ON AN ELECTRIC FAN OVERHEATED AND IGNITED CARPET IN A BEDROOM. THE VICTIM WAS SLEEPING IN ANOTHER BEDROOM APPROXIMATELY 20FEET AWAY FROM THE ORIGIN OF THE FIRE. A FIRE INVESTIGATOR SAID THE POWER CORD WAS FOUND TO HAVE KNOTS TIED IN IT, FRAYED AREAS, AND HAD BEEN SMASHED BY SOME OBJECT. THE FAN ITSELF WAS THROWN AWAY.

Incident Date: 19840516 City: State: CT

THE REPLACEMENT PLUG ON THE ELECTRICAL SUPPLY CORD TO AN ELECTRIC HEATER SUDDENTLY AND WITHOUT WARNING BURST INTO FLAMES. THE PLUG WAS CONNECTED TO A 25 FOOT LONG EXTENSION CORD OF THE SAME GAUGE WIRE WHICH, IN TURN, WAS PLUGGED INTO A WALL RECEPTACLE (OUTLET) IN THE LAUNDRY ROOM. THE RESULTANT FIRE WAS EXTINGUISHED BY THE COMPLAINANT'S WIFE USING BAKING SODA AND A SMALL AREA AROUND THE PLUG WAS BURNED(CARPET, WOOD, MOLDING, ETC.). NO INJURIES RESULTED.

Incident Date: 19840711 City: State: IL

TWO YOUNG GIRLS PLAYING ON PORCH. PUPPY HAD CHEWED POWER CORD TO CONSOLE NIGHT BEFORE WITH ONLY BARE WIRE AT ONE POINT. VICTIM HOLDING CORD (BARE WIRE) WHEN FRIEND PLUGGED INTO WALL OUTLET. CONSULE WAS ON AND SPARKS EMITTED FROM PLUG AND VICTIM BURNED TWO FINGERS ON BARE WIRE. RECOVERY IS ALMOST COMPLETE AT THIS TIME.

Incident Date: 19840601 City: State: NE

A PREVIOUSLY DAMAGED PORTABLE ELECTRIC HEATER'S CORD STARTED A FIRE IN THE BEDROOM OF A MOBILE HOME. THE HEATER WAS NOT ON WHEN THE ACCIDENT HAPPENED. NO ONE WAS HOME WHEN THE ACCIDENT HAPPENED.

Incident Date: 19840616 City: State: NY

AN OVERLOADED ELECTRICAL EXTENSION CORD CAUSED AN APARTMENT FIRE WHICH KILLED A 10 YEAR OLD BOY AND SERIOUSLY INJURED HIS 9 YEAR OLD SISTER.

Incident Date: 19840620 City: State: PA

A TOASTER IN THE KITCHEN OF A MULTI-FAMILY HOUSEHOLD BEGAN SMOKING. THE LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENT WAS CALLED. A FIREMAN ENTERED THE SMOKE FILLED KITCHEN AND UNPLUGGED THE CORD OF THE TOASTER. THER WAS NO FIRE OR SMOKE DAMAGE. NO ONE WAS INJURED.

Incident Date: 19840612 City: State: CA

AN ELECTRICAL EXTENSION CORD CONNECTED TO A FREEZER IS SUSPECT IN A FIRE THAT CAUSED EXTENSIVE DAMAGE TO AN UNATTACHED RESIDENTIAL GARAGE AND ITS CONTENTS. THE CORD REMAINS UNIDENTIFIED; THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19840724 City: State: MI

ACCORDING TO THE FIRE INVESTIGATOR, THIS HOUSE FIRE INVOLVES THE MISUSE OF A VERY OLD ELECTRIC FAN IN THE CONSUMER'S BEDROOM. A CONSUMER HAD SPLICED AN ELECTRICAL CORD TO THE FAN'S POWER CORD IN AN UNSAFE MANNER. THE CONNECTION IGNITED SOME CLOTHING THAT WAS ON TOP OF IT, AND THE FIRE SPREAD. THE CONSUMER INCURRED MINOR FACIAL BURNS WHEN HER RE-ENTERED THE HOUSE, THINKING THAT CHILDREN WERE STILL INSIDE. THEY WERE NOT, AND HAD ESCAPED INJURY.

Incident Date: 19860108 City: State: NE

A PORTABLE ELECTRIC SPACE HEATER WAS BEING USED AS THE SOLE SOURCE OF HEAT IN THE BEDROOM OF AN APARTMENT WHERE A FIRE OCCURRED. THE OCCUPANT OF THE APARTMENT HAD TURNED THE HEATR ON AND LATER LEFT THE APARTMENT. THE LOCAL FIRE CHIEF CONCLUDED THAT A SHORT CIRCUIT OCCURRED IN THE POWER CORD OF THE HEATER AND IGNITED NEARBY COMBUS- TIBLE MATERIAL.

Incident Date: 19840712 City: State: CA

THE COMPLAINANT REPORTS THAT THE AUTOMATIC TELEPHONE ANSWERING MACHINE STARTED SMOKING AND CAUGHT ON FIRE. A PERSON WAS NEARBY AT THE TIME THAT THE AUTOMATIC TELEPHONE ANSWERING MACHINE HAD JUST STARTED TO CATCH ON FIRE. THE AUTOMATIC TELEPHONE ANSWERING MACHINE WAS PULLED LOOSE FROM THE POWER CORD AND THE FIRE WAS PUT OUT. THER WES MINOR DAMAGE TO THE DESK AND SOME CARPET. NO ONE WAS INJURED.

Incident Date: 19840806 City: State: NJ

AN OVERLOADED EXTENSION CORD, FEEDING POWER TO AN AIR CONDITIONING UNIT LOCATED IN AN ATTIC, WAS BELIEVED TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR A FIRE WHICH HEAVILY DAMAGED THE STRUCTURE AND CONTENTS OF A ONE FAMILY DWELLING. NO INJURIES WERE SUFFERED IN THIS INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19840725 City: State: IL

A HOUSE FIRE CAUSED BY AN OVERHEATED ELECTRICAL CORD CAUSED SEVERE DAMAGE TO A SUBURBAN HOME. THERE WERE NO FATALATIES AND ONLY A SLIGHT CASE OF SMOKE INHALATION SUFFERED AS A RESULT. A TOWN ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR REPORTS THAT A CORD PLUGGED INTO AN OUTLET APPARENTLY OVERHEATED AND IGNITED NEARBY COMBUSTABLES. TO WHAT TYPE OF APPLIANCE THE CORD WAS ATTACHED IS NOT KNOWN. THE HOMEOWNER DID NOT REPLY TO A CONTACT LETTER SENT TO HIM. NEWSPAPER REPORTS OF FAULTY OUTLET WERE APPARENTLY WRONG.

Incident Date: 19840814 City: State: CO

NO ONE WAS INJURED WHEN AN EXTENSION CORD FAILED AND CAUGHT FIRE. THE RANCH HOUSE WAS A TOTAL LOSS.

Incident Date: 19840808 City: State: OR

THE POWER CORD OF A FREEZER WAS IDENTIFIED AS THE CAUSE OF A RESIDENTIAL FIRE. THERE WERE NO INJURIES, HOWEVER, THE FIRE CAUSED AN ESTIMATED \$38,000 IN PROPERTY DAMAGE.

Incident Date: 19840928 City: State: MO

A HOME WAS EXTENSIVELY DAMAGED IN A FIRE THAT WAS CAUSED BY A SHORT IN WHAT APPEARED TO BE AN EXTENSION CORD INSIDE A WALL.

Incident Date: 19840925 City: State: AR

THIS TELEPHONE/MAIL IDI INVOLVED A RESIDENTIAL FIRE THAT WAS ALLEGEDLY CAUSED BY AN EXTENSION CORD THAT SHORTED OUT WHEN A VACUUM CLEANER WAS PLUGGED INTO IT. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19830122 City: State: OR

A 22 YEAR-OLD MALE AND A 21 YEAR-OLD FEMALE DIED OF CARBON MONOXIDE INHALATION IN A RESIDENTIAL FIRE. THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE WAS OVER- HEATING OF AN EXTENSION CORD CONNECTED TO A PORTABLE HEATER. SMOKE DETECTORS APPARENTLY FAILED TO OPERATE DUE TO DEAD BATTERIES. WINDOWS IN THE RESIDENCE WERE TIGHTLY SEALED WITH PLASTIC SHEETING.

Incident Date: 19841001 City: State: TX

ON OCTOBER 1, 1984, A TWENTY-ONE YEAR OLD FEMALE SUFFERED SMOKE IN- HALATION WHEN THE EXTENSION CORD CONNECTION OF A PORTABLE ELECTRIC SPACE HEATER IGNITED IN THEIR APARTMENT. THE FIRE WAS EXTINGUISHED; NO MEDICAL CARE WAS REQUIRED.

Incident Date: 19841017 City: State: PA

A WIFE PLACED 4 PIECES OF BREAD INTO A FOUR SLICE ELECTRIC TOASTER. AFTER SEVERAL MINUTES SHE NOTICED THE TOASTER IN FLAMES. SHE PULLED THE TOASTER'S CORD OUT OF THE ELECTRICAL OUTLET. FIRE WAS CONFINED TO THE TOASTER. NO ONE WAS INJURED.

Incident Date: 19840930 City: State: MD

A 38 YEAR OLD MALE SUFFERED SECOND DEGREE BURNS TO HIS HANDS AND FACE FROM A FIRE IN HIS APARTMENT. ACCORDING TO A COUNTY AND CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT, THE POWER CORD FOR THE HEATER WAS CONNECTED TO A WALL OUTLET LOCATED BEHIND A SOFA. THE SOFA WAS TIGHT AGAINST THE WALL AND PROBABLY CAUSED THE CORD TO BEND AT A 90 DEGREE ANGLE. THE CORD OVER-HEATED AND IGNITED THE BACK OF THE SOFA THAT IT WAS IN CONTACT WITH, AND EVENTUALLY THE APARTMENT IGNITED.

Incident Date: 19841020 City: State: MI

VICTIM AND VICTIM'S WIFE WERE SPLITTING 8 INCH DIAMETER SEASONED HARDWOOD LOGS WITH A RENTED LOG SPLITTER (RENTED BY NEIGHBOR) TO CUT UP 10 CORDS OF WOOD FOR FIREPLACE, NEITHER HAD PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE IN OPERATING LOG SPLITTER AND HAD NO MANUAL TO READ, THEY STARTED SPLITTING AT 8:00 AM WITHOUT STOPPING UNTIL INJURY (3:00 PM) AND WERE VERY FATIGUED VICTIM PLACED SHORT LOG (5-6 INCHES LONG) ONTO CRADLE AND HELD WITH RIGHT GLOVED HAND AS LOG WAS PUSHED TO WARD WEDGE . HIS RIGHT MIDDLE FINGER TIP CONTACTED SHARP EDGE OF WEDGE AND WAS SPLIT ON CONTACT WITH WEDGE, RECOVERING OK.

Incident Date: 19841120 City: State: NJ

AN ELECTRIC SPACE HEATER SITUATED CLOSE BY A BEDROOM COUCH, WAS BELIEVED TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR A FIRE WHICH TOOK THE LIVES OF SEVEN PEOPLE. ACCORDING TO INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM SURVIVORS, FIRE WAS FIRST OBSERVED IN THE HEATER'S SERVICE CORD, WHICH HAD BEEN SPLICED TOGETHER WITH CELLOPHANE TAPE.

Incident Date: 19841013 City: State: CA

THE PRODUCT INVOLVED IN THIS ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION WAS AN EXTENSION CORD. THE ACCIDENT OCCURRED WHEN THE EXTENSION CORD OVERHEATED AND IGNITED A NEARBY SOFA. THE FIRE RESULTED IN THE DEATH OF A 1 YEAR OLD FEMALE CHILD WHO WAS ASLEEP ON THE SOFA AT THE TIME OF THE FIRE.

Incident Date: 19841101 City: State: OH

AN ELECTRIC HEATER WAS THE SOURCE OF A HOME, BEDROOM FIRE WHICH CAUSED APPROX. \$12,000 DAMAGE. NO INJURIES OCCURRED. THE EXACT POINT OF ORIGIN WAS PROBABLY THE CORD.

Incident Date: 19841101 City: State: OH

A FIRE IN A HOME WAS ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY AN OVERHEATED ELECTRICAL OUTLET. A FIRE CAUSED \$40,000 DAMAGE. NO ONE WAS INJURED. THE FIRE OCCURRED IN A BEDROOM OF THE HOME. LAB ANALYSIS OF THE RECEPTACLE REVEALED THAT THE FIRE ACTUALLY STARTED IN THE CORD OF A LAMP ATTACHED TO THE OUTLET.

Incident Date: 19841117 City: State: MD

AT THE TIME OF THIS FIRE, THE BUILDING WAS UNOCCUPIED; THERE WERE NO INJURIES. THE BURN PATTERN OF THE FIRE POINTED TO THREE ITEMS AS BEING THE POINT OF ORIGIN OF THE FIRE: A CALCULATOR, TYPEWRITER OR WHAT LOOKED LIKE A HEAVY DUTY EXTENSION CORD. IT IS SUSPECTED, THAT ONE OF THESE PRODUCTS MANFUNCTIONED, HOWEVER, THE EXACT CAUSE IS UNKNOWN BECAUSE THE PRODUCTS WERE BURNED ALMOST BEYOND RECOGNITION; NO BRAND NAMES COULD BE DISCERNED. THE FIRE TOOK PLACE IN A COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION BUILDING.

Incident Date: 19841119 City: State: NJ

THIS INVESTIGATION CONCERNS THE DEATH OF AN 85-YEAR-OLD WOMAN AS THE RESULT OF A FIRE CAUSED BY AN EXTENSION CORD WHICH WAS ATTACHED, IN TURN, TO OTHER EXTENSION CORDS. ELECTRICAL ARCING, NOT OVERLOAD, WAS DETERMINED TO BE THE CAUSE OF THE ACCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19841023 City: State: GA

ELECTRICAL SHORTS FROM "OLD FRAIL EXTENSION CORD" CAUSED A FIRE IN A THREE BEDROOM HOME. DAMAGE WAS "SLIGHT" ACCORDING TO FIRE OFFICIALS AND THERE WERE NO REPORTED INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19840925 City: State: WI

ON 9-25-84 A 53 YEAR OLD FEMALE WAS AWAKENED BY A BURNING SENSATION ON HER RIGHT FOOT, SHE BEGAN KICKING THUS CAUSING HER HUSBAND TO AWAKEN, HE THEN SMOTHERED THE FIRE WITH THE REMAINS OF THE BEDDING; HE USED A FIRE EXTINGUISHER ON THE MATTRESS AND BOXSPRING. THE FIRE STARTED WHERE THE CORD PLUGS INTO THE BLANKET.

Incident Date: 19841208 City: State: WI

A FIRE IN A RESIDENCE WAS STATED BY A FIRE DEPT. AS BEING DUE TO A FAULT IN A LIGHT DUTY EXTENSION CORD. THE CORD WAS USED TO CONNECT LIGHTS ON A REAL christmas TREE TO AN OUTLET. THE CORD WAS STATED AS BEING PLACED UNDER A CARPET AND IN A TRAFFIC AREA IN A LIVING ROOM. A NEWSPAPER ARTICLE HAD GIVEN THE CAUSE AS THE christmas TREE LIGHTS. NO INJURIES OCCURED.

Incident Date: 19841121 City: State: VT

A 31-YEAR OLD FEMALE DIED FROM BURNS WHICH WERE SUSTAINED IN A HOUSE- FIRE IN A SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING. THIS FIRE HAS BEEN ATTRIBUTED TO THE OVERLOADING OF A LIGHTWEIGHT EXTENSION CORD WITH A PORTABLE ELEC- TRIC HEATER.

Incident Date: 19841202 City: State: NJ

A 42 YEAR OLD MALE SUCCUMBED TO SMOKE INHALATION WHEN THE ELECTRICAL CORD CONNECTING A TELEVISION TO THE WALL SOCKET, BROKE DOWN AND IGNITED NEWSPAPER AND OTHER COMBUSTIBLES NEAR IT. THE FIRE OCCURRED IN THE VICTIM'S CAPE COD TYPE HOME.

Incident Date: 19840410 City: State: IL

A 3-1/2 YEAR OLD CHILD DIED OF SMOKE INHALATION WHEN HE WAS TRAPPED IN A BEDROOM IN A HOUSE FIRE. THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE IN DISPUTE. ACCORDING TO THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL THE FIRE BEGAN WITH OVER-HEATED WIRING ON A HOME MADE HOME WIRING JOB. ACCORDING TO LEGAL COUNSEL FOR THE DEAD BOY'S PARENTS THE FIRE BEGAN WITH AN OVERHEATED POWER CORD ON AN ELECTRIC HEATER.

Incident Date: 19841214 City: State: RI

EXTENSIVE FIRE DAMAGE WAS SUSTAINED IN SECOND FLOOR APT., APPARENTLY CAUSED BY "OVER LOADING OF THE ELECTRICAL EXTENSION CORD WHICH FED THE TREE (ARTIFICIAL christmas TYPE), TV & STEREO UNITS". NO PERSON- AL INJURIES INVOLVED TO THE OCCUPANTS OF APARTMENT. ESTIMATED FIRE DAMAGE IS \$25,000.

Incident Date: 19841206 City: State: TX

THIS FIRE OCCURRED IN A CHURCH AFFILIATED JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL GYM. THE FIRE WAS DUE TO A SHORT IN THE POWER CORD OR PLUG BELIEVED TO BE DUE TO ABUSE FROM THE STUDENTS. NEITHER THE JUICE MACHINE OR THE ELECTRICAL OUTLET WERE BELEIVED TO BE AT FAULT.

Incident Date: 19841211 City: State: MO

A MOTHER AND HER SON DIED IN A HOUSE FIRE THAT STARTED WHEN THE CORD ON AN ELECTRIC SPACE HEATER SHORTED OUT AND IGNITED A COMFORTER LYING ON TOP OF IT.

Incident Date: 19850118 City: State: PA

A 71 YEAR OLD WOMAN DIED FROM SMOKE INHALATION DURING A FIRE IN HER HOME. THE FIRE ORIGINATED BEHIND AN ELECTRIC RANGE IN THE KITCHEN. THE POWER SUPPLY CORD TO THE RANGE WAS DAMAGED RESULTING IN A SHORT WHICH CAUSED THE FIRE.

Incident Date: 19850116 City: State: TX

A 1972 MODEL MOBILE HOME CAUGHT FIRE DURING THE EVENING OF 1-16-85. THE FIRE CHIEF OF THE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT SPECULATED THAT THE FIRE WAS ELECTRICAL IN ORIGIN AND WAS CAUSED BY A TABLE LAMP, ITS CORD/PLUG AND/OR THE OUTLET TO WHICH WAS CONNECTED. THE EXACT FIRE CAUSE IS UNKNOWN.

Incident Date: 19850123 City: State: OK

A FIRE STARTED IN A LAUNDRY/UTILITY ROOM FROM AN OLD ELECTRIC PORTABLE HEATER. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT FOUND THAT THE HEATER CORD HAD BEEN TORN AND RESPLICED. THIS REPAIR RESULTED IN CAUSING A DIRECT SHORT AND CATCHING COMBUSTIBLES ON FIRE.

Incident Date: 19850124 City: State: OH

A FIRE IN A MOBILE HOME WAS ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY AN ELEC- TRIC SPACE HEATER. INVESTIGATION DISCLOSED THAT FIRE WAS CAUSED BY LAMP CORD WHICH WAS IN CONTACT WITH DRAPES. A 74-YEAR-OLD FEMALE SU- FFERED FIRST & SECOND DEGREE BURNS & SMOKE INHALATION FROM THE FIRE. THE VICTIM LIVED IN THE MOBILE HOME. THE FIRE STARTED IN THE LIVING ROOM OF THE MOBILE HOME.

Incident Date: 19850217 City: State: FL

FIVE CHILDREN, AGES 2 MONTHS TO 6 YEARS, DIED FROM SMOKE INHALATION & TWO ADULTS RECEIVED 2ND-DEGREE BURNS AS RESULT OF AN EARLY MORNING FIRE ON 2/17/85 AT THE WOOD FRAME HOUSE IN WHICH THEY & THREE OTHER PERSONS LIVED. THE FIRE WAS CAUSED, ACCORDING TO FIRE INVESTIGATORS, BY THE OVERLOADING AND SHORT-CIRCUITING OF A LONG (12'+) EXTENSION CORD WHICH HAD BEEN RECENTLY SPLICED WITH MASKING TAPE AND CONNECTED TO A SMALL PORTABLE SPACE HEATER. NO SMOKE DETECTOR USED. \$50,000 IN PROPERTY DAMAGE.

Incident Date: 19850223 City: State: AR

THREE PEOPLE DIED, AND TWO WERE ADMITTED TO A HOSPITAL FOR TREATMENT OF BURNS AND SMOKE INHALATION AFTER A FIRE IN THEIR HOME. THIS FIRE BELIEVED TO HAVE STARTED WHEN AN ELECTRIC CORD SHORT CIRCUITED.

Incident Date: 19850221 City: State: PA

A FIRE WAS CAUSED BY AN OVERLOADED HOMEMADE EXTENSION CORD. THE FIRE RESULTED IN \$20,000 IN DAMAGES TO A TWO STORY, TWO FAMILY BUILDING. NO INJURIES RESULTED FROM THE FIRE.

Incident Date: 19850219 City: State: TX

A PORTABLE ELECTRIC SPACE HEATER WAS BEING USED IN THE BATHROOM OF THE VICTIM'S HOUSE. A FIRE STARTED & DAMAGED THREE ROOMS. THERE WERE NO INJURIES. THE FIRE REPORT STATED THAT THE SPACE HEATER'S ELECTRIC CORD APPARENTLY OVERHEATED CAUSING THE FIRE, THE ELECTRIC HOUSE WIRING MAY ALSO CAUSED THE FIRE.

Incident Date: 19850201 City: State: CA

THE COMPLAINANT WROTE A LETTER DESCRIBING HAZARDS OF AN ELECTRIC HEATER. THE HEATER "CREEPS" WHEN ON, THE CORD OVERHEATS, THE HEATER IS EASILY TIPPED OVER. THERE WAS NO FIRE OR INJURY.

Incident Date: 19850328 City: State: OK

THE VICTIM IS A YOUNG BOY WHO WAS ALONE IN HIS HOUSE ONE AFTERNOON WHEN HE DISCOVERED SMOKE AND FIRE. HE ESCAPED OUTSIDE WITH NO IN- JURIES. THE FIRE STARTED AROUND A TURNED ON ELECTRIC PORTABLE SPACE HEATER IN THE LIVING ROOM; IT'S ELECTRIC CORD MAY HAVE OVERHEATED.

Incident Date: 19850202 City: State: NC

THIS INVESTIGATION INVOLVED A RESIDENTIAL HOUSE FIRE. THE FIRE OCCU- RRED WHILE THE FAMILY WAS AWAY FROM THE HOME. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORTED THAT THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE WAS AN OVERHEATED CORD TO AN ELE- CTRIC HEATER BEING USED TO DRY THE BASEMENT FLOOR.

Incident Date: 19850128 City: State: TX

ON JANUARY 28, 1985, A FAULTY CORD ON A FAN SHORTED OUT WHILE PLUGGED INTO THE ELECTRICAL OUTLET, CAUSING A SMALL FIRE. NO INJURIES OCCUR- RED, ONLY MINOR DAMAGE TO THE BEDROOM WALL.

Incident Date: 19830215 City: State: WA

A FIRE OCCURRED IN AN ELECTRICAL RECEPTACLE SEVERAL HOURS AFTER A HAIRDRYER HAD BEEN USED ATTACHED TO AN EXTENSION CORD THAT WAS PLUG- GED INTO THE OUTLET. THE HAIRDRYER WAS DISCONNECTED FROM THE EXTEN- SION CORD & THE CORD WAS PLUGGED INTO THE WALL OUTLET WHEN THE INCI- DENT OCCURRED.

Incident Date: 19860107 City: State: AK

THE PLUG ON A POWER CORD TO A PORTABLE ELECTRIC HEATER SMOKED AND BURNED DURING USE. THE HEATER WAS OPERATING ON THE "HIGH" SETTING. THE FIRE WAS SELF-EXTINGUISHED. NO INJURIES OCCURRED.

Incident Date: 19850422 City: State: WI

A FIVE YEAR OLD BOY DIED DUE TO SEVERE SECOND DEGREE THERMAL BURNS OVER 45% OF POSTERIOR SIDE. FIRE MAY HAVE STARTED IN THE ELECTRICAL CORD OR IN THE STEREO RECEIVER/TAPE RECORDER-PLAYER ITSELF AND SPREAD THROUGH A BEDROOM CREATING INTENSE HEAT & SMOKE FROM BURNING PANELL- ING AND PLASTIC. VICTIM MAY HAVE BEEN PLAYING WITH STEREO.

Incident Date: 19850409 City: State: KS

ON 4/9/85 AT APPROXIMATELY 1:30 P.M. A FIRE BROKE OUT IN A 2 STORY WOOD FRAMED HOUSE. AN ELECTRIC (PORTABLE) HEATER CORD MALFUNCTIONED CAUSING NEAR-BY COMBUSTIBLES TO CATCH ON FIRE. \$18,000 DAMAGE TO A \$35,000 HOME. NO INJURIES OCCURRED. FIRE STARTED IN UPSTAIRS BED- ROOM. RENTERS WERE HOME. NO SMOKE DETECTORS IN HOUSE.

Incident Date: 19850422 City: State: OH

THE CORD OF A HAND HELD HAIR DRYER SHORTED, EMITTING SPARKS. THE HOMEOWNER ATTEMPTED TO SMOTHER THE SPARKS WITH A BLANKET WHICH CAUGHT FIRE. NO INJURIES RESULTED.

Incident Date: 19850610 City: State: GA

TWO MALES WERE KILLED AS THE RESULT OF A FIRE WHICH ORIGINATED IN THEIR HOME FROM AN OVERLOADED EXTENSION CORD.

Incident Date: 19850621 City: State: NY

A HOUSEWIFE SUFFERED SLIGHT BURNS ON HER WRIST AND HAND WHEN THE LINE CORD OF AN ELECTRIC STEAM IRON SHE WAS USING IN HER HOME CAUGHT FIRE. THE FLAMES ALSO SINGED THE JACKET SHE WAS IRONING.

Incident Date: 19850725 City: State: IL

THE PLUG ON THE POWER CORD FOR AN ELECTRIC COFFEEMAKER CAUGHT FIRE WHILE PLUGGED INTO A RECEPTACLE LOCATED IN A HOSPITAL OFFICE. NO IN- JURIES OCCURED AND DAMAGE WAS CONFINED TO A SCORCHED WALL AND A SMALL AMOUNT OF SMOKE. THE COFFEEMAKER & RECEPTACLE WERE TAKEN BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT WHERE THE ITEMS WERE OBTAINED AS SAMPLE G-815-1802.

Incident Date: 19850719 City: State: PA

AN OVERLOADED EXTENSION CORD RESULTED IN A HOUSE FIRE WHICH CAUSED APPROXIMATELY \$17,000 IN DAMAGES. THE FIRE ORIGINATED FROM A BOX OF NEWSPAPER WHICH THE OVERHEATED CORD IGNITED. NO INJURIES RESULTED IN THE INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19850724 City: State: TX

THIS INVESTIGATION INVOLVED A HOUSE FIRE THAT IS BELIEVED TO HAVE STARTED BY ELECTRICAL PROBLEMS, PROBABLY IN AN EXTENSION CORD. NO INJURIES WERE SUSTAINED. STRUCTURE & CONTENTS SUSTAINED WATER, FIRE AND SMOKE DAMAGE.

Incident Date: 19850806 City: State: TX

A FIRE STARTED FROM AN OVERHEATED SHORTED-OUT EXTENSION CORD CONNECT- ED TO A WINDOW AIR CONDITIONER IN A BEDROOM OF A SINGLE FAMILY HOUSE. THREE PEOPLE ESCAPED FROM THE HOUSE AFTER THEY SMELLED SMOKE, & THEY RECEIVED NO INJURIES. THE FIRE DESTROYED ONE BEDROOM.

Incident Date: 19850730 City: State: KS

THIS INCIDENT INVOLVED A SMALL FIRE, IN A HOUSE, WHICH WAS ALLEGEDLY CAUSED BY AN OVERLOADED EXTENSION CORD IN A BEDROOM. NO DIRECT FIRE BURN INJURY RESULTED. HOWEVER, TWO TEENAGE MALE OCCUPANTS OF THE HOUSE SUSTAINED MINOR ASPHYXIA, DUE TO INHALATION OF SOME SMOKE, WHEN THEY TRIED TO PUT OUT THE FIRE BY USING GLASSES OF WATER.

Incident Date: 19850812 City: State: AR

WHILE RESIDENT WAS AT WORK, FIRE ORIGINATED IN HER APARTMENT. FIRE BELIEVED TO HAVE ORIGINATED FROM EXTENSION CORD THAT WAS ATTACHED TO AIR COOLER. THE CORD, AIR COOLER AND BED WERE DESTROYED. ESTIMATED PROPERTY IS \$15,000. NO INJURIES OR DEATHS, RESULTED. NO SAMPLES OR PHOTOGRAPHS AVAILABLE.

Incident Date: 19850728 City: State: OK

THE CORD OF AN ELECTRIC SKILLET WAS DRAPED OVER THE CORNER OF THE SKILLET WHEN IT WAS TURNED ON. THE CORD BURNED THROUGH, CAUSING A SMALL FIRE.

Incident Date: 19850801 City: State: IN

A 2 YEAR OLD KILN EXHIBITED A SEEMINGLY RAPID DETERIORATION OF ITS FIRE BRICK LINER, A SERVICE CORD RECEPTACLE MELTED, A TEMPERATURE CONTROL SWITCH "BURNED OUT", & AN "ELECTRIC ARC" SOMETIMES "SHOOTS OUT" ABOUT 6 INCHES FROM THE UNITS ATTACHED ELECTRICAL SERVICE BOX. THERE HAVE BEEN NO INJURIES OR FIRES.

Incident Date: 19850907 City: State: NJ

FOR NO APPARENT REASON, A 15 MONTH OLD ELECTRIC TEA KETTLE SUDDENLY TURNED ITSELF ON WHILE RESTING ON A KITCHEN COUNTER TOP AND REACHED TEMPERATURES SUFFICIENT TO BURN THROUGH THE PLASTIC COUNTER TOP, CAUSE THE SOLDER SECURING THE POURING SPOUT TO MELT AND MELT THE 3 RUBBER FEET. THE TEA KETTLE WAS NOT IN USE AT THE TIME AND IS NOR- MALLY KEPT PLUGGED INTO A WALL RECEPTACLE IN THE OFF MODE. THE COM- PLAINANT WAS ABLE TO PULL THE CORD FROM THE RECEPTACLE BEFORE A FIRE SITUATION OCCURRED.

Incident Date: 19851013 City: State: TN

COMPLAINANT REPORTED THAT AN OVERLOADED ELECTRICAL CIRCUIT CAUSED AN ELECTRIC SHORT IN AN EXTENSION CORD IN THE LIVING ROOM OF HIS HOME. THE SHORT PRODUCED A FIRE WHICH GUTTED THE HOUSE WHILE COMPLAINANT AND HIS FAMILY WERE AWAY FROM HOME. NO INJURIES WERE INCURRED IN THE INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19851121 City: State: KY

A FIRE IN THE BEDROOM OF THE CONSUMER'S HOME RESULTED IN \$25,000 TO \$30,000 IN DAMAGES. THE FIRE CHIEF STATED THAT THE MALE CONNECTOR OF AN EXTENSION CORD, PLUGGED INTO THE WALL OUTLET BEHIND THE BED, WAS THE POINT OF ORIGIN OF FIRE. NO INJURIES WERE INVOLVED IN THE ACCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19851102 City: State: OH

A FIRE OCCURRED WHEN AN EXTENSION CORD OVERHEATED IN A BEDROOM. DAMAGE WAS LIMITED TO NEARBY CURTAINS AND RUGS. NO INJURIES OCCURRED.

Incident Date: 19851118 City: State: CA

A CONSUMER REPORTS THAT THE PLUG OF THE POWER CORD OF A PORTABLE ELECTRIC HEATER, OVERHEATED WHILE IT WAS LEFT PLUGGED INTO A WALL DUPLEX OUTLET, HE REPORTS THAT THE HEATER WAS "OFF" AT THE TIME OF THIS ACCIDENT. THE PLUG WAS SUBSEQUENTLY REPLACED WITH A NEW TWO PRONG PLUG. THE WALL DUPLEX RECEPTACLE HAS SCORCH MARKS ON ITS FACE PLATE. THIS INCIDENT RESULTED IN JUST OVERHEATING, & THERE WAS NO FIRE OR SMOKING OF THE PLUG. THIS INCIDENT DID NOT RESULT IN ANY INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19851129 City: State: CT

THE PRODUCTS INVOLVED IN THIS HOUSE FIRE ARE IDENTIFIED AS A PORTABLE ELECTRIC SPACE HEATER, AND AN EXTENSION CORD. THE VICTIM, A 21 YEAR OLD FEMALE SUCCUMBED TO SMOKE INHALATION. IT APPEARS THE SPACE HEATER WAS OPERATING TOO CLOSE TO THE VICTIM'S BED AND IGNITED BEDDING MATERIALS.

Incident Date: 19851208 City: State: TX

THIS INVESTIGATION INVOLVES A HOUSE FIRE THAT STARTED FROM AN EXTENSION CORD THAT SHORTED OUT DUE TO A DEEP FREEZER SETTING ON TOP OF IT. THE DEEP FREEZER CORD WAS PLUGGED INTO THE EXTENSION CORD. NO INJURIES WERE SUSTAINED, BUT PROPERTY DAMAGE WAS ESTIMATED AT \$45,000.00.

Incident Date: 19851224 City: State: TX

AN ELECTRIC EXTENSION CORD WAS ATTACHED TO AN ELECTRIC SPACE HEATER IN A COMMERCIAL WAREHOUSE BUILDING. THIS EXTENSION CORD HAD BEEN PINCHED UNDER A SHUT METAL DOOR WHERE ITS CONDUCTOR WIRE TOUCHED THE METAL DOOR. THE WIRE SHORTED OUT CAUSING A FIRE THAT DESTROYED PART OF THE WAREHOUSE AND ITS CONTENTS. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19851222 City: State: IN

A 36" TABLE LAMP/CORD SHORTED AND IGNITED A NATURAL CHRISTMAS TREE ON FIRE. THE LAMP CORD WAS FOLDED BACK AND FORTH SEVERAL TIMES TO SHORTEN IT AND PLUGGED DIRECTLY INTO A DOUBLE WALL OUTLET.

Incident Date: 19860101 City: State: IA

A MAN, LIVING ALONE, WENT HOME LATE AFTER LEAVING A TAVERN. A NEIGH- BOR NOTICED A FIRE IN VICTIMS HOUSE AT 0545. FIREMEN WERE CALLED. THE MAN WAS FOUND DEAD. FIREMAN ATTRIBUTE FIRE TO AN EXTENSION CORD UNDER A RUG WITH WORN, BRITTLE INSULATION THAT OVERHEATED.

Incident Date: 19851217 City: State: WA

THIS NON-INJURY HOUSE FIRE WAS APPARENTLY CAUSED BY A MALFUNCTIONING OLD ELECTRIC SPACE HEATER, WHICH OVERHEATED WHEN THE FAN CAME LOOSE, CAUSING CARPETING TO BURN THE HEATER CORD, WHICH THEN SHORTED, CAUS- ING HOUSE WIRING TO CATCH FIRE RESULTING IN AN EXTENSIVE HOUSE FIRE.

Incident Date: 19851219 City: State: TX

THE PRODUCT INVOLVED IN THIS INVESTIGATION IS AN EXTENSION CORD THAT WAS CONNECTED TO A PORTABLE ELECTRIC HEATER & SEVERAL OTHER APPLIAN- CES. THE HEATER, WITH CORD ATTACHED, WAS PLACED TOO CLOSE TO A COM- BUSTIBLE MATERIAL, THEREBY CAUSING A FIRE, NO INJURIES WERE SUSTAINED , ONLY PROPERTY DAMAGE.

Incident Date: 19851223 City: State: CA

A PORTABLE ELECTRIC HEATER OF THE TWO-ROD QUARTZ TYPE IS CITED BY FIRE OFFICIALS AS HAVING BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR A FIRE THAT CONSUMED MOST OF A RESIDENTIAL HOME. THE HOME OWNER ASSERTS THAT THE HEATER'S PLUG AND CORD WHICH WERE ALWAYS EXCESSIVELY HOT IGNITED THE WINDOW DRAPES.

Incident Date: 19860124 City: State: KS

THIS INVESTIGATION INVOLVES A HOUSE FIRE ALLEGEDLY CAUSED BY AN OVERHEATED EXTENSION CORD. THE EXCESS HEAT REUSLTED FROM THE CORD BEING OVERLOADED AND MASHED BETWEEN A WOOD DOOR AND DOOR JAM. NO INJURY OCCURRED.

Incident Date: 19860122 City: State: LA

AN RESIDENTIAL FIRE WAS ALLEGEDLY CAUSED BY AN EXTENSION CORD THAT WAS ROUTED FROM ONE HOUSE TO AN ADJACENT HOUSE. THE ADJACENT HOUSE HAD ITS POWER TURNED OFF AND WAS USING THE EXTENSION CORD AS ITS ONLY POWER SOURCE. THERE WAS CLOTHING PILED ON TOP OF THE EXTENSION CORD. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19860206 City: State: SD

THIS TELEPHONE INVESTIGATION CONCERNS A FIRE THAT CAUSED MAJOR DAMAGE TO A SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING. THE FIRE CHIEF WHO WAS AT THE SCENE RE- PORTED THAT THE ELECTRIC POWER CORD ATTACHED TO THE BLOWER OF A WOOD STOVE HAD BEEN PLACED UNDER CARPETING AND THEN PLUGGED INTO A WALL OUTLET. HE FEELS THAT THE POWER CORD OVERHEATED, SHORTED OUT AND IGNITED THE CARPETING AND FLOORING. THE FAMILY WAS AWAKENED BY THEIR DOG AND ESCAPED WITHOUT INJURY. THE HOUSE WAS SEVERLY DAMAGED.

Incident Date: 19860123 City: State: NE

THIS INCIDENT INVOLVES A HOUSE FIRE CAUSED BY OVERHEATING IN AN OLD EXTENSION CORD THAT WAS BEING OVER-LOADED & APPEARED TO HAVE SUFFERED MECHANICAL DAMAGE. THE EXTENSION CORD OVERHEATED AND IGNITED CARPET- ING MATERIAL THAT IT WAS LAYING ON. THE HOUSE WAS OLD AND HAD INADE- QUATE WIRING. THE EXTENSION CORD WAS A LIGHT WEIGHT CORD WITH A TWO PRONG PLUG. FIRE DAMAGE EXCEEDED \$10,000. NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19860114 City: State: CA

FIRE DEPARTMENT INVESTIGATORS CITE BREAK DOWN, DUE TO FOOT TRAFFIC, OF AN ELECTRICAL EXTENSION CORD UNDER A RUG AS BEING THE IGNITION AGENT RESPONSIBLE FOR A RESIDENTIAL FIRE. THE CORD REMAINS UNIDENTIFIED, ITS HISTORY UNKNOWN.

Incident Date: 19860124 City: State: OK

A FIRE DAMAGED THE HOME AND PERSONAL PROPERTY OF ITS OCCUPANTS ON JANUARY 24, 1986. THIS FIRE MAY HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY AN ELECTRIC SPACE HEATER CONNECTED TO AN EXTENSION CORD, USED AS PART OF THE PRIMARY HEAT SOURCE. PERMISSION WAS OBTAINED BY TELEPHONE TO USE THE RESPONDENT'S NAME IF NECESSARY.

Incident Date: 19860101 City: State: MN

THE OWNER OF A RECENTLY PURCHASED PORTABLE ELECTRIC HEATER THINKS THE POWER CORD IS A POTENTIAL FIRE HAZARD WHEN THE HEATER IS USED AT THE 1500 WATT SETTING. THE RESPONDENT SAID THE POWER CORD & PLUG BECAME EXTREMELY HOT AFTER ONLY 30 MINUTES AT THE HIGH SETTING. THE HEATER HAS A UL LISTING. THE RESPONDENT IS A CITY FIRE MARSHALL. HE STOPPED USING THE HEATER BECAUSE OF THIS PROBLEM.

Incident Date: 19860228 City: State: NJ

SMOKE INHALATION CLAIMED THE LIFE OF A 2 YEAR OLD FEMALE ASLEEP IN HER CRIB ON THE THIRD FLOOR (ATTIC) OF HER GRANDFATHER'S RESIDENCE. THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE WAS ATTRIBUTED TO A SPLICE MADE IN THE ELECTRICAL SUPPLY CORD ON AN OIL FILLED ELECTRIC HEATER (RADIATOR STYLE) BY THE VICTIM'S GRANDFATHER. ANOTHER CORD WAS REPORTEDLY SPLICED TO THE ORIGINAL CORD IN ORDER TO REACH A HIGH WALL RECEPTACLE. THE GRANDFATHER SUSTAINED BURNS TO THE FEET AND LEGS IN REMOVING THE VICTIM FROM HER CRIB.

Incident Date: 19860308 City: State: WA

A FIRE OCCURRED IN A WATERBED HEATER THERMOSTAT AT THE OUTLET WHERE THE POWER CORD FROM THE HEATING PAD PLUGGED INTO THE THERMOSTAT. NO INJURIES OCCURRED.

Incident Date: 19860220 City: State: NY

A 52 YEAR OLD X-RAY TECHNICIAN WAS USING A CIRCULAR POWER SAW TO CUT SCRAP LUMBER INTO FIREWOOD IN AN ENCLOSURE OUTSIDE HER TRAILER HOME. AFTER HEARING STRANGE NOISES AND THINKING THE BLADE WAS LOOSE, SHE RELEASED THE TRIGGER & HURRIEDLY PUT THE SAW ON THE GROUND IT BUCKED BACKWARD, CUT THROUGH HER SHOE, SEVERING HER RIGHT FIFTH TOE AND CUT THROUGH THE LINE CORD.

Incident Date: 19860302 City: State: CT

ELECTRICAL CORD FROM VAPORIZER MELTED, SPARKED AND SMOKED. COMPLAINT WAS AT THE SCENE AND UNPLUGGED IT BEFORE A FIRE OR INJURY RESULTED.

Incident Date: 19851223 City: State: FL

AN ELECTRIC SHORT OCCURRED IN THE CORD OF AN ELECTRIC WATER SOFTENER THAT WAS LOCATED IN THE CONSUMER'S GARAGE, RESULTING IN A FIRE THAT WAS CONFINED TO THE ELECTRIC CORD AND THE SURROUNDING SHEET ROCK, CAUSING AN ESTIMATED \$1,500.00 IN DAMAGES TO THE CONSUMER'S GARAGE. NO INJURIES OR OTHER PROPERTY DAMAGES OCCURRED.

Incident Date: 19860401 City: N/S State: DC

THERE WERE NO INJURIES INVOLVED IN THESE INCIDENTS. POSSIBLY ONE OR MORE CHILDREN SWIVELED TWO PLASTIC ELECTRIC OUTLET COVERS AS THEY COVERED LAMP CORDS IN THE DEN OF A HOME. APPARENTLY THIS CAUSED THE BRASS OUTLET PLATE TO SWIVEL ON TO A LAMP PLUG PRONG. THIS CAUSED A SHORT CIRCUIT. IN ONE INCIDENT SPARKS WERE CAUSED. IN THE OTHER INCIDENT, THE OUTLET COVER ERUPTED INTO FLAMES SCORCHING THE WALL. THE CONSUMER EXTINGUISHED THE SPARKS AND FLAMES BY PULLING THE PLUGS, OR USING A FIRE EXTINGUISHER.

Incident Date: 19860228 City: State: PA

A FIRE WHICH DESTROYED PORTIONS OF TWO BUILDINGS OCCURRED WHEN THE MALE END OF AN EXTENSION CORD WHICH WAS PLUGGED LOOSELY INTO THE RECEPTICAL, OVERHEATED TO THE ELECTRICAL DRAW FROM THE HEATER. THERE WERE NO INJURIES BUT FOUR (4) FAMILIES WERE LEFT HOMELESS.

Incident Date: 19841126 City: State: NC

AFTER THE CART OWNER AND A FRIEND RETURNED TO HER VILLA GARAGE FROM THE INN, THEY PLUGGED IN A BATTERY CHARGER INTO A GOLF CART. WHEN THEY PLUGGED THE CHARGER IN AND TURNED IT ON, THE PLUG FLAMED UP BURNING THE CHARGER CORD IN TWO. PART OF THE CART ALSO BURNED. THE FRIEND EXTINGUISHED THE FIRE WITH SAND.

Incident Date: 19860623 City: State: NJ

THE OUTSIDE CASING AND INTERIOR OF A PORTABLE TYPE MICROWAVE OVEN WERE CHARRED BY A FIRE WHICH OCCURRED IN THE UNIT DURING THE EVENING HOURS, WHILE IT WAS UNUSED. THE UNIT'S LINE CORD WAS INSERTED IN A WALL OUTLET AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT. NO INJURIES WERE SUSTAINED.

Incident Date: 19870211 City: State: NE

AN EXTENSION CORD WAS DAMAGED BECAUSE A METAL FILE CABINET WAS RESTING ON IT AND A FIRE STARTED. THE ACCIDENT HAPPENED IN AN INSURANCE COMPANY'S OFFICE. THE OFFICE WAS NOT OCCUPIED AT THE TIME, & THEREFORE, NO ONE WAS INJURED.

Incident Date: 19870126 City: State: NV

AN EXTENSION CORD EQUIPPED WITH A 10-12 INCH ENERGY STRIP (GANG PLUG) CAUSED A RESIDENTIAL FIRE BE OVERHEATING. THE EXTENSION CORD WAS PURCHASED APPROX. 3 YEARS PRIOR TO THE ACCIDENT (1984). THERE WERE 7 APPLIANCES PLUGGED INTO THE GANG PLUG: HAIR BLOWER DRYER, CURLING IRON, FOUR BLADE CEILING FAN, SMALL FLOOD LIGHT, RADIO, & 2 UNDETERMINED APPLIANCES.

Incident Date: 19870101 City: State: CA

A FIRE ERUPTED IN A MULTI-PLUG ADAPTER FOR USE WITH EXTENSION CORDS. DAMAGE WAS LIMITED TO THE ADAPTER. NO INJURY RESULTED.

Incident Date: 19870823 City: LAKE TAPPS State: WA

A CORDLESS IRON, IN "OFF" POSITION IN ITS BASE, APPARENTLY MALFUNCTIONED AND OVERHEATED, CATCHING GRASS IN A NEARBY VASE ON FIRE, WHICH SPREAD THROUGH THE KITCHEN CAUSING \$1,500-\$2,000 DAMAGE IN THIS NON-INJURY INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19870814 City: State: PA

THIS ACCIDENT INVOLVED A 110 V PORTABLE RADIO WHICH WAS PLUGGED INTO A WALL OUTLET IN BEDROOM IN FIRST FLOOR APARTMENT IN LARGE FRAME HOUSE. TENANT, FEMALE, CAME TO KITCHEN TO CHECK ON ROAST AND SAW SMOKE IN BEDROOM. SHE LEFT TO CALL FIRE DEPARTMENT AND FLAMES SPREAD RAPIDLY, DESTROYING HER APARTMENT AND POSSESSIONS. FIRE INVESTIGATOR FOUND SOMETHING HAD BEEN PUSHED AGAINST CORD BENDING IT AND CAUSING A SHORT CIRCUIT.

Incident Date: 19870808 City: State: PA

THIS ACCIDENTAL FIRE INVOLVED A "VERY OLD" BOX FAN BEING USED IN A WINDOW. VICTIM, A 35 YEAR OLD MALE WAS ON THE FIRST FLOOR WHEN FIRE BROKE OUT IN THE UPSTAIRS BEDROOM. HE CALLED FIRE DEPARTMENT BUT THE BEDROOM AND SURROUNDING AREAS WERE DESTROYED. AN EXTENSION CORD WAS BEING USED BUT FIRE INVESTIGATOR FOUND THAT ORIGIN OF FIRE WAS IN THE FAN CORD. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19870925 City: State: OR

THE ELECTRIC POWER CORD CONNECTED TO A FREEZER OVERHEATED STARTING A FIRE WHICH CAUSED AN ESTIMATED \$250 DAMAGE IN A STORAGE BARN AT A RURAL RESIDENCE. THE CORD WAS OVER 25 YEARS OLD AND HAD BEEN SPLICED . THE CORD WAS COLLECTED AS A SAMPLE.

Incident Date: 19870101 City: COTTAGE GROVE State: OR

A RESIDENTIAL FIRE WAS ATTRIBUTED TO FAILURE OF AN ELECTRIC CORD AT THE LOCATION WHERE THE POWER CORD FROM A PORTABLE HEATER WAS PLUGGED INTO AN EXTENSION CORD. THERE WERE NO INJURIES, HOWEVER, THE FIRE CAUSED AN ESTIMATED \$35,000 PROPERTY DAMAGE.

Incident Date: 19860803 City: State: OK

A 15 YEAR OLD MALE AND A 2 YEAR OLD TODDLER DIED WHEN AN EXTENSION CORD OVERHEATED AND CAUSED A FIRE IN THE HOME. THE FIFTEEN (15) YEAR OLD'S MOTHER SUSTAINED MINOR INJURIES WHEN SHE TRIED TO ENTER THE HOME.

Incident Date: 19860831 City: State: PA

TWO CHILDREN, A 5 YEAR OLD MALE AND A 4 YEAR OLD FEMALE, DIED IN AN APARTMENT FIRE CAUSED BY A 50' EXTENSION CORD.

Incident Date: 19860812 City: State: CO

A FIRE LOSS OF APPROXIMATELY \$60,000 OCCURRED TO A FRAME HOUSE WHEN EITHER AN EXTENSION CORD OR AN IRON FELL. NO ONE WAS INJURED.

Incident Date: 19860903 City: State: CA

A PRIVATE RESIDENCE WAS DESTROYED BY A FIRE WHICH REPORTEDLY STARTED FROM A WATER HEATER. THE INVESTIGATING FIREMAN STATED THAT THE WATER HEATER WAS IMPLICATED BECAUSE OF THE LOCATION OF MOST INTENSE BURN & CHAR PATTERNS. THE OWNERS OF THE RESIDENCE SUSPECT DAMAGED EXTENSION CORDS IN USE BY THEIR TENNANTS AS THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE. THE EXTENSION CORDS WERE USED IN A BEDROOM ON A WALL SEPARATING THE PORCH (LOCATION OF WATER HEATER) FROM THE BEDROOM, THE LANDLADY HAD VISITED THE HOUSE A FEW DAYS PRIOR TO THE ACCIDENT & NOTED NUMEROUS EXTENSION CORDS REPAIRED WITH TAPE.

Incident Date: 19860624 City: State: WA

ON 6/24/86 AT APPROXIMATELY 4:30 AM, A NON-INJURY FIRE OCCURED IN A SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE. THE FIRE IS KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY A SHORT IN THE POWER CORD TO AN ELECTRIC CLOTHES DRYER.

Incident Date: 19860923 City: State: KS

AN ELECTRICAL EXTENSION CORD PLUGGED INTO AN AIR PUMP. LIGHT AND WATER HEATER FOR AN AQUARIUM CAUGHT WOOD PANELING AND CARPET ON FIRE CAUSING \$50,000 DAMAGE TO HOME AND CONTENTS. HOMEOWNERS WERE GONE AND NO INJURIES OCCURRED. FIRE CHIEF SPECULATES APPLIANCES WERE NOT COMPLETELY PLUGGED INTO THE EXTENSION CORD AND ARCING OF THE MALE PRONGS OCCURRED CATCHING WALL PANELING AND CARPET ON FIRE.

Incident Date: 19860921 City: State: AR

OCCUPANTS OF HOME RESIDENCE WERE AWAKEN BY A "POPPING" NOISE AT APPROXIMATELY 5:30 AM. FIRE WAS AT FOOT OF BED AND ON WALLS. THEY ESCAPED WITHOUT INJURY. FIRE BELIEVED TO HAVE ORIGINATED FROM THE SPLICED ELECTRICAL APPLIANCE CORD OF THE WINDOW AIR CONDITIONER.

Incident Date: 19860924 City: State: WA

AN EXTENSION CORD CONNECTED TO A PORTABLE ELECTRIC HEATER WAS IDENTIFIED AS THE CAUSE OF A FIRE WHICH DESTROYED A MOBILE HOME. THE OCCUPANTS WERE OUTSIDE OF THE HOME & THERE WERE NO INJURIES BUT THE HOME APPEARED TO BE A TOTAL LOSS.

Incident Date: 19861010 City: State: MN

DURING THIS FIRE INCIDENT A 60 YEAR OLD HOME WAS DESTROYED. FIRE OFFICIAL FEEL THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE WAS AN 20' ELECTRICAL EXTENSION CORD THAT WAS USED IN THE KITCHEN TO SERVICE A COFFEE MAKER, CAN OPENNER AND TOASTER. THEY FELT OVER TIME THE INSULATION PROTECTING THE WIRE DETERIATED LEADING TO A SHORT CIRCUIT AND FIRE. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19861007 City: State: MD

THIS FATAL FIRE INVOLVED AN EXTENSION CORD/CONNECTION BEHIND A SOFA IN HOUSE WHERE 85 YEAR OLD FEMALE LIVED WITH HER 56 YEAR OLD SON. THEY WERE SEATED ON SOFA AND APPARENTLY FELL ASLEEP AND WERE SLEEPING WHEN FIRE BROKE OUT AT 1:00 A.M. AND SET THE SOFA ON FIRE. THE MOTHER DIED ON SOFA AND SON ESCAPED FROM HOUSE BADLY BURNED AND DIED LATER IN HOSPITAL. FIRE WAS CAUSED BY FAULTY CORD.

Incident Date: 19860301 City: State: NY

NO INJURIES, DEATHS OR PROPERTY DAMAGE RESULTED WHEN A STEEL BENCH GRINDER COUGHT FIRE SHORTLT AFTER IT WAS TURNED ON BY ITS OWNER IN THE GARAGE OF A PRIVATE HOME. SMOKE AND ACRID FUMES FROM THE GRINDER SUBSIDED WHEN THE OPERATOR DISCONNECTED THE ELECTRIC LINE CORD.

Incident Date: 19861025 City: State: KS

A RESIDENTIAL FIRE WHICH OCCURRED AFTER A WOODEN LEG OF AN UPHOLSTERED CHAIR WAS SET ON A TABLE LAMP CORD. THE CHAIR LEG ALLEGEDLY WORE THROUGH THE CORD'S INSULATION EXPOSING ITS COPPER WIRING. ARCKING OCCURED UNDER THE CHAIR LEG AT THE EXPOSED WIRING. THIS PRODUCED HEAT BUILD-UP WHICH EVENTUALLY IGNITED THE UPHOLSTERY MATERIAL ON THE CHAIR. NO INJURY RESULTED FROM THIS FIRE.

Incident Date: 19861029 City: State: KS

A FIRE OCCURRED IN A GARAGE ATTACHED TO A HOUSE. THE FIRE WAS ALLEGEDLY DUE TO AN EXTENSION CORD CURLED UP IN A BALL-LIKE CON- FIGURATION. THE CORD REPORTEDLY OVERHEATED AND IGNITED A WOODEN TABLE AND NEARBY COMBUSTIBLES. THE SPECIFIC CAUSAL MECHANISM WAS NOT DEFINITELY DETERMINED BY LOCAL FIRE OFFICIALS. NO INJURY WAS REPORTED ASSOCIATED WITH THIS FIRE.

Incident Date: 19861103 City: State: CA

A BRAND-NEW ELECTRICAL EXTENSION CORD IS CITED BY FIRE INVESTIGATORS AS BEING THE IGNITION SOURCE OF A FIRE THAT GUTTED A ONE-BEDROOM A- PARTMENT. THE ELECTRICAL LOAD ON THE CORD WAS LIGHT; FAILURE APPEARS TO HAVE OCCURRED WITHIN THE CORD ITSELF. INJURIES WERE MINOR.

Incident Date: 19861012 City: State: WI

AN EXTENSION CORD TO A REFRIGERATOR OVERHEATED AND STARTED SPARKING. THE EXTENSION CORD WAS DESCRIBED AS BEING A SMALL GAUGE CONDUCTOR LAMP CORD TYPE. THE FIRE DEPT. INDICATED THAT THE EXTENSION CORD WAS BEING USED AS THE REFRIGERATOR WAS NOT CLOSE TO A RECEPTACLE. NO FIRE OR INJURIES OCCURED. THE CORD WAS UNABLE TO BE EXAMINED.

Incident Date: 19861104 City: State: KS

OVERLOADED EXTENSION CORD ATTACHED TO TELEVISION AND REFRIGERATOR CAUGHT SOFA, CARPET AND WALL ON FIRE. OWNER NEVER CONTACTED AS SHE COULD NOT BE LOCATED, AND LIMITED DATA OBTAINED ABOUT TWO EXTENSION CORDS. ONE CORD WAS USED AS PRIMARY POWER SUPPLY FOR THE APARTMENT. NO INJURIES OCCURRED. DAMAGE \$2,000 TO CONTENTS AND \$2,000 TO STRUCTURE.

Incident Date: 19860923 City: State: CA

ON 9-23-86 AT APPROXIMATELY 0745 HOURS, A HOUSE FIRE ERUPTED WHEN AN EXTENSION CORD (OR CORDS) OVERLOADED & OVERHEATED IN THE LIVING ROOM OF THE RESIDENCE. DAMAGE WAS ESTIMATED AT \$92,000. TWO INJURIES OCCURRED.

Incident Date: 19860905 City: UNK State: CA

ON 9/5/86 AT APPROXIMATELY 0330 HOURS, A FIRE ERUPTED IN A FRATERNITY HOUSE DORMITORY WHEN AN EXTENSION CORD OVERHEATED. NOT INJURIES OCCURRED. DAMAGE WAS ESTIMATED AT \$350,000.

Incident Date: 19861024 City: State: SC

THE MALFUNCTION OF A PORTABLE T.V. (THAT WAS PLUGGED INTO AN EXTEN- SION CORD) LEFT ON A BUNK BED RESULTED IN A FIRE THAT CAUSED HEAVY FIRE AND SMOKE DAMAGE TO THE RESPONDENT'S HOUSE. THE INCIDENT OCCURRED IN THE RESPONDENT'S BEDROOM AT APPROXIMATELY 12:46 P.M. NO INJURIES WERE SUSTAINED.

Incident Date: 19861101 City: State: NY

NO ONE WAS INJURED AND THERE WAS NO FIRE OR PROPERTY DAMAGE WHEN THE APPLIANCE CORD PLUG OF A PORTABLE ELECTRIC OIL FILLED HEATER STRONGLY OVERHEATED IN THE LIVING ROOM OF A PRIVATE HOME. THE APPLIANCE WAS PLUGGED INTO AN UNGROUNDED 15 AMP DUPLEX RECEPTACLE PARTIALLY FILLED WITH GRANULAR SAWDUST. THE APPLIANCE WAS UNPLUGGED BY A PRIVATE FIRE INVESTIGATOR IN THE HOUSE AT THE TIME.

Incident Date: 19861114 City: State: NE

AN OLD WOOD-FRAME HOUSE THAT WAS VACANT AT THE TIME HAD A FIRE THAT WAS ATTRIBUTED TO ELECTRICAL CORDS THAT WERE WOUND UP TOGETHER UNDER A BED. AN EXTENSION CORD, AND CORDS FROM A CLOCK, STEREO, AND LAMP WERE INVOLVED. THERE WAS \$20,000 DAMAGE, BUT NO ONE WAS INJURED.

Incident Date: 19861112 City: State: LA

THIS CASE INVOLVED AN ELECTRIC SPACE HEATER WHICH APPARENTLY WAS CONNECTED TO TWO (2) STANDARD EXTENSION CORDS. THE CORDS OVERHEATED AND A FIRE RESULTED, ALMOST TOTALLY DESTROYING THE MOBILE HOME. NO INJURIES WERE SUSTAINED.

Incident Date: 19861116 City: State: KS

AN ELECTRIC EXTENSION CORD MALFUNCTIONED CATCHING CLOTHING ON FIRE. THE CORD WAS PLUGGED INTO A FOOD FREEZER, AND THE ELECTRIC MOTOR MAY HAVE LOCKED UP CAUSING AN OVERLOAD ON THE CORD. THE FIRE OCCURRED IN AN AREA OF HIGH TRAFFIC (HUMAN) & THE CORD MAY HAVE ALSO BEEN DAMAGED IN THAT AREA. NO INJURY OCCURRED. DAMAGE WAS ESTIMATED AT \$5,000.00 .

Incident Date: 19861127 City: State: KS

A LIGHT-WEIGHT TWO WIRE EXTENSION CORD PLUGGED INTO A 1500 WATT PORTABLE ELECTRIC HEATER SHORTED OUT CATCHING HOUSE FURNISHINGS ON FIRE. NO ONE WAS HOME AND THE HOUSE WAS TOTALLY DESTROYED. NO CONTACT WAS MADE WITH THE OWNER AND LIMITED DATA WAS OBTAINED ABOUT THE EXTENSION CORD.

Incident Date: 19861205 City: State: OK

A TELEVISION CORD REPORTEDLY MALFUNCTIONED CAUSING A FIRE IN AN APARTMENT COMPLEX. NONE OF THE 30 OCCUPANTS WERE INJURED.

Incident Date: 19861124 City: State: IN

A 65 YEAR OLD FEMALE DIED OF THERMAL BURNS SUSTAINED IN A RESIDENTIAL FIRE THAT MAY HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY A SHORT CIRCUIT IN AN EXTENSION CORD SERVING A 110V ELECTRIC CLOTHES DRYER AND/OR AN ELECTRIC HOT PLATE, AND/OR A RADIO.

Incident Date: 19861126 City: State: IA

A FIRE STARTED AT THE POWER CORD OF A TELEVISION SET IN AN UPSTAIRS BEDROOM. THE INSULATION ON THE POWER CORD MAY HAVE BEEN DAMAGE IN MOVING THE SET. NO ONE WAS INJURED.

Incident Date: 19861209 City: UNK State: NM

NO ONE WAS INJURED WHEN A FIRE BLAMED ON A HOME MADE EXTENSION CORD GUTTED A TRAILER HOME.

Incident Date: 19861112 City: State: PA

THE CORD SET OF AN 11 YEAR OLD, 4 SLICE TOASTER CAUGHT FIRE AFTER A 10 YEAR OLD FEMALE PLUGGED THE TOASTER INTO THE WALL OUTLET AND DEPRESSED THE CONTROL HANDLE. DAMAGE WAS CONTAINED TO THE CORD SET AND NO INJURIES WERE SUFFERED.

Incident Date: 19861223 City: State: NE

A 24 YEAR OLD FEMALE, A 2 YEAR OLD MALE AND A 4 YEAR OLD MALE DIED AS A RESULT OF SMOKE INHALATION SUFFERED IN A HOUSE FIRE IN THEIR HOME. THE FIRE IS BELIEVED TO HAVE STARTED AS THE RESULT OF A SHORT CIRCUIT IN A LAMP CORD. FIRE OFFICIALS REPORT THAT THE LAMP CORD HAD BEEN SPLICED AT AN UNKNOWN TIME BY AN UNKNOWN PERSON AND WRAPPED IN ELEC- TRICAL TAPE. THE CORD OVERHEATED AND SET A NEARBY RECLINER ON FIRE.

Incident Date: 19861129 City: State: NJ

A FIRE IN A ONE BEDROOM APARTMENT HOUSING GRADUATE MARRIED STUDENTS ON A STATE AFFILIATED UNIVERSITY CLAIMED THE LIFE OF A 29 YEAR OLD FEMALE, THE WIFE OF A GRADUATE STUDENT. THE FIRE ORIGINATED FROM FRAYED INSULATION ON AN ELECTRIC SUPPLY CORD TO A FLOOR LAMP. THE LAMP WAS MOUNTED ON A STACK OF DISCARDED NEWSPAPERS/MAGAZINES WHICH WERE ALSO STREWN ON TOP THE LAMP BASE. THE VICTIM'S HUSBAND SUSTAIN- ED 2ND AND 3RD DEGREE BURNS OVER 35% OF HIS BODY.

Incident Date: 19861225 City: State: OK

AN EXTENSION CORD MALFUNCTIONED CAUSING ARCHING AND SCORCHED THE CARPET ON THE FLOOR. NO FIRE OR INJURIES RESULTED FROM THE IN- CIDENT.

Incident Date: 19870116 City: State: AR

THIS CASE INVOLVED A RESIDENCE FIRE WHILE NO ONE WAS AT HOME. NEWSPAPER REPORT MISTAKENLY STATED THAT THE FIRE WAS CAUSED BY AN EXTENSION CORD. FIRE DEPARTMENT INDICATED THAT EITHER A TV OR VCR WERE MORE LIKELY TO HAVE CAUSED THE FIRE.

Incident Date: 19870113 City: State: CA

THE VICTIMS ARE A 24 YEAR OLD MALE, 6 YEAR-OLD MALE, 5 YEAR OLD MALE, 23 YEAR OLD FEMALE AND 3 YEAR OLD FEMALE. FIRE WAS STARTED IN THE VICTIMS' LIVING ROOM WHEN AN EXTENSION CORD, CONNECTED TO AN ELECTRIC PORTABLE HEATER, SHORTED OFF FROM THE DRAW OF ELECTRICITY. THE 24 YEAR OLD MALE, 23 YEAR OLD FEMALE AND 3 YEAR OLD FEMALE ESCAPED THE FIRE. THE 6 AND 5 YEAR OLD MALES WERE TRAPPED IN THEIR BEDROOM AND DIED FROM INHALATION OF SMOKE AND SOOT.

Incident Date: 19861224 City: State: FL

A 30 YR OLD MALE RECEIVED SECOND AND THIRD DEGREE BURNS FIGHTING A FIRE WHICH OCCUREED IN THE BEDROOM OF A WOOD FRAME HOUSE. FIRE OCCURRED WHEN A 100-WATT BULB USED IN A CERAMIC christmas TREE LAMP WIRED WITH A SMALL GAUGE ELECTRIC CORD OVERHEATED, CAUSING THE CORD'S INSULATION TO BURN AND IGNITE A MATTRESS NEXT TO THE CORD. THE VICTIM WAS TREATED AND RELEASED BY A LOCAL HOSPITAL EMEGENCY ROOM. TOTAL DAMAGE TO THE HOUSE AND CONTENTS WAS ESTIMATED AT \$500.00.

Incident Date: 19870115 City: State: OK

A LIVING ROOM FIRE WAS CAUSED BY AN OVERHEATED ELECTRIC CORD CONNECT- ED TO A HUMIDIFIER, ACCORDING TO THE LOCAL FIRE MARSHAL. NO INJURIES OCCURRED.

Incident Date: 19870130 City: State: OR

AN EXTENSION CORD CONNECTED TO A CLOCK RADIO IN A STORE DETERIORATED SO THAT THE INSULATION WAS CRACKED & BRITTLE. THE CORD WAS LOCATED UNDER A BOOK CASE AND WAS DISCOVERED BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT DURING A ROUTINE SAFETY INSPECTION BY THE LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENT. NO INJURIES OR FIRE DAMAGE WAS ASSOCIATED WITH THE INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19861231 City: State: WA

A 17 YEAR OLD FEMALE SUSTAINED 2ND AND 3RD DEGREE BURNS TO HER LOWER BODY AND SMOKE INHALATION WHEN SHE WAS TRAPPED IN BEDROOM BY FIRE IN ADJACENT ROOM. CAUSE OF FIRE WAS MULTI-PLUG EXTENSION CORD UNDERNEATH A SOFA.

Incident Date: 19870104 City: State: FL

A ELECTRIC CORD ON A HEATER WAS IMPLICATED IN A BEDROOM FIRE RELATED DEATH OF A 7-MONTH OLD FEMALE.

Incident Date: 19870125 City: State: CA

THE ADAPTER FOR A CORDLESS ELECTRIC DRILL WAS PLUGGED INTO THE CHARGER UNIT OF A CORDLESS. HAND-HELD VACUUM CLEANER. A FIRE RESULTED AND \$65,000 OF DAMAGE WAS CAUSED. THE CHARGER WAS DESTROYED IN THE FIRE. NO INJURIES RESULTED.

Incident Date: 19870129 City: State: ME

A 26 YEAR OLD FATHER AND HIS 2 YEAR-OLD SON SUCCUMBED TO SMOKE INHALATION IN A MOBILE HOME FIRE SUSPECTED TO HAVE BEEN IGNITED BY A SHORTED REFRIGERATOR APPLIANCE CORD.

Incident Date: 19861115 City: State: KS

THE COMPLAINANT PLUGGED A NEW PORTABLE ELECTRIC RADIANT SPACE HEATER INTO A TROUBLE LIGHT. THE TROUBLE LIGHT WAS PLUGGED INTO A NEW EXTENSION CORD WHICH WAS PLUGGED INTO A WALL OUTLET. AFTER ABOUT 5-6 MINUTES OF HEATER OPERATION, THE FEMALE RECEPTACLE OF THE EXTENSION CORD MELTED AROUND THE MALE PLUG OF THE TROUBLE LIGHT. A CHEMICAL ODOR RESULTED, BUT NO FIRE OR INJURY OCCURRED.

Incident Date: 19870224 City: State: IN

A FIVE YEAR OLD, UPRIGHT, PORTABLE, ELECTRIC SPACE HEATER HAD ITS POWER CORD PLUG OVERHEAT OR SHORT OUT, CAUSING A FIRE IN THE LIVING ROOM ENTIRE ROOM AND HOUSE. NO ONE WAS INJURED. THE HOUSE SUFFERED A TOTAL LOSS. THE HEATER WAS COLLECTED AS A SAMPLE.

Incident Date: 19870219 City: State: NJ

17 YR. OLD MALE USED A SMALL EXTENSION CORD, THAT WAS PURCHASED FOR christmas LIGHTS, TO SUPPLY A ELECTRIC HEATER, A TELEVISION, AND A STEREO SYSTEM. THE EXTENSION CORD WAS PLUGED IN A ELECTRICAL OUTLET NEXT TO HIS BED. HE WAS AWAKEN AT 1:57 A.M. BY SMOKE AND FIRE. HE ESCAPED WITH OUT INJURY. AN OVER LOADED EXTENSION CORD WAS PLACED AS THE CAUSE, RESULTING IN HEAVY FIRE DAMAGE TO HOUSE.

Incident Date: 19870220 City: State: LA

3 BOYS, 2-3 YEARS OLD AND 1-7 YEARS OLD DIED IN A HOUSE FIRE ATTRIBUTED TO AN OVER HEATED EXTENSION CORD.

Incident Date: 19870106 City: State: HI

A WOMAN WAS USING A PORTABLE STEAM CLEANER TO TAKE OUT THE WRINKLES IN SOME NEW MERCHANDISE. (INCIDENT HAPPENED IN AN APPAREL SHOP). A CUSTOMER CAME IN AND SHE PUT THE CLEANER CONTROLS ON TO PRE HEAT WHILE SHE WAITED ON THE CUSTOMER. SHORTLY AFTER, ANOTHER CUSTOMER NOTICED SMOKE COMING FROM THE AREA OF THE STAM CLEANER-CLOTHING ON DISPLAY RACKS WAS BURNING. THERE WERE NO INJURIES IN THE INCIDENT. FIRE AND INSURANCE INVESTIGATORS ATTRIBUTE THE START OF THE FIRE TO THE ELECTRIC CORD OF THE STEAM CLEANER.

Incident Date: 19870221 City: State: CA

FIRE INVESTIGATORS CITE AN ELECTRICAL EXTENSION CORD AS THE RESPONSIBLE IGNITION AGENT OF A FIRE THAT CLAIMED THE LIFE OF AN 8 YEAR OLD BOY. THEY SPECULATE THAT PERMANENTLY FIXED BARS ON THE WINDOWS PREVENTED HIS ESCAPE. THERE IS NO DESCRIPTION OF THE CORD; IT REMAINS UNIDENTIFIED.

Incident Date: 19870212 City: State: NC

THIS INVESTIGATION INVOLVED A NON-INJURY RESIDENTIAL FIRE. THE FIRE WAS STARTED BY A SHORT IN AN EXTENSION CORD CAUSED BY DAMAGE TO THE CORD. THE LEG OF A WASHING MACHINE WAS SITTING ON TOP OF THE CARD DAMAGING THE 10-12 YEAR OLD CORD.

Incident Date: 19870223 City: State: NC

THIS INCIDENT INVOLVED A SHORTAGE IN A TELEVISION CORD. THE SHORTAGE OCCURRED AS THE RESULT OF DAMAGE TO INSULATION ON THE CORD FROM A CHAIR SITTING ON THE CORD. THE SHORTAGE RESULTED IN THE CIRCUIT BREAKER TRIPPING. THERE WAS NO INJURY OR FIRE.

Incident Date: 19870123 City: State: KS

SEVEN YEAR OLD HANGING ELECTRIC LAMP SHORTED OUT CAUSING MINOR FIRE AND SMOKE DAMAGE TO FAMILY ROOM. NO INJURIES OCCURRED. OWNER WAS UNPACKING HOUSEHOLD GOODS AFTER A MOVE, PLUGGED IN THE LAMP AND FLIPPED THE 15 AMP CIRCUIT BREAKER. SHE TURNED THE CB BACK ON, WENT BACK TO THE LAMP, TURNED THE SWITCH IN LAMP CORD AND THE FIRE STARTED.

Incident Date: 19870305 City: State: HI

A FIRE, WHOSE CAUSE WAS ATTRIBUTED TO A SHORT CIRCUIT OF THE ELECTRIC CORD OF A RICE COOKER, GUTTED A 3 BEDROOM SINGLE STORY HOME. THE THREE ADULTS WHO LIVED IN THE HOUSE WERE OUT IN THE YARD AND WERE WARNED OF THE FIRE BY AN ALARM SYSTEM. A 20 MONTH OLDCHILD WAS SLEEPING IN ONE OF THE BEDROOMS. HER FATHER RUSHED INTO THE BURNING HOUSE AND CARRIED HER OUT. NO ONE WAS INJURED. DAMAGE WAS ESTIMATED AT \$150,000.00.

Incident Date: 19870218 City: State: VA

FIRE CAUSED HEAT AND SMOKE DAMAGE TO THE KITCHEN, ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF A TWO STORY LOG CABIN AND HEAVY SMOKE DAMAGE TO THE SECOND FLOOR. NO ONE WAS AT HOME AT THE TIME. A SUPERVISORY FIRE INVESTIGATOR CHECKED THE FIRE SCENE ABOUT A MONTH AFTER THE INCIDENT & CONCLUDED THAT THERE HAD BEEN A BAD ELECTRICAL CONNECTION AT THE CONNECTION POINT OF A REFRIGERATOR & AN EXTENSION CORD WITH THE CORD OVERHEATING AND BURNING AND THEN CAUSING IGNITION OF COMBUSTIBLES.

Incident Date: 19870212 City: State: CA

ON 2/12/87 AT APPROXIMATELY 0825 HOURS, A HOUSE FIRE ERUPTED ON THE SERVICE PORCH OF A SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING WHEN AN EXTENSION CORD OVERHEATED. NO INJURIES OCCURRED. DAMAGE WAS ESTIMATED AT \$27,000.

Incident Date: 19870306 City: State: MA

INVESTIGATION REVEALED FIRE IN BASEMENT BEDROOM AREA OF HOME. PRO- BABLE CAUSE OF FIRE IS "SHORT CIRCUIT" IN APPLIANCE CORD OF ELECTRIC/ QUARTZ TYPE HEATER. PEDESTAL HEATER WAS NESTING ON APPLIANCE CORD, CAUSING PLASTIC BASE OF HEATER TO MELT DOWN ON TO APPLIANCE CORD. THE MELTING FINALLY BURNED THROUGH INSTALLATION CORD, CORD "SHORTED OUT" AND IGNITED FLOOR CARPETING. NO INJURIES, BUT \$80,000 PROPERTY DAMAGE IN FIRE.

Incident Date: 19860228 City: State: HI

A 27 YEAR OLD MAN SMELLED SMOKE IN HIS HOUSE, NOTICED SMOKE COMING OUT FROM UNDER A CLOSED BEDROOM DOOR, OPENED THE DOOR AND DISCOVERED FIRE IN THE BEDROOM. NO ONE WAS HURT IN THE FIRE WHICH CAUSED \$7,450 DAMAGE. ACCORDING TO THE FIRE INVESTIGATOR, CAUSE OF THE FIRE WAS A SHORT CIRCUIT OF THE ELECTRIC CORD CONNECTING THE FOOT CONTROL OF A SEWING MACHINE TO THE WALL OUTLET.

Incident Date: 19870317 City: State: CA

THIS FIRE OCCURRED AT A CHILD DAY CARE CENTER. ALL OF THE CHILDREN WERE ESCORTED FROM THE DAY CARE FACILITY, UPON FIRST NOTICING SMOKE IN THE FACILITY. NO ONE WAS INJURED DURING THE FIRE. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT SUSPECTS THAT THE CONTROLS OF A PORTABLE ELECTRIC HEATER FIRST BEGAN SMOKING, AND THEY SUSPECT THAT THESE CONTROLS THEN FELL TO THE FLOOR BURNING A SECTION OF CARPET IN THE CLASSROOM. THIS FIRE WAS EXTINGUISHED USING A FIRE EXTINGUISHER. (NO EXTENSION CORD WAS INVOLVED IN THIS FIRE).

Incident Date: 19870216 City: State: NC

AN ELECTRIC CLOCK RADIO, MATTRESS AND BOX SPRINGS WERE COMPLETELY DESTROYED BY FIRE WHEN THE ELECTRIC CORD FROM THE CLOCK RADIO SHORTED OUT. THE CORD WAS BETWEEN THE BOX SPRING AND METAL BED RAILS WHICH CAUSED THE SHORT. THERE WERE NO INJURIES IN THE INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19870310 City: State: CA

A SHORT IN AN ELECTRICAL EXTENSION CORD IS CITED BY FIRE PERSONNEL AS BEING THE IGNITION AGENT THAT CAUSED EXTENSIVE FIRE DAMAGE TO A RESIDENTIAL HOME. ALTHOUGH DESCRIBED, THE CORD REMAINS UNIDENTIFIED. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19870303 City: State: NE

A SHORT IN THE POWER CORD OF A RADIO CAUSED A FIRE WHICH DAMAGED THE GARAGE WHERE THE RADIO WAS LOCATED. THE VICTIM RECEIVED BURNS TO HIS FOREARMS AND FOREHEAD ATTEMPTING TO REMOVE A CAR FROM THE BURNING GARAGE.

Incident Date: 19870327 City: State: MO

THIS INCIDENT WAS A FIRE IN THE BASEMENT "COMMUNICATIONS ROOM" OF A 28 STORY HOTEL. THE FIRE WAS ALLEGEDLY CAUSED BY A SHORT IN A HEAVY DUTY TYPE EXTENSION CORD. A PORTABLE AIR CONDITIONER WAS PLUGGED INTO THE EXTENSION CORD. NO ONE WAS INJURED BY THE FIRE.

Incident Date: 19870303 City: State: LA

3 CHILDREN, A 7 AND A 9 YEAR OLD GIRL AND A 3 YEAR OLD BOY DIED IN A HOUSE FIRE ATTRIBUTED TO AN OVERHEATED EXTENSION CORD.

Incident Date: 19870211 City: State: KS

A FIRE OCCURRED IN A HOUSE INVOLVING THE ATTACHED POWER CORD OF A DISHWASHER. HEAT BUILD-UP AT AN INSTALLER'S SPLICE IN THE POWER CORD ALLEGEDLY IGNITED NEARBY PLASTIC AND PAPER BAGS. TOTAL DAMAGE WAS ESTIMATED AT \$100.

Incident Date: 19870119 City: State: CA

A 75-YEAR-OLD FEMALE DIED FROM THERMAL BURNS AND SMOKE INHALATION IN A RESIDENTIAL FIRE WHICH STARTED FROM A REKINDLE OF AN EARLIER FIRE CAUSED BY AN EXTENSION CORD. THE VICTIM WAS ASLEEP IN HER WHEN THE FATAL FIRE BROKE OUT IN THE BEDROOM.

Incident Date: 19870406 City: State: IA

A HOUSE FIRE BEGAN AT THE POWER CORD OF AN ELECTRIC SPACE HEATER IN THE SECOND FLOOR BEDROOM OF A SINGLE FAMILY HOME. NO ONE WAS INJURED BUT THERE WAS APPROXIMATELY \$10,000 PROPERTY DAMAGE.

Incident Date: 19870406 City: State: CA

ON 4/6/87 AT APPROXIMATELY 2309 HOURS, A FIRE ERUPTED IN THE LIVING ROOM OF A TWO LEVEL CONDOMINIUM WHEN A TABLE LAMP CORD OVERHEATED IGNITING THE END TABLE, LAMP, CARPET, WALL AND SOFA. MINOR SMOKE INHALATION WAS SUSTAINED BY THE OCCUPANT. DAMAGE WAS CONFINED TO THE LIVING ROOM AND ESTIMATED AT \$2250.

Incident Date: 19870422 City: State: NJ

27 YR. OLD MALE WAS USING AN EXTENSION CORD TO OPERATE A SABER SAW. AFTER USING IT FOR A SHORT TIME, HE TURNED THE SAW OFF, AND PLACED IT ON THE WORK BENCH, AND WENT IN THE HOUSE TO GET DINNER. AFTER APPROXIMATELY 45 MINUTES, HE RETURNED TO THE GARAGE TO FIND THE CORD BURNING, WHERE IT WAS LAYING IN A COIL, ON THE FLOOR. HE UNPLUGGED SAME, AND CALLED THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, & THEN EXTINGUISHED SAME.

Incident Date: 19870830 City: State: TN

A 6-YEAR OLD FEMALE WAS SLEEPING IN A WATERBED IN THE BEDROOM OF HER HOME WHEN THE ELECTRIC EXTENSION CORD CONNECTED TO THE BED SUDDENLY SHORTED OUT AND CAUSED A FIRE TO ERUPT IN THE BEDROOM. THE VICTIM AND HER 5-YEAR OLD SISTER, WHO WAS SLEEPING IN ANOTHER WATER BED IN THE BEDROOM, ESCAPED FROM THE ROOM AND DID NOT RECEIVE ANY INJURIES IN THE INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19870401 City: FARMINGDALE State: NY

A SEPARATION OF THE LINE CORD/PLUG ASSEMBLY OF AN ELECTRIC STEAM IRON RESULTED IN SPARKING IN THE AREA OF THE PLUG. THE PLUG WAS PULLED OUT OF THE WALL OUTLET, AND THE SPARKING STOPPED. NO INJURIES, FIRE OR PROPERTY DAMAGE RESULTED.

Incident Date: 19880101 City: HAZEL CREST State: IL

A FIRE DEPT. FIRE PREVENTION OFFICER REPORTED THAT A CONSUMER BROUGHT 2 REMOTE CONTROL EXTENSION CORDS INTO THE STATION COMPLAINING THAT THEY SHORTED OUT. THE CORDS CONSIST OF LAMP CORD TYPE CONDUCTORS WITH A PLUG/RECEPTACLE AT ONE END AND A SWITCH AT THE OTHER END. THE CORDS EXHIBIT MARKS CONSISTANT WITH SHORTING. NO INJURY OR PROPERTY DAMAGE OCCURED. THE CORDS WERE COLLECTED FROM THE FIRE DEPT. AS SAMPLE J-815-6110.

Incident Date: 19841120 City: LOS ANGELES State: CA

IN 1984, A ONE YEAR OLD TOASTER FAILED TO HEAT PROPERLY AFTER THE TOASTER CORD SPARKED DURING USE. THE COMPLAINANT DISCONTINUED USING THE TOASTER AND STORED IT IN HER GARAGE. THERE WERE NO INJURIES OR FIRE ASSOCIATED WITH THE INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19861231 City: COMPTON State: CA

A 10 YEAR OLD STEAM IRON FAILED TO HEAT PROPERLY, THE COMPLAINANT THOUGHT THE APPLIANCE CORD WAS FAILING BECAUSE THE CORD FELT WARM TO THE TOUCH. THE COMPLAINANT DISCONTINUED USING THE IRON & STORED IT ON A SHELF. THERE WAS NO FIRE INCIDENT INJURY ASSOCIATED WITH THE IRON'S FAILURE TO OPERATE.

Incident Date: 19870801 City: GARDENA State: CA

A 5 YEAR OLD STEAM IRON FAILED TO HEAT PROPERLY, THE IRON'S CORD FELT WARM TO THE TOUCH AND THE COMPLAINANT DISCONTINUED USING IT. THERE WAS NO INJURY OR FIRE ASSOCIATED WITH THIS INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19861230 City: COMPTON State: CA

A 9 YEAR OLD STEAM IRON FAILED TO HEAT AFTER ITS CORD SPARKED DURING USE. THERE WERE NO INJURIES OR FIRE ASSOCIATED WITH THIS INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19851230 City: LOS ANGELES State: CA

A 15 YEAR OLD CLOCK RADIO WAS USED ON A DAILY BASIS UNTIL 1985 WHEN THE RADIO AND ITS CORD FELT HOT TO THE TOUCH AND PRODUCED A LOT OF STATIC. USE OF THE RADIO WAS DISCONTINUED. THERE WERE NO INJURIES OR FIRE ASSOCIATED WITH THE RADIO'S FAILURE.

Incident Date: 19821230 City: LOS ANGELES State: CA

AN ELECTRIC 12 YEAR OLD HAIR CLIPPER FAILED TO OPERATE AFTER THE CORD FRAYED AND SPARKED. THERE WERE NO INJURIES OR FIRE ASSOCIATED WITH THIS INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19861231 City: GARDENA State: CA

AN 8 YEAR OLD STEAM IRON FAILED TO HEAT WHEN THE CORD SPARKED AFTER IT WAS PLUGGED INTO AN ELECTRIC OUTLET. THERE WERE NO INJURIES OR FIRE ASSOCIATED WITH THIS INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19870130 City: LOS ANGELES State: CA

A 3 YEAR OLD STEAM IRON FAILED TO HEAT AFTER CORD SPARKED AND FELT WARM TO THE TOUCH. THERE WERE NO INJURIES OR FIRE ASSOCIATED WITH THE INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19851231 City: LOS ANGELES State: CA

AN 8 YEAR OLD CLOCK RADIO FAILED TO OPERATE PROPERLY DURING ITS 4TH YEAR OF USE PRODUCING AN UNUSAL AMOUNT OF STATIC. STATIC WOULD DECREASE ONLY WHEN HAND-PRESSURE WAS APPLIED ON THE CORD AT THE BASE OF THE RADIO. AFTER SEVERAL APPLICATIONS OF HAND-PRESSURE ON THE CORD, USE OF THE RADIO WAS DISCONTINUED. THERE WERE NO INJURIES OR FIRES AS A RESULT OF THIS FAILURE.

Incident Date: 19841231 City: SANTA MONICA State: CA

A 12 YEAR OLD STEAM IRON FAILED TO HEAT AFTER ITS CORD FELT WARM TO THE TOUCH. USE OF THE IRON DISCONTINUED. THERE WERE NO FIRES OR INJURIES ASSOCIATED WITH THIS FAILURE.

Incident Date: 19831231 City: LOS ANGELES State: CA

A FIVE YEAR OLD STEAM IRON FAILED TO HEAT AFTER ITS CORD FELT WARM TO THE TOUCH. USE OF THE IRON WAS DISCONTINUES. THERE WERE NO FIRES OR INJURIES ASSOCIATED WITH THIS FAILURE.

Incident Date: 19841231 City: LOS ANGELES State: CA

AN 8 YEAR OLD STEAM IRON FAIL TO HEAT AFTER ITS CORD SPARKED, SCORCHED AND FELT WARM TO THE TOUCH. THERE WERE NO INJURIES OR FIRE ASSOCIATED WITH THIS FAILURE.

Incident Date: 19870509 City: State: CA

A FIRE IN PUBLIC RESTAURANT WAS ATTRIBUTED TO OVERHEATING CAUSED BY ARCING AT THE JUNCTURE OF TWO EXTENSION CORDS. THESE WERE USED TO SUPPLY POWER ON A TEMPORARY BASIS TO TWO COMMERCIAL REFRIGERATORS. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19870510 City: State: HI

A SHORT CIRCUIT IN AN EXTENSION CORD WAS BLAMED FOR A FIRE THAT DID ABOUT \$65,000 DAMAGE TO A CRAFTS AND INDUSTRY CLASS STORE ROOM AT A PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL. THE FIRE HAPPENED IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT WHEN THE BUILDING WAS NOT OCCUPIED. NO ONE WAS HURT.

Incident Date: 19870429 City: State: MD

THIS ACCIDENT OCCURRED AS A RESULT OF USING THIN WIRE, CHEAPEX- TENSION CORDS WITH TOO MANY APPLIANCES ATTACHED TO THEM, IN BEDROOM OF A DISABLED 67 YEAR OLD MALE. HE WAS ALONE IN HIS ROOM AT THE TIME ALTHOUGH OTHERS WERE IN THE HOUSE. FIRE BROKE OUT IN EXTENSION CORDS AND BY THE TIME IT WAS DISCOVERED, HAD SPREAD TOO FAR FOR EMERGENCY ACTION AND VICTIM DIED OF SMOKE AND BURNS AT THE SCENE.

Incident Date: 19870220 City: State: CT

ARCING FROM A SPLICED POWER CORD OF A PORTABLE AM RADIO IGNITED A LIVINGROOM COUCH RESULTING IN A HOUSE FIRE WHICH CLAIMED THE LIVES OF FIVE (5) CHILDREN; ALL UNDER 3 YEARS OF AGE. THE CHILDREN WERE WITHOUT SUPERVISION AT THE TIME OF THIS ACCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19870120 City: State: MA

A LAMP CORD AND ELECTRICAL OUTLET CAUSED A HOUSE FIRE RESULTING IN THE DEATH OF A TEN YEAR OLD FEMALE. NEWSPAPERS STORED ON TOP OF THE LAMP CORD IGNITED, STARTING THE FIRE.

Incident Date: 19870331 City: State: KS

THIS INCIDENT INVOLVES A HOUSE FIRE APPARENTLY DUE TO A SHORT IN THE POWER CORD ATTACHED TO A TABLE LAMP. THE SHORT WAS ALLEGEDLY CAUSED BY ONE OR MORE LEGS OF A SECTIONAL TABLE SITTING ON THE LAMP CORD. THE SHORT PRODUCED A HEAT BUILD-UP WHICH IGNITED THE LAMP CORD INSULATION, NEARBY COTTON CURTAINS AND A DIVAN. THE HOUSE SUSTAINED HEAVY FIRE DAMAGE AND WAS TORN DOWN. NOONE WAS INJURED.

Incident Date: 19870308 City: State: OR

FIRE OFFICIALS IDENTIFIED AN EXTENSION CORD CONNECTED TO A TABLE LAMP AS THE CAUSE OF A RESIDENTIAL FIRE WHICH CAUSED \$45,000 PROPERTY DAMAGE. A 42 YEAR OLD MALE WAS HOSPITALIZED AS A RESULT OF SMOKE INHALATION. AN INDEPENDENT LABORATORY EXAMINED THE CORD FOR THE INSURANCE COMPANY AND CONCLUDED THAT THE CORD DID NOT CAUSE THE FIRE.

Incident Date: 19870208 City: State: WI

AT ABOUT MIDNITE, A FIRE STARTED IN PAPER MATERIALS ON THE FLOOR NEXT TO GAS RANGE IN THE KITCHEN OF A SINGLE FAMILY HOME. THE RANGE, WHICH WAS AT LEAST 25 YEARS OLD HAD A TWO WIRE ELECTIC CORD WHICH SUPPLIED POWER TO A CLOCK/TIMER AND LIGHT ON THE RANGE. THE CORD IS BELIEVED TO HAVE SHORTED WHERE IT ENTERED THE RANGE CABINET. THERE WERE NO INJURIES AND PROPERTY DAMAGE WAS ESTIMATED AT \$200.00.

Incident Date: 19870324 City: State: WI

A HOUSE FIRE WAS STARTED A FTER 2 ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES IN "OFF" POSITION WERE LEFT PLUGGED INTO AN EXTENSION CORD.

Incident Date: 19870525 City: State: SD

APPARENTLY A CARRIER CABINET'S LAMP CORD MALFUNCTIONED AND STARTED A FIRE. THE ACCIDENT OCCURRED IN THE LIVING ROOM OF THE VICTIM'S HOME. NO ONE WAS AT HOME AT THE TIME OF THE ACCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19870528 City: State: WA

POINT OF ORIGIN OF FIRE WAS WHERE BOX SPRING SAT ON AN ENERGIZED EXTENSION CORD. CORD ALSO WAS STRUNG BETWEEN MATTRESS AND BOX SPRING. NO INJURIES OCCURRED.

Incident Date: 19870415 City: State: PA

A FRAYED EXTENSION CORD IGNITED, CAUSING A FIRE WHICH DESTROYED A HOME. NO INJURIES OCCURRED.

Incident Date: 19870521 City: State: HI

A FIRE ATTRIBUTED TO AN ELECTRICAL SHORT CIRCUIT IN AN APPLIANCE POWER CORD CAUSED \$210,000 DAMAGE TO A TWO STORY HOUSE. THE 5 RESIDENTS OF THE HOUSE ESCAPED WITHOUT INJURY. ONE OF THE RESIDENTS, A WOMAN, AWOKE TO FIND THE UPSTAIRS KITCHEN ON FIRE, JUST BEFORE DAWN, AND SUCCESSFULLY ROUSED UP THE REST OF THE RESIDENTS.

Incident Date: 19870601 City: State: MN

THIS INVESTIGATION CONCERNS AN INCIDENT WHERE THE COMPLAINTANT WAS AWAKENED BY A "POPPING" SOUND AND DISCOVERED THAT THE SOUND WAS CAUSED BY A LIGHT WEIGHT EXTENSION CORD THAT HAD SHORTED OUT. THERE WERE NO INJURIES OR FIRES.

Incident Date: 19870624 City: State: OH

AN EXTENSION CORD OVERHEATED AND CAUGHT FIRE THE FIRE DEPARTMENT WAS CALLED AND THE CORD EXTINGUISHED, NO INJURIES OCCURRED. DAMAGE WAS LIMITED TO THE EXTENSION CORD.

Incident Date: 19870101 City: State: TX

WHILE THE CONSUMER WAS ON VACATION IN HER TRAVEL TRAILER, SHE USED AN EXTENSION CORD WITH A STORAGE REEL TO PROVIDE ELECTRICITY TO HER TRAILER. AFTER SHE USED THE PRODUCT FOR 1 HOUR, THE CORD MELTED ON THE REEL. THERE WAS NO FIRE REPORT ASSOCIATED WITH THE INCIDENT. THERE ALSO WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19870623 City: State: SD

A FIRE IN A HOTEL ROOM WAS ASSUMED TO HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY AN OUTLET, CLOCK RADIO CORD OR A LAMP CORD. THE BED IN THE ROOM WAS IGNITED FIRST. NO ONE WAS INJURED BECAUSE OF THE ACCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19870505 City: State: OH

COMPLAINANT NOTED THAT THE CORD ATTACHED TO HER TABLE-TOP CONVECTION OVEN BECAME EXCESSIVELY WARM. ON CONTACTING THE SUPPLIER SHE LEARNED THAT THE MODEL IN QUESTION HAD BEEN DISCONTINUED, AMONG OTHER REASONS , BECAUSE OF THE POWER CORD HEATING. NO INJURY OR PROPERTY DAMAGE - CONSUMER BELIEVES CORD HEATING POSES A FIRE HAZARD.

Incident Date: 19870722 City: State: OH

A FIRE OCCURRED WHEN A FAN'S CORD CAUGHT FIRE & IGNITED THE MATERIALS AROUND IT. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19870716 City: State: WI

AT APPROXIMATELY 12:45 P.M., A FIRE STARTED IN A SECOND FLOOR BEDROOM OF A SINGLE FAMILY HOME. NO ONE WAS UPSTAIRS AT THE TIME. FIRE OFFICIALS DETERMINED THAT THE FIRE STARTED AS A RESULT OF A SHORT IN THE POWER CORD OF A CLOCK RADIO WHICH WAS LESS THAN SIX MONTHS OLD. THERE WERE NO INJURIES AND PROPERTY DAMAGE WAS ESTIMATED AT \$2150.00. THE CLOCK RADIO WAS DESTROYED IN THE FIRE, HOWEVER THE CORD WAS NOT SEVERELY DAMAGED AND WAS COLLECTED AS SAMPLE I-815-5290.

Incident Date: 19870410 City: State: OR

AN EXTENSION CORD WAS IDENTIFIED AS THE CAUSE OF A MINOR FIRE INCIDENT. THERE WERE NO INJURIES AND DAMAGE WAS CONFINED TO THE CORD AND OUTLET. THE AGE OF THE CORD WAS ESTIMATED TO BE 19 YEARS OLD.

Incident Date: 19870724 City: State: PA

AN APPARENT SHORT CIRCUIT AND ARCING IN THE ELECTRICAL SUPPLY CORD TO A 20" BOX SHAPE WINDOW FAN CAUSED A FIRE IN A SECOND FLOOR APARTMENT RESULTING IN AN ESTIMATED \$15,000-\$18,000 IN DAMAGES. THE FAN HAD BEEN IN CONTINUOUS OPERATION FOR AT LEAST 20 HOURS DUE TO HOT, HUMID WEATHER. EXAMINATION OF REMNANTS OF THE CORD BY ELECTRICIANS INDI- CATED THE SOURCE OF HEAT WAS FROM INSIDE THE CORD AND CRACKED, DETERIORATED OR DEFECTIVE INSULATION IS SUSPECTED.

Incident Date: 19870727 City: State: IN

A SHORT IN AN EXTENSION CORD WHICH WAS LOOPED OVER ITS SELF ONCE AND HAD A BOX OF CLOTHES SITTING ON TOP OF THE LOOP CAUSED THE BOX TO CATCH FIRE. NO INJURIES WERE REPORTED.

Incident Date: 19870731 City: State: MI

A FIRE OCCURRED AT APPROXIMATELY 5:00 A.M. ON JULY 31, 1987 IN A SECOND FLOOR BEDROOM OF A SMALL TWO STORY HOUSE. IT IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY A SHORT CIRCUIT OR OTHER MALFUNCTION IN THE ELECTRICAL CORD ATTACHED TO A CIRCULAR FREE STANDING FLOOR FAN. THE FAN AND ATTACHED CORD WERE AT LEAST 8 YEARS OLD AND HAD NOT BEEN RE- PAIRED DURING THAT PERIOD OF TIME. THERE WERE NO KNOWN PHYSICAL IN- JURIES AS A RESULT OF THE FIRE.

Incident Date: 19870731 City: State: MN

THIS INVESTIGATION CONCERNS A FIRE AND EXPLOSION THAT OCCURED IN THE BASEMENT OF A 2 STORY HOUSE. IT IS BELIEVED THAT THE FIRE ORIGINATED IN AN ELECTRICAL TIMER OR LIGHT DUTY EXTENSION CORDS. BETWEEN THE TIMER AND TWO FLOURSENT LIGHT FIXTURERS. THE FIRE DETONATED ABOUT 15 LBS. OF GUNPOWDER THAT HAD BEEN STORED IN THE BASEMENT. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19870818 City: State: NJ

AN ELECTRICAL FIRE OCCURRED IN ONE OF THE WALL OUTLETS LOCATED IN THE BEDROOM OF A CONDOMINIUM APARTMENT. THE WALL OUTLET INVOLVED WAS APPROXIMATELY 45 YEARS OLD, AND OF THE TWO-PRONG VARIETY, WITHOUT A GROUNDING CONDUCTOR. AN EXTENSION CORD USED TO RUN AN AIR CONDITIONER WAS CONNECTED TO THE CIRCUIT. LIGHT FIRE DAMAGE WAS LIMITED TO THE OUTLET AND SURROUNDING WALL AREA.

Incident Date: 19870820 City: State: OK

THE ON-SITE IDI INVOLVED A FIRE IN A 3-BED FRAME HOME. AN ELECTRICAL CORD WHICH HAD BEEN MODIFIED WAS IDENTIFIED AS THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE. THERE WERE TWO DEATHS AND INJURIES TO TWO PEOPLE.

Incident Date: 19870905 City: State: GA

AN ELECTRICAL SHORT IN AN OLD TABLE LAMP CORD LOCATED IN THE BEDROOM OF AN APARTMENT CAUSED EXTENSIVE FIRE & SMOKE DAMAGE TO AN APARTMENT COMPLEX. THE OCCUPANT OF THE APARTMENT WHERE THE FIRE ORIGINATED WAS AWAY AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT. NO INJURIES WERE INCURRED IN THE INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19870914 City: State: OH

THE MODIFIED CORD ON A ELECTRIC PORTABLE FAN WAS THE IGNITION SOURCE FOR A FIRE IN A HOME WHICH CAUSED \$25,000 DAMAGE. NO INJURIES OCCURRED.

Incident Date: 19870923 City: State: IL

A 48 YEAR OLD MALE DIED AS THE RESULT OF BURNS AND SMOKE INHALATION RESULTING FROM A FIRE AT HIS HOME. THE FIRE WAS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY A SHORT CIRCUIT IN A LINE CORD ASSOCIATED WITH A WINDOW FAN WHICH IS ABOUT 15 YEARS OLD. THE FAN WAS DISCARDED & NO FURTHER INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE ON THE PRODUCT.

Incident Date: 19871022 City: State: WI

A HOUSEFIRE OCCURRED WHEN AN EXTENSION CORD SERVICING AN ELECTRIC SPACE HEATER OVERHEATED. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19870914 City: State: PA

COMPLAINANT STATED THE CORD ON HER 8 MONTH OLD TOASTER OVEN BECAME TOO HOT WHENEVER THE APPLIANCE WAS IN USE. NO FIRE OR INJURIES WERE INVOLVED.

Incident Date: 19871018 City: BELLINGHAM State: WA

ON 10/18/87 AT APPROXIMATELY 5:30 PM, A NON-INJURY FIRE OCCURRED IN A SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING OCCUPIED BY A WOMAN AND HER HUSBAND. THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN AN EXTENSION CORD THAT OVERHEATED.

Incident Date: 19871117 City: State: NE

A 25 YEAR OLD MALE SUSTAINED SOME SMOKE INHALATION WHILE TRYING TO EXTINGUISH A FIRE IN HIS HOME. THE FIRE WAS ALLEGEDLY DUE TO A SHORT IN THE POWER CORD OF A TABLE LAMP WHICH PRODUCED A HEAT BUILD-UP AND IGNITION OF ADJACENT COMBUSTIBLES. TOTAL DAMAGE TO THE HOUSE AND CONTENTS WAS ESTIMATED AT \$135,000.

Incident Date: 19870908 City: CORVALLIS State: OR

A PORTABLE FAN LOCATED IN THE WINDOW OF A SPORTING GOODS STORE WAS IDENTIFIED AS THE CAUSE OF A FIRE WHICH CAUSED AN ESTIMATED \$410,000 PROPERTY DAMAGE. FIRE OFFICIALS CONCLUDED THAT THE FAN POWER CORD OVERHEATED, IGNITING BOXES PILED ON THE CORD. THERE WERE NO CONSUMER INJURIES, HOWEVER, TWO FIRE FIGHTERS WERE TREATED FOR HEAT EXHAUSTION AND SMOKE INHALATION.

Incident Date: 19871218 City: GRANDVIEW State: MO

A SHORT IN A 20 YR OLD FREEZER CORD CAUSED ABOUT \$10,000 DAMAGE TO AN ATTACHED GARAGE WHERE IT WAS BEING USED. FIRE INVESTIGATORS DETERMINED THE LEG OF A METAL CHAIR HAD BEEN RESTING ON THE FREEZER CORD FOR SOMETIME AND FINALLY SHORTED IT OUT. THE BRANCH CIRCUIT WAS FUSED BUT THE FUSE DID NOT BLOW. THE FIRE INVESTIGATOR COULD NOT DETERMINE WHY THE FUSE DID NOT BLOW. ARCING AT THE SHORT CAUSED THE WOOD FLOORING AND NEAR-BY PAPER TO CATCH ON FIRE. NO INJURY OCCURRED .

Incident Date: 19871225 City: AUSTINTOWN State: OH

A CURLING IRON CORD CAUGHT 'FIRE' AFTER 15 MINUTES USE. CONSUMER'S SLACKS WERE BURNED BY THE CORD CAUSING A MINOR BURN TO THE LEG.

Incident Date: 19871117 City: TACOMA State: WA

ELECTRIC BLANKET CONTROL AND TABLE LAMP CORD WERE PLUGGED INTO EXTENSION CORD. MALFUNCTION OCCURRED IN BLANKET CONTROL BOX OR IN EXTENSION CORD WHICH RESULTED IN FIRE IN GARAGE. BLANKET WAS RE- PORTED TO BE TURNED OFF.

Incident Date: 19871219 City: FERGUS FALLS State: MN

THIS INCIDENT INVOLVED A FIRE THAT CAUSED DAMAGE TO THE KITCHEN OF A HOME. THE FIRE WAS ATTRIBUTED TO AN APPLIANCE CORD WHICH WAS CONNECTED TO A WALL CLOCK. FIRE OFFICIALS FEEL THE APPLIANCE CORD BECAME WORN OVER TIME AS A MOVEABLE METAL CUPBOARD WHICH SAT ON THE KITCHEN COUNTER PINCHED IT EVERY TIME IT WAS OPENNED/CLOSED. THE INSULATION ON THE APPLIANCE CORD EVENTUALLY WORE OUT, CAUSING A SHORT AND FIRE. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19871217 City: MUKILTEO State: WA

A NEW, DOUBLE-SIZE ELECTRIC BLANKET CAUGHT FIRE DURING USE. WIRES IN POWER CORD WHICH CONNECTED CONTROL TO BLANKET & THE SYNTHETIC BLANKET MATERIAL BURNED. NO INJURIES OCCURRED.

Incident Date: 19880130 City: JANESVILLE State: WI

CONSUMER CALLED FIRE DEPARTMENT CONCERNING SPARKS COMING FROM THE POWER CORD ON HER COFFEE POT. NO PROPERTY DAMAGE REPORTED OTHER THAN CORD. NO INJURIES REPORTED.

Incident Date: 19880122 City: SPOKANE State: WA

5 YEAR OLD ELECTRIC COFFEE MAKER CAUGHT FIRE DURING OPERATION. CONSUMER PULLED POWER CORD FROM OUTLET AND PUSHED APPLIANCE INTO WATER. NO INJURIES OCCURRED. FIRE BURNED HOLE IN PLASTIC HOUSING NEAR HEAT ELEMENT WHICH APPEARS TO HAVE BURNED.

Incident Date: 19880216 City: SPRINGFIELD State: IL

AN ELECTRICAL SHORT IN A TABL LAMP POWER CORD CAUSED \$20,000 FIRE DAMAGE TO THE CONSUMERS RENTED HOUSE. NO INJURIES WERE REPORTED.

Incident Date: 19880130 City: REDDING State: CA

THE CONSUMER PURCHASED A HOUSEHOLD ELECTRIC EXTENSION CORD FOR USE WITH HER ELECTRIC HEATER, RATED AT 1380 WATTS. A CARDBOARD SLEEVE WRAPPED AROUND THE EXTENSION CORD PROMOTED AN ELECTRICAL RATING: "16 AWG * 13A * 1625W". AFTER PURCHASING THIS ELECTRICAL EXTENSION CORD, THE CONSUMER FOUND A SMALL BLUE COLORED TAG STUCK TO THE EX- TENSION CORD. THIS SMALL BLUE TAG LISTS AN ELECTRICAL RATING: "10A-125V-1250W". THE CONSUMER DID NOT USE THIS EXTENSION CORD, AS SHE BELIEVES A FIRE COULD RESULT.

Incident Date: 19880205 City: WEST MILFORD State: NJ

THE ELECTRICAL CORD FOR A CALCULATOR'S ADAPTOR CAUGHT FIRE AND MELTED PARTIALLY IGNITING THE BEDDING CONTAINED ON A BED, WHICH WAS PRESSED AGAINST THE ADAPTER, AS IT WAS PLUGGED INTO A WALL OUTLET. NO INJURIES WERE SUSTAINED IN THE INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19880307 City: ASTORIA, QUEEN State: NY

SPARKS COULD BE SEEN IN THE BLANKET PLUG WHEN THE PLUG ON THE CORD WAS INSERTED INTO THE BLANKET. THERE WAS NO FIRE, NOR INJURY, NOR PROPERTY DAMAGE. THE CONSUMER BELIEVES THERE IS A SHORT IN THE PRODUCT THAT CAN BE DANGEROUS.

Incident Date: 19871128 City: CHEVY CHASE State: MD

FIRE DEPARTMENT DETERMINED THAT THE RECHARGING DEVICE FOR A CORDLESS VACUUM WAS THE CAUSE OF A HOUSE FIRE. THE RECHARGING UNIT WAS PLUGGED INTO A KITCHEN WALL OUTLET.

Incident Date: 19880317 City: SLIDELL State: LA

THIS ON-SITE IDI INVOLVED A MICROWAVE OVEN WHOSE POWER CORD CAUGHT ON FIRE CAUSING THE MICROWAVE OVEN TO BURN AS WELL AS THE WALL OUTLET INTO WHICH IT WAS PLUGGED. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19841231 City: HAWTHORNE State: CA

A 10 YEAR OLD ELECTRIC SHAVER FAILED TO OPERATE WHEN THE CORD SMOKED AND THE BLADES FAILED TO ROTATE. THERE WERE NO INJURIES OR FIRE ASSOCIATED WITH THIS FAILURE.

Incident Date: 19851231 City: LOS ANGELES State: CA

AN 8 YEAR OLD STEAM IRON FAIL TO HEAT PROPERLY AFTER ITS CORD FELT WARM TO THE TOUCH. THERE WERE NO INJURIES OR FIRES ASSOCIATED WITH THIS FAILURE.

Incident Date: 19831231 City: LOS ANGELES State: CA

A 9 YEAR OLD ELECTRIC CAN OPENER FAILED TO OPERATE PROPERLY AFTER ITS CORD SPARKED AND FELT WARM TO THE TOUCH. THERE WERE NO INJURIES OR FIRE ASSOCIATED WITH THIS FAILURE.

Incident Date: 19841231 City: LOS ANGELES State: CA

A 12 YEAR OLD TOASTER FAILED TO OPERATE PROPERLY WHEN ITS CORD STARTED TO SPARK AND POP WHEN PLUGGED INTO A KITCHEN OUTLET. USE OF THE TOASTER WAS DISCONTINUED. THERE WERE NO INJURIES OR FIRES AS A RESULT OF THIS FAILURE.

Incident Date: 19871125 City: LOS ANGELES State: CA

A 3 YEAR OLD APPLIANCE CORD WAS PURCHASED SEPARATELY TO USE ON A PORTABLE GRILL. AFTER 3 YEARS THE CORD STARTED TO SPARK DURING USE AND FAILED TO HEAT THE GRILL PROPERLY. THERE WERE NO INJURIES OR FIRES AS A RESULT OF THIS FAILURE.

Incident Date: 19830228 City: LOS ANGELES State: CA

IN 1983, A 3 YEAR OLD TOASTER FAILED TO HEAT PROPERLY AFTER THE TOASTER'S CORD SPARKED DURING USE. THE COMPLAINANT DISCONTINUED USING THE TOASTER AND STORED IT AWAY. THERE WERE NO INJURIES OR FIRE ASSOCIATED WITH THE INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19871230 City: LOS ANGELES State: CA

IN DECEMBER 1987, A 3 MONTH OLD PORTABLE ELECTRIC HEATER FAILED TO HEAT WHEN THE HEATING ELEMENTS MELTED AND THE HEATER CORD SPARKED. THERE WERE NO INJURIES OR FIRE INCIDENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE FAILURE OF THE HEATER.

Incident Date: 19801230 City: LOS ANGELES State: CA

A 16 YEAR OLD WAFFLE IRON FAILED TO HEAT AFTER ITS CORD SHOWED SIGNS OF SCORCHING AND FRAYING. THERE WERE NO INJURIES OR FIRES ASSOCIATED WITH THIS FAILURE.

Incident Date: 19871231 City: COMPTON State: CA

IN 1987, A 6 YEAR OLD TOASTER OVEN FAILED TO OPERATE. THE COMPLAINANT BELIEVED THAT THE TOASTER'S CORD FAILED. THERE WERE NO INJURIES OR FIRE ASSOCIATED WITH THIS INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19861231 City: LOS ANGELES State: CA

A 10 YEAR OLD PORTABLE ELECTRIC HEATER FAILED TO OPERATE AFTER ITS CORD SPARKED AND SMOKED. THE PLUG ON THE CORD WAS REPLACED, THE HEATER OPERATED FOR A SHORT TIME AFTER THE REPAIR. THE REPAIRED CORD SPARKED AND FELT HOT TO THE TOUCH. THE HEATER FAILED TO HEAT AND THE COMPLAINANT DISCONTINUED USING THE HEATER. THERE WERE NO INJURIES OF FIRE ASSOCIATED WITH THIS FAILURE.

Incident Date: 19851231 City: LOS ANGELES State: CA

A 10 YEAR OLD VACUUM CLEANER FAILED TO OPERATED WHEN ITS CORD FAILED. THERE WERE NO INJURIES OR FIRE ASSOCIATED WITH THIS FAILURE.

Incident Date: 19841231 City: LOS ANGELES State: CA

AN 8 YEAR OLD PORTABLE ELECTRIC HEATER FAILED TO OPERATE WHEN ITS CORD FAILED. THERE WERE NO INJURIES OR FIRE ASSOCIATED WITH THIS INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19861230 City: LOS ANGELES State: CA

A 4 YEAR OLD ELECTRIC FAN FAILED TO OPERATE PROPERLY CORD FAILURE WAS SUSPECTED & USE OF THE FAN WAS DISCONTINUED. THERE WERE NO INJURIES OR FIRE ASSOCIATED WITH THIS INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19861231 City: LOS ANGELES State: CA

A 10 YEAR OLD VACUUM CLEANER FAILED TO OPERATE. THE VACUUM'S CORD HAD FELT WARM SEVERAL TIMES DURING USE. THE VACUUM'S FAILURE TO OPERATE WAS ATTRIBUTED TO THE CORD. THERE WERE NO INJURIES OR FIRE ASSOCIATED WITH THIS INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19861230 City: LOS ANGELES State: CA

AN 8 YEAR OLD STEAM IRON FAILED TO OPERATE AFTER ITS CORD REPEATEDLY FELT WARM DURING USE. THERE WERE NO INJURIES OR FIRE ASSOCIATED WITH THIS FAILURE.

Incident Date: 19801230 City: LOS ANGELES State: CA

A 15 YEAR OLD STEAM IRON WAS DISCARDED AFTER ITS CORD SHOWED SIGNS OF SCORCHING AND FRAYING. THERE WERE INJURIES OR FIRE ASSOCIATED WITH THIS INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19841231 City: GARDENA State: CA

A 10 YEAR OLD ELECTRIC CAN OPENER FAILED TO OPERATE AFTER ITS CORD SPARKED SEVERAL TIMES WHILE BEING PLUGGED INTO AN OUTLET. THERE WERE NO INJURIES OR FIRE ASSOCIATED WITH THIS INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19851231 City: GARDENA State: CA

A 20 YEAR OLD ELECTRIC SHAVER FAILED TO OPERATE WHEN ITS CORD FAILED TO SUPPLY ADEQUATE POWER. THERE WERE NO INJURIES OR FIRE ASSOCIATED WITH THIS FAILURE.

Incident Date: 19870101 City: MOUNTAIN VIEW State: CA

AFTER SEVEN OR EIGHT MONTHS OF USE, AN ELECTRIC IRON OVERHEATED AT THE POINT WHERE THE CORD ENTERS THE IRON. NO FIRE OR INJURY OCCURRED .

Incident Date: 19880408 City: BUFFALO GROVE State: IL

A FIRE DEPT. RESPONDED TO A CALL THAT THE POWER CORD ON AN ELECTRIC SPACE HEATER WAS SPARKING. THE CORD WAS FOUND TO BE FRAYED AND HAD EXPOSED CONDUCTORS, AND THE CORD HAD SHORTED OUT AGAINST A METAL BED FRAME. THE PROBLEM WAS STATED AS DUE TO THE FRAME BEING PUSHED AGAINST THE CORD WEARING IT THROUGH AFTER TIME. THE CORD WAS REMOVED FROM THE HEATER BY THE FIRE DEPT. AND WAS OBTAINED AS SAMPLE J-815-6111. NO INJURY OR PROPERTY DAMAGE OCCURRED.

Incident Date: 19880406 City: LORAIN State: OH

A FIRE IN A RESIDENTIAL KITCHEN WAS ATTRIBUTED TO A FAULTY ELECTRIC TOASTER CORD BY THE FIRE INVESTIGATOR. THER WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19880418 City: TRENTON State: NJ

THE ELECTRICAL SUPPLY CORD TO A 12" DIAMETER PORTABLE OSCILLATING ELECTRIC FAN BEGAN SMOKING AND MELTING. THE FAN WAS FOUND SITTING ON THE CARPETED LIVING ROOM FLOOR OF A SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE OCCUPIED BY UNRELATED TENANTS. THE CARPET ON FLOOR HAD SMALL CHAR MARKS WHERE THE WIRES MELTED THROUGH THE INSULATION. NO FIRE ERUPTED . THE FIRE DEPT. RESPONDED AND COLLECTED THE FAN.

Incident Date: 19880415 City: SAN RAFAEL State: CA

THE FATHER REPORTS THAT HE SMELLED SMOKE, AND THEN WENT TO HIS SON'S BEDROOM TO CHECK ON THEIR WELFARE. HE FOUND THE TWO SONS, AGES 6 & 13, IN THE LOWER BUNK BED, AND THE TOP BUNK BED SMOKING. THE FATHER THEN ALERTED EVERYONE IN THE HOUSE TO THE FIRE AND GOT EVERYONE OUT OF THE HOUSE. THE FATHER THEN RETURNED TO THE BUNK BED TO PUT OUT THE FIRE. HE SAID THAT HE SAW ELECTRICAL ARCING OF A DRAFTING LAMP'S POWER CORD. THIS LAMP WAS AGAINST THE MATTRESS, WITH A SHEET DRAPED OVER IT.

Incident Date: 19880331 City: NEW ORLEANS State: LA

THIS ON-SITE IDI INVOLVED A WINDOW AIR CONDITIONER APPLIANCE CORD PLUG/OUTLET CONNECTION FIRE THAT OCCURRED AT A FIRE STATION. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19880414 City: NEW ORLEANS State: LA

THIS ON-SITE IDI INVOLVED A RESIDENTIAL FIRE CAUSED BY A GAS DRYER APPLIANCE CORD. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19880414 City: WAIMANALO State: HI

A FIREMAN WAS PREPARING THE EVENING MEAL FOR HIS WATCH. NOTICED THE RICE COOKER GOING OFF AND ON. HE JIGGLED THE CORD AT THE PLUG END. SPARKS CAME OUT FROM A HOLE IN THE CORD. PURCHASED A REPLACEMENT CORD FROM A NEARBY STORE. KEPT ON USING THE RICE COOKER.

Incident Date: 19871015 City: TULSA State: OK

AIR CONDITIONER APPLIANCE CORD OVERHEATED & FUSED INTO THE RECEPTACLE IN WHICH IT WAS PLUGGED (THE APPLIANCE CORD). THIS INCIDENT WAS DISCOVERED ON ABOUT OCTOBER 15, 1987, WHEN THE CONSUMER WAS PREPARING TO STORE THE UNIT. NO FIRE OR INJURY OCCURRED.

Incident Date: 19880506 City: TRENTON State: NJ

AN APPARENT SHORT IN AN APPLIANCE CORD TO A CLOTHES DRYER RESULTED IN FIRE AND SMOKE DAMAGE TO THE LAUNDRY ROOM OF A 2-1/2 STORY ROW TYPE DWELLING. THE DRYER WAS OBTAINED USED AND WAS REPORTEDLY ABOUT ONE MONTH OLD. THE FRIEND OF THE OWNER, FOR SOME UNEXPLAINED REASON, REPLACED THE ORIGINAL CORD WITH ANOTHER CORD. THE FIRE AND SMOKE WERE ATTRIBUTED TO IMPROPER WIRING OF THE CORD. NO INJURIES RESULTED .

Incident Date: 19880512 City: NEW ORLEANS State: LA

A 20-YEAR OLD CLOTHES IRON MALFUNCTIONED WHEN THE APPLIANCE CORD SPARKED AND CAUGHT ON FIRE WHERE IT ENTERS THE IRON. NO INJURY OC- CURRED. THE APPLIANCE CORD WAS NOT AN ORIGINAL COMPONENT.

Incident Date: 19880101 City: ABITA SPRINGS State: LA

A 12-YEAR OLD ELECTRIC BLENDER MALFUNCTIONED WHEN THE APPLIANCE CORD EMITTED SPARKS WHEN PLUGGED INTO AN ELECTRICAL WALL OUTLET. THE BLENDER WOULD NOT OPERATE FOLLOWING THIS MALFUNCTION. NO FIRE OR IN- JURY OCCURRED.

Incident Date: 19860101 City: MARRERO State: LA

A 7-YEAR-OLD ELECTRIC TOASTER MALFUNCTIONED WHEN THE APPLIANCE CORD SPARKED AND SMOKED MIDWAY BETWEEN THE APPLIANCE CORD AND THE PLUG END OF THE CORD. NO FIRE OR INJURY OCCURRED.

Incident Date: 19880401 City: DOTHAN State: AL

THE OWNER OF A 10-MONTH-OLD PORTABLE ELECTRIC FAN REPORTED THAT THE ELECTRIC CORD FOR THE FAN OVERHEATED IN BEDROOM #1 OF HER FOUR-BEDROOM APARTMENT AND IGNITED AN ANTIQUE WOODEN TABLE. THE FIRE CAUSED AN ESTIMATED \$8,000 DAMAGE TO THE APARTMENT. NO INJURIES WERE INCURRED IN THE INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19880517 City: METAIRIE State: LA

THIS ON-SITE IDI INVOLVED 2 ELECTRIC PORTABLE SPACE HEATERS THAT WHEN PLUGGED INTO THE SAME WALL OUTLET (ONE AT A TIME), THE CORD AND PLUG WOULD BECOME VERY WARM TO THE TOUCH INDICATING AN OVERHEATING PROBLEM . THERE WAS NEVER A FIRE OR INJURY.

Incident Date: 19880323 City: KENNER State: LA

THIS ON-SITE IDI INVOLVED AN ELECTRIC IRON THAT WOULD PERIODICALLY STOP HEATING UP UNTIL THE COMPLAINANT WOULD JIGGLE THE CORD NEAR THE PLUG. THERE WAS NO OVERHEATING, FIRE, SPARKS OR INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19880519 City: NEW ORLEANS State: LA

THIS ON-SITE IDI INVOLVED AN ELECTRIC IRON WHOSE CORD CAUGHT ON FIRE NEAR WHERE IT ENTERS THE IRON. THERE WERE NO INJURIES AND THE FIRE WAS CONFINED TO THE CORD.

Incident Date: 19880518 City: KENNER State: LA

THIS ON-SITE IDI INVOLVED AN ELECTRIC IRON WHOSE CORD CAUGHT ON FIRE ALONG THE LENGTH OF THE CORD. THE CORD OVERHEATED PRIOR TO CATCHING ON FIRE. THERE WAS NO INJURY.

Incident Date: 19880501 City: HUNTSVILLE State: AL

A 21 MONTH OLD FEMALE DIED IN A FIRE WHICH OCCURRED IN THE BEDROOM OF A DUPLEX APARTMENT. THE FIRE ORIGINATED IN THE CORD PORTION OF A PORTABLE ELECTRIC BOX FAN. PRIOR TO THE INCIDENT THE HIGH, MEDIUM AND LOW SETTING SWITCH HAD BEEN REMOVED FROM THE FAN AND THE CORD HAD BEEN SPLICED IN TWO DIFFERENT PLACES. THE FAN COULD NOT BE IDENTIFIED.

Incident Date: 19870712 City: NELSON State: MN

THIS INVESTIGATION INVOLVED A HOUSE FIRE THAT CAUSED APPROX. \$30,000 DAMAGE. THE FIRE OFFICIAL FELT THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE WAS A CORDLESS VACUUM CLEANER THAT SAT ON AN END TABLE IN THE LIVINGROOM OF THE HOME . IT IS FELT THE BATTERIES EXPLODED, IGNITING THE PLASTIC BODY OF THE UNIT. IT INTURN IGNITED NEARBY COMBUSTABLES. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19880322 City: EVANSVILLE State: MN

THIS INVESTIGATION INVOLVED A HOUSE FIRE THAT CAUSED ABOUT \$8,000 DAMAGE. FIRE OFFICIALS FEEL THAT THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE WAS A CORD- LESS VACUUM CLEANER THAT WAS PLUGGED INTO THE WALL RECEPTICAL IN THE BATHROOM. THEY FEEL THE BATTERIES EXPLODED, IGNITING THE UNITS PLASTIC BODY, THEN NEARBY COMBUSTABLES. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19880516 City: BETHALTO State: IL

A HOUSE FIRE IS THOUGHT TO HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY A LAMP CORD WHICH SHORTED OUT IN THE BEDROOM OF AN APARTMENT HOUSE.

Incident Date: 19880606 City: HASTINGS State: MN

RESPONDENT REPORTS THAT THE MOLDED ATTACHMENT FIXTURE AT THE END OF A PERCOLATOR'S CORD SET BEGAN TO DETERIORATE AFTER ONLY 6 MONTHS OF USE . THE RESPONDENT FEARED THAT THE DETERIORATION WOULD CONTINUE TO THE POINT WHERE A FIRE OR OTHER HAZARD COULD OCCURR. NO INJURIES OR DAMAGE WAS SUFFERED. THE RESPONDENT DISCARDED THE CORD PRIOR TO CONTACTING THE COMMISSION.

Incident Date: 19830101 City: LOS ANGELES State: CA

THE CORD OF A 25 YEAR OLD SPRAY STEAM IRON BLEW OUT; SHORTED ELECTRICAL CIRCUITS OR FUSE; AND GAVE OFF A VISIBLE BLAZE ACCOMPANIED WITH SMOKE. THERE WERE NO FIRE INCIDENTS OR INJURY ASSOCIATED WITH THE IRON'S FAILURE TO OPERATE PROPERLY.

Incident Date: 19870325 City: GARDENA State: CA

A 1-1/2 YEAR OLD SPRAY STEAM IRON BEGIN TO SPARK WHILE THE COM- PLAINANT WAS USING THE PRODUCT. THE COMPLAINANT NOTICED THAT THE CORD WAS OVERHEATING. THE COMPLAINANT DISCONTINUED USING THE IRON AND EVENTUALLY REPLACED THE CORD; HOWEVER THE IRON FAILED TO OPERATE. THERE WAS NO FIRE INCIDENT OR INJURY ASSOCIATED WITH THE IRON'S FAILURE.

Incident Date: 19870226 City: LOS ANGELES State: CA

A RELIABLE 33 YEAR OLD SPEED BROILER FAILED TO HEAT PROPERLY. THE COMPLAINANT FELT THE APPLIANCE CORD AND FELT WARMTH AROUND THE CORD EXTENDING OUT OF THE BROILER. THE COMPLAINANT UNPLUGGED THE BROILER, AND STORED IT IN THE GARAGE. THERE WAS NO FIRE INCIDENT OR INJURY ASSOCIATED WITH THE BROILER'S FAILURE TO OPERATE PROPERLY.

Incident Date: 19830325 City: LOS ANGELES State: CA

A 32 YEAR OLD TOASTER BEGAN TO FLASH WHILE IN USE. THE COMPLAINANT WAS UNABLE TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER THE SPARKS CAME FROM THE CORD. THE COMPLAINANT DISCONTINUED USING THE TOASTER. THERE WAS NO FIRE OR INJURY ASSOCIATED WITH OR RESULTING FROM THE TOASTER'S FAILURE TO OPERATE PROPERLY.

Incident Date: 19821208 City: LOS ANGELES State: CA

THE CORD OF A 20 YEAR OLD LAMP BEGAN TO SPARK, THE LIGHT BULB BEGAN TO BLINK ON AND OFF. THE LIGHT EVENTUALLY BLINKED OUT. THERE WERE NO INJURIES OR FIRE INCIDENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE SPARKS GENERATED FROM THE CORD.

Incident Date: 19830325 City: LOS ANGELES State: CA

A 25-YEAR-OLD CLOCK RADIO FAILED TO PLAY AND THE CLOCK FAILED TO OPERATE. COMPLAINANT NOTICED THE CORD HAD BECOME WORN AROUND THE CONNECTION AND DISCONTINUED USE. THERE WAS NO FIRE OR INJURY ASSOCIATED WITH THE WORN CORD.

Incident Date: 19880610 City: WILMETTE State: IL

AN ELECTRIC COFFEEMAKER WITH A DIGITAL TIMER WAS BELIEVED TO BE THE ORIGIN OF A FIRE THAT OCCURED IN A PRIVATE HOME. THE KITCHEN SUFFERED FIRE DAMAGE BUT NO INJURIES OCCURED AS NO ONE WAS AT HOME WHEN THE FIRE STARTED. A CONSULTING ENGINEER'S OPINION WAS THAT A SHORT IN THE COFFEEMAKER'S POWER CORD LED TO THE FIRE. THE COFFEE- MAKER WAS STATED AS BEING PLUGGED INTO A RECEPTACLE BUT OFF WHEN THE FIRE OCCURED.

Incident Date: 19870101 City: COVINA State: CA

WHEN THE OWNER WAS REPLACING HER ELECTRIC STOVE SHE OBSERVED THAT THE INSULATION ON A 26 YEAR OLD POWER SUPPLY CORD HAD BECOME BRITTLE AND CRACKED. PARTS OF THE INSULATION HAD FALLEN OFF EXPOSING BARE WIRES. NO OVERHEATING, FIRE OR ELECTRIC SHOCK RESULTED. THE CORD HAD NOT FAILED. IT WAS STILL PROVIDING POWER TO THE STOVE.

Incident Date: 19880606 City: PLATTSMOUTH State: NE

115 VOLT WINDOW AIR CONDITIONER IN MOBILE HOME CAUGHT DRAPES ON FIRE AFTER BEING ON FOR LESS THAN 5 MINUTES. OWNERS PUT OUT FIRE & CALLED THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. FIRE CHIEF THOUGHT THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE WAS THE AIR CONDITIONER CORD WHICH WAS BURNT INTO. FIRE CHIEF SAID THE UNIT WAS 10 YRS +, MANUFACTURER PLATE HAD BEEN PAINTED OVER. OWNERS ABANDON THE TRAILER. WIFE HAD SMOKE INHALATION.

Incident Date: 19840707 City: MIAMI State: FL

ON AFTERNOON OF 7/7/84 THE PLASTIC 2-PRONG PLUG OF A DETACHABLE APPLIANCE CORD OF AN 8 YEAR OLD ELECTRIC COUNTER-TOP BROILER OVERHEATED, MELTED & SPARKED AT CONNECTION RECEPTACLE IN THE ROTISSERIE UNIT OF THE BROILER. ONLY THE PLUG OF THE DETACHABLE, UNATTACHED APPLIANCE CORD WAS DAMAGED DURING INCIDENT. THERE WERE NO INJURIES. INCIDENT WAS NOT REPORTED TO FIRE DEPARTMENT. THERE WERE NO FIRE DEPT. REPORTS OF INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19880615 City: OKEE State: WI

AT 7:00 AM, A FIRE STARTED NEAR A WINDOW MOUNTED AIR CONDITIONER IN THE ATTIC SLEEPING AREA OF A SUMMER HOME. THE OCCUPANT HAD UNPLUGGED THE UNIT FROM THE WALL AT ABOUT 3:00 AM AND WENT TO THE MAIN FLOOR TO SLEEP. INVESTIGATING OFFICIALS BELIEVE THE FIRE WAS CAUSED BY OVERHEATING OF A LOOSE CONNECTION BETWEEN THE POWER CORD AND A SIX FOOT EXTENSION CORD. THE REMAINS OF THE CORDS WERE FOUND FUZED TO A PILE OF DIRTY LAUNDRY WHICH WAS ON TOP OF THE CORDS. NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19880609 City: PHENIX CITY State: AL

THE OWNER OF A 21-YEAR-OLD PORTABLE ELECTRIC FAN REPORTED THAT THE ELECTRIC CORD FOR THE FAN SHORTED OUT AND IGNITED THE WALL IN THE BEDROOM OF HER DAUGHTER'S ONE-BEDROOM WOOD FRAMED HOUSE. THE FIRE CAUSED AN ESTIMATED \$4,000 DAMAGE TO THE HOUSE. NO INJURIES WERE INCURRED IN THE INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19880619 City: PHILADELPHIA State: PA

CONSUMER PURCHASED AQUARIUM AIR PUMP IN APRIL 1988. THE AIR PUMP WAS PLUGGED INTO AN EXTENSION CORD. EARLY ONE MORNING, COMPLAINANT'S HUSBAND WAS PREPARING FOR WORK WHEN LIGHTS FLICKERED. HE THEN FOUND FLAMES SHOOTING UP FROM AIR PUMP CORD WHERE IT PLUGGED INTO EXTENSION CORD. HE WAS ABLE TO EXTINGUISH THE FIRE WITH A FIRE EXTINGUISHER.

Incident Date: 19870201 City: ROSWELL State: GA

THE DETACHABLE CORD PORTION OF AN ELECTRIC DEEP FRYER BECAME HOT TO THE TOUCH EACH TIME IT WAS USED. NO FIRES OR INJURIES WERE INVOLVED.

Incident Date: 19880706 City: ESTACADA State: OR

AN ELECTRICAL BRANCH CIRCUIT SERVING A DUPLEX WALL RECEPTICAL WAS IDENTIFIED AS THE CAUSE OF A FIRE WHICH CAUSED AN ESTIMATED \$30,000 DAMAGE TO A RURAL HOME. APPLIANCE CORDS FOUND IN THE AREA OF ORIGIN DID NOT APPEAR TO BE INVOLVED IN THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE. THERE WERE NO PERSONS INJURED. THE WIRING WAS A COMBINATION OF COPPER KNOB AND TUBE WIRE SPLICED TO NON-METALLIC SHEATH CABLE.

Incident Date: 19880311 City: METAIRIE State: LA

THIS ON-SITE IDI INVOLVED AN ELECTRIC AUTOMATIC COFFEE MAKER WHOSE APPLIANCE CORD PLUG WOULD GET HOT TO THE TOUCH WHEN THE COFFEE MAKER WAS BEING USED. THERE WAS NO FIRE, SMOKE OR SPARKS AND THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19880401 City: METAIRIE State: LA

THIS ON-SITE IDI INVOLVED A VACUUM CLEANER WHOSE CORD ALLEGEDLY GOT WARM TO THE TOUCH AFTER BEING USED AT LEAST 10-15 MINUTES. THERE WAS NO SIGNS OF SMOKE OR FIRE AND THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19870301 City: BATON ROUGE State: LA

THIS ON-SITE IDI INVOLVED AN ELECTRIC DEEP FRYER WHOSE DETACHABLE CORD WOULD OVERHEAT WHERE IT WAS PLUGGED INTO THE SIDE OF THE PRODUCT . A TOTAL OF 3 CORDS WERE USED ON THE PRODUCT AND ALL OF THEM OVER- HEATED WHERE IT PLUGS INTO THE SIDE. THERE WAS NO RESULTING FIRE OR INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19880617 City: FORT RUCKER State: AL

AN 8 YEAR OLD FEMALE & A 13 YEAR OLD MALE DIED IN A MOBILE HOME FIRE WHICH ORIGINATED FROM A SHORT IN THE CORD PORTION OF AN ELECTRIC FAN.

Incident Date: 19880728 City: MADISON State: WI

AN APPLIANCE CORD TO A AM/FM RADIO CASSETTE PLAYER REPORTEDLY ; SHORTED OUT CAUSING A NEARBY FLEX-TUBE GAS LINE WHICH SERVICED THE STOVE TO PUNCTURE, RESULTING IN A GAS FIRE/FLARE-UP. THE RESULTING FIRE WAS QUICKLY EXTINGUISHED AND DAMAGE IS ESTIMATED TO BE APPROXI- MATELY \$500 TOTAL. NO INJURIES WERE REPORTED. THE AM/FM RADIO WAS COLLECTED AND MARKED AS SAMPLE NO. J81510782, AND THE APPLIANCE CORD AND GAS FEX- TUBING WAS COLLECTED AND MARKED AS SUBS. A & B.

Incident Date: 19880724 City: EAST MOLINE State: IL

A PORTABLE, ELECTRIC FAN WAS USED IN A BEDROOM DOORWAY. ITS ELECTRIC CORD WAS OVER THE DOOR SILL, THE CLOSING DOOR WORE OFF THE INSULATION . THE BARE WIRE SHORT-CIRCUITED STARTING THE CARPET AND DOORWAY ON FIRE. TWO WOMEN & THEIR 3 CHILDREN WERE AWAKENED BY SMOKE. THEY ALL GOT OUT. TWO CHILDREN WERE TREATED AND RELEASED FOR SMOKE INHALATION , AT A HOSPITAL. THE HOUSE HAD \$8,000 DAMAGE.

Incident Date: 19880707 City: CANASTOTA State: NY

NO INJURIES WERE SUSTAINED IN A HOUSE FIRE THAT WAS DETERMINED TO HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY OVERHEATING OF THE ELECTRICAL CORD TO A WINDOW FAN. THE FAN HAD BEEN LEFT RUNNING FOR MORE THAN A DAY DURING AN EXTREMELY HOT PERIOD. THE FIRE WAS DISCOVERED BY THE SON OF THE OWNER AS HE AND HIS SISTER PLAYED A GAME. THE SON REPORTEDLY SAW THE ELECTRIC FAN ON FIRE WHEN HE INVESTIGATED THE SOURCE OF SMOKE HE HAD SMELLED.

Incident Date: 19880817 City: FERRYSBURG State: MI

AN ELECTRICAL SHORT IN THE CORD OF A FAN CAUSED A FIRE RESULTING IN \$15,000 DAMAGE. THE FAN HOUSING WAS SITTING ON THE CORD. IT IS BELIEVED THAT VIBRATION BROKE THE INSULATION CAUSING THE SHORT. NO INJURIES WERE REPORTED.

Incident Date: 19860417 City: ANDOVER State: MA

A 38 YEAR OLD MALE WAS RENDERED QUADRUPLEGIC, WHEN A NAIL FIRED FROM A HIGH VELOCITY STUD GUN BEING USED IN THE NEXT DOOR STORE, PASSED THRU THE WALL, STRIKING HIM IN THE NECK AND LODGING HIS SPINAL CORD, WHILE HE WAS SITTING IN A BARBER CHAIR.

Incident Date: 19880905 City: SCHAUMBURG State: IL

AN ELECTRONIC CORDLESS IRON WITH AN AUTOMATIC SHUT-OFF DEVICE WAS REPORTED AS A POTENTIAL FIRE HAZARD. CONSUMER STATED THAT THE PRODUCT TURNED ITSELF ON WHILE HE WAS ASLEEP AND CAUSED THE IRON'S SOLE PLATE TO SCORCH AND ITS TEMPERATURE CONTROL POWER BASE UNIT TO SHORT OUT. UPON AWAKENING, CONSUMER NOTICED AN ODOR AND SAW THE CONTROL UNIT'S LIGHT ON. NO ADDITIONAL DAMAGE NOR INJURIES OCCURRED.

Incident Date: 19880911 City: BREMERTON State: WA

APPLIANCE CORD ON TABLE LAMP MALFUNCTIONED, CAUGHT ON FIRE AND BURNED . PLUG, LAMP BASE AND LAMP SHADE DID NOT BURN. LAMP WAS OPERATING WITH 60 WATT BULB WHEN INCIDENT OCCURRED. NO INJURIES OCCURRED.

Incident Date: 19880825 City: GAITHERSBURG State: MD

A 21-MONTH-OLD BOY DIED IN A FIRE IN AN APARTMENT. THE FIRE WAS CAUSED FROM MAKESHIFT WIRING STRUNG IN THE APARTMENT. AFTER THE FIRE, CITY OFFICIALS TESTED ELECTRIC SMOKE DETECTORS IN THE APARTMENT COMPLEX & FOUND 12 OUT OF 18 NOT WORKING, MANY BECAUSE THE ELECTRICAL POWER CORD HAD BEEN DISCONNECTED OR ITS CIRCUIT BREAKER SWITCH HAD BEEN TURNED OFF.

Incident Date: 19880926 City: RAINIER State: OR

A CORDLESS RECHARGEABLE HAND HELD FOOD MIXER WAS IDENTIFIED AS THE CAUSE OF A RESIDENTIAL FIRE. THERE WERE NO INJURIES BUT THE FIRE CAUSED AN ESTIMATED \$30,000 PROPERTY DAMAGE.

Incident Date: 19880819 City: GRAND PRAIRIE State: TX

AN ELECTRICAL SHORT DEVELOPED IN THE APPLIANCE CORD ATTACHED TO AN AIR CONDITIONER AND IT IGNITED A FIRE. ONE OF THE OCCUPANTS OF THE HOUSE WAS HOSPITALIZED AND DIED ABOUT ONE MONTH LATER.

Incident Date: 19880101 City: BELLEVUE State: WA

A PERSON WHO REFUSED TO IDENTIFY HERSELF CONTACTED A LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENT TO COMPLAIN ABOUT A SAFETY FURNACE (PORTABLE ELECTRIC HEATER) PURCHASED AT A TRUE VALUE HARDWARE STORE. THE CALLER TOLD THE FIRE MARSHAL THAT THE CORD BECAME HOT AND HAD TO BE UNPLUGGED FROM THE ELECTRICAL OUTLET.

Incident Date: 19880831 City: FAIRFIELD State: CA

A TELEVISION MALFUNCTIONED AND STARTED A FIRE IN A SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING. THE FIRE CAUSED \$24,000 DAMAGE TO THE SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING. FIRE REPORT INDICATES THAT AN ELECTRICAL ARC HAD OCCURRED IN THE AREA WHERE THE POWER CORD ENTERS THE TELEVISION CHASSIS. NO ONE WAS INJURED IN THIS ACCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19881015 City: HOLLYWOOD State: FL

ON 10/15/88 DURING THE COURSE OF REGULAR USE OF A 48" CEILING FAN THAT HAD BEEN PREVIOUSLY INSTALLED ABOUT FOUR YEARS BEFORE BY A PROFESSIONAL INSTALLER IN THE LIVING ROOM OF THE COMPLAINANT'S HOME, THE COMPLAINANT HAD PULLED THE STRING CORD FAN SWITCH TO TURN ON THE FAN AND SPARKS EMITTED FROM THE FAN MOTOR HOUSING. THE COMPLAINANT TURNED OFF THE CIRCUIT AND LATER DISCONNECTED THE FAN. THERE WAS NO FIRE OR INJURY IN THIS CASE.

Incident Date: 19881023 City: JOLIET State: IL

A COMBINATION AIR-CONDITIONING/HEATING UNIT WAS THE ORIGIN OF A FIRE IN A NURSING HOME. EXAMINATION OF THE UNIT BY A CONSULTING ENGINEER FOUND THAT A CONNECTION OR SPLICE HAD BEEN MADE UP IN THE UNIT'S POWER CORD TO A PIGTAIL IN A CORD TO THE RECEPTACLE THE UNIT WAS PLUGGED INTO. THE SPLICE WAS POORLY MADE AND EVENTUALLY OVERHEATED IGNITING PLASTIC TRIM ON THE FRONT OF THE UNIT. NO INJURIES OCCURED.

Incident Date: 19881117 City: KEEAU State: HI

A 14 YEAR OLD GIRL WAS USING A HAIR DRYER IN HER BEDROOM. AFTER SEVERAL MOMENTS OF USE, THE DRYER CORD STARTED TO SPARK AND SMOKE AT THE POINT WHERE IT ENTERS THE HANDLE. SHE FELT AN ELECTRICAL SHOCK AND DROPPED THE DRYER ON TO A CHAIR. THE CHAIR PADDING AS WELL AS A STUFFED ANIMAL AND SOME CLOTHING CAUGHT ON FIRE. HER YELLS SUMMONED HER PARENTS WHO SMOTHERED THE FLAMES WITH A PILLOW AND UNPLUGGED THE DRYER. LATER HER MOTHER DROVE HER TO THE EMERGENCY HOSPITAL WHERE SHE WAS TREATED FOR HER INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19881221 City: REVERE State: MA

VICTIM, 15 YEAR OLD FEMALE SUSTAINED FIRST DEGREE BURNS TO HER RIGHT HAND AND WRIST AREA, WHEN THE APPLIANCE CORD ON HER HAND HELD HAIR DRYER BURST INTO FLAMES. LOCAL FIRST AID WAS GIVEN AND NO OTHER PROPERTY DAMAGE WAS INVOLVED IN ACCIDENTAL FIRE.

Incident Date: 19890104 City: HAGERSTOWN State: MD

A WHITE FEMALE AGE 64 AND A WHITE MALE AGE 10 DIED OF ANOXIA WHEN AN ELECTRIC SPACE HEATER CAUGHT FIRE WHILE IN USE IN A MOBILE HOME. THE POINT OF ORIGIN OF THE FIRE SEEMS TO BE BETWEEN THE CONNECTION OF THE ELECTRICAL CORD AND THE ELECTRIC SPACE HEATER.

Incident Date: 19890308 City: BALTIMORE State: MD

ACCIDENTAL FIRE OCCURED DUE TO ELECTRIC SPACE HEATER BEING IN ROOM AS SOLE SOURCE OF HEAT FOR 7 YEAR OLD MALE AND 6 YEAR OLD SISTER OCCUPYING BUNK BED IN THIRD STORY APARTMENT. A LAMP EXTENSION CORD WAS BEING USED WITH HEATER AND ABOUT 2 A.M. FIRE STARTED IN VICINITY OF HEATER RESULTING IN DEATH OF 7 YEAR OLD MALE. THE 6 YEAR OLD SISTER SURVIVED AFTER HOSPITAL TREATMENT.

Incident Date: 19890310 City: ELWOOD State: KS

A FIRE STARTED IN AN 20 YEAR OLD WELL WORN AND FRAYED FREEZERS ELECTRICAL CORD WHICH RESULTED IN THE COMPLETE DESTRUCTION OF A DILAPIDATED 60 YEAR OLD WOODEN STRUCTURE. A 79 YEAR OLD FEMALE WHO WAS ALONE IN THE HOUSE WHEN THE FIRE STARTED DIED AS A RESULT OF SMOKE INHALATION & WAS PRONOUNCED DEAD AT THE SCENE. THE ELECTRICAL CORD WAS DESTROYED IN THE FIRE AND NO INFORMATION ON THE MAKE, MODEL, OR MANUFACTURER WAS OBTAINABLE. THE FREEZER WAS ALSO DESTROYED.

Incident Date: 19890421 City: MENLO PARK State: CA

AN ELDERLY COUPLE WAS EVACUATED FROM THEIR APARTMENT BY A NURSE WHEN FIRE BROKE OUT IN A BEDROOM NEAR A 4-YEAR OLD 13-INCH TELEVISION SET CONNECTED TO A CABLE TELEVISION BOX. PRECISE CAUSE OF IGNITION IS UNKNOWN; HOWEVER, AN ELECTRICAL CORD IS SUSPECT. TOTAL DAMAGE WAS ABOUT \$18,500. THE SET WAS TOTALLY DESTROYED; THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19890417 City: PORT ROYAL State: SC

AN 81 YEAR OLD MALE DIED AS A RESULT OF/PULMONARY BURNS RECEIVED IN A HOUSE FIRE INVOLVING A REFRIGERATOR AND AN EXTENSION CORD. THE FIRE OCCURRED IN THE VICTIM'S HOME. HE WAS BLIND. CAUSE OF THE FIRE IS UNKNOWN.

Incident Date: 19890505 City: RACINE State: WI

THIS INVESTIGATION WAS INITIATED THROUGH A COMPLAINT RECEIVED FROM A FIREMAN WHO INDICATED THAT HE WAS CALLED TO THE SCENE OF A FIRE WHICH INVOLVED A CORDLESS/RECHARGEABLE DRILL WHICH HAD BURST INTO FLAMES. IT WAS DETERMINED THAT THE DRILL HAD BEEN USED APPROXIMATELY ONE HOUR PRIOR TO THE ACCIDENT, AND WAS NOT PLUGGED IN OR RECHARGING AT THE TIME OF THE ACCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19890706 City: LOS ALTOS State: CA

A PORTABLE ELECTRIC FAN CAUGHT ON FIRE WHEN USED FOR THE FIRST TIME. IT WAS DISCOVERED FLAMING. OWNER DISCONNECTED THE POWER CORD AND REMOVED FAN FROM HOUSE. IT SELF-EXTINGUISHED. NO INJURY OCCURRED.

Incident Date: 19890704 City: YARDLEY State: PA

AN AUTOMATIC ELECTRIC COFFEE MAKER APPARENTLY HAD ITS ELECTRIC CORD FALL INTO A KITCHEN SINK FILLED WITH WATER, WHICH CAUSED A SHORTAGE AND A SUBSEQUENT HOME FIRE. NO INJURIES OR DEATHS WERE ASSOCIATED WITH THIS INVESTIGATION.

Incident Date: 19890630 City: LANSING State: MI

THIS NON-INJURY CASE INVOLVES A HOUSE FIRE THAT WAS STARTED BY A PORTABLE BOX-TYPE ELECTRIC FAN. THE FAN WAS SITTING ON A THROW RUG ON THE FLOOR WITH THE FAN'S ELECTRIC POWER CORD RUNNING UNDER THE FAN & THROW RUG. THE CORD SHORTED OUT AND IGNITED THE THROW RUG, BECAUSE OF EITHER DAMAGED INSULATION TO THE POWER CORD OR THE HEAT FROM THE POWER CORD BEING UNABLE TO DISSIPATE.

Incident Date: 19890711 City: PRINCETON State: WI

LACK OF OIL AND MAINTENANCE APPARENTLY CAUSED THE PORTABLE FAN'S MOTOR TO OVER HEAT RESULTING IN PLASTIC SCREEN (GRILL) BURNING. INSULATION ON ELECTRIC CORD BURNED CAUSING SHORT AND HOUSEHOLD CIRCUIT FUSE TO BLOW. DAMAGE WAS LIMITED PRIMARLY TO SMOKE DAMAGE (\$3,000) BECAUSE SMOKE DETECTORS WERE OPERATIVE AND FIRE DEPARTMENT ARRIVED PRIOR TO FLAME OR FLAME SPREAD.

Incident Date: 19890729 City: SHREVEPORT State: LA

THIS TELEPHONE/MAIL IDI INVOLVED A RESIDENTIAL FIRE THAT WAS CAUSED BY A REFRIGERATOR AND EXTENSION CORD THAT WERE SPLICED TOGETHER. THE 75 YEAR OLD FEMALE OCCUPANT DIED FROM SMOKE INHALATION. THERE WERE NO OTHER INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19890801 City: ROME State: NY

AN ELECTRIC COFFEE MAKER THAT WAS STANDING ON A CART IN A SCHOOL STORAGE ROOM CAUGHT FIRE WHILE ITS CORD WAS PLUGGED INTO AN ELECTRIC WALL OUTLET. THE FIRE WAS CAUSED BY A "SHORT CIRCUIT" IN THE COFFEE MAKER WHILE IT WAS MAKING COFFEE. THERE WERE NO INJURIES TO THE FOUR ADULTS IN THE ADJACENT OFFICE.

Incident Date: 19890720 City: LINCOLN State: NE

A 86 YEAR OLD MENTALLY IMPAIRED INDIVIDUAL WAS FOUND BY POLICE SEMI- CONSCIOUS ON HIS LIVING ROOM FLOOR SUFFERING FROM SMOKE INHALATION FROM A FIRE SUSPECTED TO HAVE STARTED IN EITHER A 15 YEAR OLD METAL OSCILLATING FAN OR THE EXTENSION CORD IT WAS PLUGGED INTO. VICTIM LAPESED INTO A COMA AND DIED. NO INFORMATION WAS OBTAINED BY INVESTIGATING OFFICALS ON THE FAN OR THE CORD. NO PHOTOGRAPHS WERE TAKEN AND THERE WERE NO WITNESSES TO THE INCIDENT. THE FAN & CORD WERE DISPOSED OF BY VICTIMS LANDLORD.

Incident Date: 19890907 City: JENNINGS State: LA

A HOUSE FIRE DESTROYED FOUR ROOMS AND CAUSED HEAVY DAMAGE TO THE REST OF THE HOUSE. THE FIRE ORIGINATED IN THE AREA OF A 110V WINDOW AIR CONDITIONER CORD WHICH WAS WADDED UP WITH A DRESSER SETTING ON IT. THERE WERE NO INJURIES IN THE FIRE WHICH WAS DISCOVERED ABOUT 2 A.M. THE AIR CONDITIONER WAS ABOUT TEN YEARS OLD.

Incident Date: 19890916 City: RIVER FALLS State: WI

THE ELECTRIC CORD OF A TEN YEAR OLD WELL WORN AND USED ELECTRIC BLANKET IS SUSPECTED TO HAVE STARTED A FIRE IN A 2-BEDROOM RENTED PORTION OF A WOODEN CONSTRUCTED DUPLEX. VICTIM WAS ASLEEP AT THE TIME OF THE FIRE. SHE WAS AWOKEN BY HER DOG. SHE AWOKE TO FIND THE CARPET AND ITEMS OF CLOTHING AT THE FOOT OF HER BED ON FIRE. SHE AND HER ROOM-MATE COULD NOT PUT OUT THE FIRE AND FLED. VICTIM RECEIVED A SLIGHT BURN TO HER RIGHT ANKLE IN FIGHTING THE FIRE. THE BLANKET WAS DESTROYED.

Incident Date: 19891102 City: BOGOLUSA State: LA

A HOUSE FIRE CAUSED AN ESTIMATED EIGHT THOUSAND DOLLARS PROPERTY DAMAGE TO AN OLDER WOOD FRAME SINGLE FAMILY HOUSE. THE FIRE WAS CAUSED BY HEAT BUILD-UP IN AN ELECTRIC LAMP CORD WHICH WAS PINCHED BY A SOFA SITTING ON IT. THE LAMP HAD BEEN LEFT ON FOR SEVERAL HOURS WHILE THE FIFTY-NINE YEAR OLD OWNER WAS GONE

Incident Date: 19891127 City: FRANKLIN State: WI

COMPLAINANT INDICATED THAT THE EXTENSION CORD USED AND DESIGNED TO BE USED WITH HER christmas TREE LIGHTS STARTED ON FIRE AFTER BEING IN USE FOR APPROXIMATELY 8 HOURS THAT DAY. THIS CORD HAS 3 SECTIONS PUT TOGETHER WITH AN ON/OFF SWITCH AT THE END. BETWEEN EACH SECTION THERE IS ROOM FOR THREE PLUG-INS. THE FIRE WAS PUT OUT BY COMPLAINANT AND THERE WAS NO DAMAGE.

Incident Date: 19891214 City: PHILA State: PA

AN OVERLOADED EXTENSION CORD, LOCATED IN A BEDROOM, WAS THE CAUSE OF A FIRE WHICH RESULTED IN THE DEATH OF A 79 YEAR OLD FEMALE AND CRITICALLY INJURING HER 81 YEAR OLD SISTER.

Incident Date: 19891206 City: PRESCOTT State: AZ

A 4 YEAR OLD FEMALE WAS SAVED FROM POSSIBLE INJURY WHEN AN AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER SYSTEM INSTALLED IN THE HOUSE EXTINGUISHED A FIRE. THE FIRE STARTED IN HER BEDROOM FROM AN OVERLOADED EXTENSION CORD CONNECTED TO A SPACE HEATER.

Incident Date: 19891212 City: RAPID CITY State: SD

NO INJURIES WERE SUSTAINED AND DAMAGE TO PROPERTY WAS SET AT \$10,000 WHEN AN ELECTRIC BLANKET CAUGHT FIRE WHILE A MAN WAS SLEEPING UNDER IT. IN AN ATTEMPT TO PUT OUT THE FIRE THE MAN DRAGGED THE FLAMING BLANKET AND THE MATTRESS THROUGH THE HOUSE AND SPREAD THE FIRE. THE MANUFACTURER OF THE BLANKET WAS NOT IDENTIFIED AND IT WAS REPORTED TO BE IN EXCESS OF 10 YEARS OLD. AN ASSOCIATED EXTENSION CORD AND THE LINE CORD WERE EXAMINED AND FOUND NOT TO HAVE BEEN CONTRIBUTING FACTORS.

Incident Date: 19891214 City: ROANOKE State: VA

FOUR ELDERLY RESIDENTS DIED AND 12 OTHERS WERE SERIOUSLY INJURED IN A FIRE THAT TOOK PLACE AT A SIX STORY BUILDING THAT HOUSED SENIOR IMPAIRED CITIZENS. THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE WAS ATTRIBUTED TO OVER- LOADED EXTENSION CORDS AND OUTLETS IN THE ROOM OF ONE OF THE FACILITY RESIDENTS.

Incident Date: 19891217 City: FOREST HILLS State: OH

NO INJURIES OCCURRED IN A GARAGE FIRE THAT WAS REPORTEDLY STARTED BY AN ELECTRIC BLANKET OR EXTENSION CORD THAT HAD BEEN CHEWED ON BY A CAT.

Incident Date: 19900105 City: BRISTOL State: PA

AN ELECTRIC TABLE TYPE LAMP WITH AN APPARENT FRAYED CORD CAUSED SPARKS TO FALL ON SOME PAPERS AND OTHER COMBUSTIBLE MATERIALS WHICH CAUSED A HOUSE FIRE. THE FIRE CLAIMED THE LIVES OF A 40 YEAR OLD FEMALE AND HER 20 YEAR OLD SON. ALSO INJURED DUE TO SMOKE INHALATION WERE THE MOTHER'S 9 YEAR OLD DAUGHTER AND HER 6 MONTH OLD DAUGHTER.

Incident Date: 19891222 City: MIAMI State: FL

A 50-YEAR OLD WOMAN DIED FROM SMOKE INHALATION & HER-5-YEAR OLD SON ESCAPED A FIRE IN THEIR THREE-ROOM APARTMENT AFTER EITHER A FAULTY STRAND OF christmas TREE LIGHTS OR A FAULTY MULTIPLEX EXTENSION CORD WHICH HAD BEEN SPLICED & REPAIRED SHORT CIRCUITED & SET A christmas TREE ON FIRE. THE FIRE GREW & SPREAD THROUGHOUT THE APARTMENT CAUSING \$80,000 DAMAGE TO PROPERTY & CONTENTS OF BUILDING. VICTIM WAS UNABLE TO ESCAPE DUE TO LOCKED SECURITY BARS AT WINDOWS & DOORS. SON ESCAPED UNINJURED BY SLIPPING UNDER SECURITY BARS AT KITCHEN DOOR .

Incident Date: 19891205 City: WEST ST. PAUL State: MN

THE COMPLAINANT PURCHASED A NEW 5 LIGHT ELECTRIC CANDOLIER christmas ORNAMENT FOR HER HOME. WHEN SHE BROUGHT IT HOME SHE PLUGGED IT INTO AN ELECTRIC OUTLET TO CHECK THE LIGHTS OUT. WHEN SHE PLUGGED IT IN, IT SHORTED OUT AS THE APPLIANCE CORD SPARKED, SMOKED AND IGNITED A PAPER BAG BENEATH IT. THE COMPLAINANT BURNED HER THUMB AND INDEX FINGER PUTTING THE FIRE OUT. THERE WAS ABOUT \$500.00 DAMAGE TO THE HOME.

Incident Date: 19900113 City: GOSHEN State: IN

A FIRE INSPECTOR SAID THE CORD RUNNING FROM AN ELECTRIC BLANKET CONTROL TO THE BLANKET WAS PINCHED WHEN A BED IT WAS LYING ON IN A NURSING HOME WAS ADJUSTED. HE SAID THE CORD SHORTED OUT AS A RESULT OF BEING PINCHED CAUSING SMOKE TO BE GENERATED AND SCORCH MARKS ON BEDDING, THE BED ITSELF, AND DRAPES IN THE ROOM. HE SAID NO FIRE OR INJURIES OCCURRED. HE SAID THE BLANKET ITSELF WAS THROWN AWAY .

Incident Date: 19900128 City: CINCINNATI State: OH

AN ELECTRIC SPACE HEATER CORD SHORTED AND CAUSED A FIRE IN A BEDROOM. THE HEATER CORD HAD BEEN LENGTHENED AND REPAIRED BY SPLICING IN OTHER WIRES IN AT LEAST 2 DIFFERENT LOCATIONS ON THE CORD. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT FELT THAT THE SHORT OCCURED AT ONE OF THE SPLICES. NO INJURIES OCCURED. DAMAGE WAS ESTIMATED AT \$5000.

Incident Date: 19900104 City: SOUTH BEND State: IN

A SMALL FIRE OCCURRED ON THE FRONT PORCH OF A WOOD FRAME HOUSE WHEN THE PLUGS OF A 15 FOOT EXTENSION CORD AND THAT OF A PORTABLE ELECTRIC HEATER OVER HEATED. THE HEATER WAS BEING USED BY AN 11 YEAR OLD FEMALE VICTIM WHO INADVERTENTLY KICKED A RUG OVER THE CONNECTING ELECTRICAL PLUGS. NO INJURIES WERE SUSTAINED BY VICTIM.

Incident Date: 19900125 City: BURNSVILLE State: MN

AN 83 YEAR OLD MALE SUFFERED MINOR SMOKE INHALATION WHILE ATTEMPTING TO EXTINGUISH A FIRE IN HIS APARTMENT WHICH WAS APPARENTLY CAUSED BY A DAMAGED CORD ASSOCIATED WITH AN ELECTRIC BLANKET. FIRE OFFICIALS REPORT THAT THE CORD HAD BECOME CRIMPED BETWEEN THE SIDBOARD OF THE BED AND THE MATTRESS. EXAMINATION OF THE CORD BY FIRE OFFICIALS REVEALED EXTENSIVE BEADING OF THE CORD AND FOUND THAT A "V" SHAPED CRIMP HAD BEEN FORMED. SPRINKLER SYSTEM LIMITED DAMAGE TO THE BEDROOM.

Incident Date: 19900209 City: MILWAUKEE State: WI

A PORTABLE ELECTRIC RADIANT HEATER STOPPED FUNCTIONING WHILE IN USE. AS COMPLAINANT ATTEMPTED TO UNPLUG HEATER, SPARKS AND FLAMES CAME FROM THE PLUG AREA. THE FLAMES AND SPARKS STOPPED IMMEDIATELY. THERE WAS NO RESULTING FIRE, NO INJURY TO THE COMPLAINANT AND NO DAMAGE TO THE HEATER OR THE SURROUNDING AREA. THE PLUG AND CORD SHOWED SOME EVIDENCE OF DAMAGE.

Incident Date: 19890208 City: CINCINNATI State: OH

ON FEBRUARY 8, 1990, AN ELECTRICAL CORD TO A SMALL ELECTRIC SPACE HEATER SHORTED AND IGNITED AN UPHOLSTERED CHAIR IN THE LIVING ROOM. THE FIRE SPREAD TO OTHER FURNITURE AND THE CEILING CAUSING SMOKE DAMAGE THROUGHOUT THE HOUSE. NOTE: SEE ATTACHED COPY OF FIRE INCIDENT REPORT.

Incident Date: 19900216 City: REHRERSBURG State: PA

WHILE IN USE, A SHORT OCCURRED IN THE CORD OF AN ELECTRIC COFFEE POT. THE RESULTING FIRE DESTROYED THE INTERIOR OF THE BUNKHOUSE WHERE THE UNIT WAS LOCATED. NO INJURIES WERE SUSTAINED.

Incident Date: 19900307 City: PHOENIXVILLE State: PA

A TABLE LAMP POWER CORD PLACED BY THE OWNER IN A HOT WATER BASEBOARD RADIATOR, BROKE DOWN OR BECAME FRAYED OVER A PERIOD OF TIME, CAUSING A SHORT WHICH RESULTED IN AN APARTMENT FIRE. THE FIRE CAUSED APPROXIMATELY \$100.00 WORTH OF DAMAGE, HOWEVER, THERE WERE NO INJURIES ASSOCIATED WITH THIS INCIDENT. ORIGINALLY REPORTED IN THE LOCAL NEWSPAPER AS A MALFUNCTIONING LAMP, HAS BEEN OFFICIALLY TERMED ACCIDENTAL IN NATURE AS A RESULT OF OWNER MISUSE OF AN ELECTRIC APPLIANCE.

Incident Date: 19891231 City: VANCOUVER State: WA

A FIRE IGNITED AT THE POINT WHERE A christmas LIGHT SET ATTACHMENT PLUG WAS CONNECTED TO AN EXTENSION CORD. THE FIRE WAS DISCOVERED AT AN EARLY STAGE AND DAMAGE WAS CONFINED TO THE POINT OF ORIGIN. NO INJURIES WERE ASSOCIATED WITH THE INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19900304 City: CASTLETON State: NY

A FIRE THAT CAUSED AN ESTIMATED \$50,000 DAMAGE TO A HOUSE AND ITS CONTENTS STARTED IN THE AREA OF THE POINT WHERE THE POWER CORD PLUGS INTO AN ELECTRIC BLANKET. THE BLANKET HAD BEEN TURNED ON FOR ABOUT AN HOUR BEFORE THE FLAMES WERE NOTICED. A SHEET, BLANKET & BEDSPREAD WERE ON TOP OF THE ELECTRIC BLANKET. THE POWER CORD OF THE ELECTRIC BLANKET MAY HAVE BEEN TUCKED IN. NO INJURIES ARE RELATED TO THIS ACCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19900309 City: LITTLETON State: CO

RENTED HOUSE USING LAMP AND CORD OF UNKNOWN ORIGIN, LATE ONE WEEKDAY EVENING HAD FIRE BELIEVED TO HAVE ORIGINATED DUE TO ARCING IN THE ELECTRICAL CORD. CORD THOUGHT TO BE UN-ABUSED PREVIOUSLY. FIRE SPREAD QUICKLY DUE TO THE CARPETING USED IN THE HOME.

Incident Date: 19900404 City: GROESBECK State: OH

AN TABLE LAMP SHORT CIRCUITED CAUSING ITS CORD TO CATCH FIRE. DAMAGE RESULTED IN A \$2,7000 LOSS. A DESK AND CARPET WERE SCORCHED IN THE COMPLAINANT'S LIVING ROOM. NO INJURIES OCCURRED.

Incident Date: 19900207 City: EASTON State: PA

A FRAYED AND BROKEN ELECTRICAL EXTENSION CORD THAT HAD BEEN PLACED UNDER A RUG, ATTACHED TO AN AUTOMATIC FORCED AIR HEATER, CAUSED A FIRE TO OCCUR IN A BASEMENT APARTMENT. THE 15 YEAR OLD MALE OCCUPANT RECEIVED A MINOR BURN TO HIS FOOT AND WAS TREATED AT THE SCENE.

Incident Date: 19900219 City: KENMARE State: ND

THIS INVESTIGATION INVOLVED A HOUSE FIRE WHICH DESTROYED A HOME, BUT WHICH DID NOT CAUSE ANY PERSONAL INJURY. INVESTIGATION REVEALED THAT THIS FIRE WAS CAUSED BY AN OVERLOADED LIGHT GAUGE EXTENSION CORD WHICH WAS BEING USED FOR A HANGING CEILING LAMP IN THE LIVING ROOM. THE LAMP ALLOWED FOR THE USE OF THREE LIGHT BULBS WHICH WERE ALL IN USE AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19900408 City: WESTMINSTER State: CO

AN EARLY MORNING WEEKEND FIRE KILLS THREE CHILDREN SLEEPING OR TRAPPED UPSTAIRS IN THEIR TWO LEVEL HUD APARTMENT. THE FIRE IS BELIEVED TO HAVE ORIGINATED IN THE BUILDINGS 11OVAC ELECTRICAL SERVICE DUE TO STAPLES. ORIGINALLY THE FIRE WAS ATTRIBUTE TO A LAMP AND CORD.

Incident Date: 19900303 City: OAK HARBOR State: WA

FIRE MARSHAL REPORTS THAT RESIDENTIAL FIRE WAS CAUSED BY DETERIORATION OF POWER CORD ON MICROWAVE OVEN. CORD WAS STRUNG THROUGH HOLE DRILLED IN TOP OF MICROWAVE SHELL. CORD RUBBED ON UNPROTECTED METAL EDGE OF SHELL.

Incident Date: 19900410 City: LAROSE State: LA

THIS TELEPHONE/MAIL IDI INVOLVED A MOBILE HOME FIRE THAT WAS CAUSED BY AN OVERLOADED EXTENSION CORD WHICH RESULTED IN THE DEATHS OF 6 CHILDREN RANGING IN AGES FROM 8 MONTHS TO 11 YEARS.

Incident Date: 19900417 City: IRVINGTON State: NJ

A 21 MO OLD MALE WAS DOA FROM SMOKE INHALATION WHEN AN ELECTRICAL CORD TO A PROTABLE OIL-FILLED ELECTRIC HEATER SHORTED OUT SETTING NEARBY COMBUSTIBLES ON FIRE. THE DWELLING, A CONVERTED CARRIAGE HOUSE, HAD NO CENTRAL HEATING SYSTEM AND THE OCCUPANTS DEPENDED UPON 3 PORTABLE HEATERS AND THE OVEN FOR HEAT. THE MOTHER OF THE VICTIM HAD CHANGED THE PLUG ON THE INVOLVED HEATER ABOUT ABOUT 2 WKS. PRIOR TO THE FIRE. THE SHORT WAS ATTRIBUTED TO THE CONSTANT PULLING AND JERKING ON THE CORD FROM THE OUTLET BY THE CHILDREN.

Incident Date: 19900328 City: SAN DIEGO State: CA

A 1 YEAR OLD CORDLESS ELECTRIC BROOM APPARENTLY OVERHEATED. THE BROOM WAS PLUGGED IN AND RECHARGING. IT WAS SURROUNDED BY CLOTHING. A FIRE RESULTED. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19901120 City: POPE VALLEY State: CA

FLOOR LAMP HAD BEEN ON FOR 1 HOUR WHEN THE CORD OF THE LAMP CAUGHT ON FIRE AT THE AREA WHERE THE LAMP STAND CONNECTS TO THE LIGHT BULB SOCKET. THE FLAMES TRAVELED DOWN THE CORD OF THE LAMP, AND IGNITED THE CARPET AND BACK OF COUCH. CORD AND WIRES OF LAMP FOUND TO BE TWISTED AND KNOTTED.

Incident Date: 19911211 City: FAYETTEVILLE State: NC

TWO FIFTEEN MONTH OLD TWIN BOYS DIED IN A FIRE IN THEIR RESIDENCE. A SHORT IN A VAPORIZER CORD CREATED SPARKS WHICH IGNITED CLOTHING AND OTHER FLAMMABLE MATERIALS IN THE BEDROOM WHERE THE BOYS WERE SLEEPING THE VICTIM'S MOTHER WAS NOT ABLE TO SAVE THEM BEFORE THEY DIED OF SMOKE INHALATION.

Incident Date: 19920104 City: MADISON State: WI

AN ELECTRIC MATTRESS PAD BED WARMER MALFUNCTIONED CAUSING A SMALL FIRE. FIRE WAS CENTERED AT POINT OF ELECTRIC CORD CONNECTION. FIRE BURNED THROUGH MATTRESS AND BEDDING AND INTO BOX SPRING. A 14 YEAR OLD BOY SUFFERED SMALL BURNS TO HIS KNEE. HIS FATHER SUFFERED A SMALL THIRD DEGREE BURN TO HIS RIGHT THUMB WHILE RE- MOVING THE BURNING MATERIALS FROM THE HOUSE.

Incident Date: 19920320 City: INDIANAPOLIS State: IN

TWO INDIVIDUALS DIED IN A HOUSE FIRE. THE ARSON REPORT STATES THAT TH E FIRE WAS ACCIDENTAL. CAUSED BY A SHORT IN A POWER CORD TO THE SPACE HEATER.

Incident Date: 19920221 City: FRESNO State: CA

A 91 YEAR OLD WOMAN DIED SOON AFTER SHE WAS RESCUED FROM HER BURNING HOME. THE CAUSE OF DEATH WAS CARDIOPULMONARY ARREST, DUE TO INHALATION OF PRODUCTS OF COMBUSTION. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND POLICE DEPARTMENT'S INVESTIGATION OF THE FIRE REVEALS THAT THE FIRE WAS DUE TO AN UNKNOWN ELECTRICAL PROBLEM, INVOLVE EITHER AN ELECTRIC BLANKET, EXTENSION CORD, OR AN OVERHEAD LIGHT (IN THE GARAGE). THE EXACT CAUSE OF THE FIRE COULD NOT BE IDENTIFIED BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

Incident Date: 19920226 City: ENCINITAS State: CA

AN ELECTRIC BLANKET APPARENTLY STARTED A FIRE IN THE AREA WHERE THE CORD ENTERS THE BLANKET. THE OCCUPANTS OF THE RESIDENCE WHERE THE FIRE OCCURRED WERE NOT INJURED.

Incident Date: 19900522 City: VENICA State: FL

ON 5/22/90 AT APPROXIMATELY 11:15 PM AN 85 YEAR OLD FEMALE DIED AS A RESULT OF CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING & SMOKE INHALATION WHEN HER SMALL WOOD-FRAME HOUSE WAS DESTROYED BY FIRE. FIRE WAS CAUSED BY A SHORT IN A REMOTE CONTROL (ON/OFF) EXTENSION CORD CONNECTED TO A TELEVISION. ESTIMATED DAMAGE OF \$60,000 TO HOUSE AND OF \$20,000 TO CONTENTS.

Incident Date: 19900607 City: PALM BEACH State: FL

THE OUTER INSULATION ON THE LINE CORD OF A TABLE LAMP SITUATED IN A BEDROOM, PARTIALLY MELTED AT MID POINT, DUE TO EXTENDED CONTACT WITH A WALL MOUNTED ELECTRICAL TRANSFORMER, WHICH EXPOSED THE INNER WIRING AND CAUSED A SHORT CIRCUIT. A RESULTING FIRE SPREAD TO VARIOUS COMBUSTIBLES, RESULTING IN APPROXIMATELY \$50,000 IN DAMAGES. NO INJURIES WERE SUSTAINED.

Incident Date: 19900530 City: UNION CITY State: NJ

A FIRE IN THE APARTMENT OF A 74 YEAR OLD MAN RESULTED IN HIS DEATH FROM SMOKE INHALATION. HIS 71 YEAR OLD WIFE SUSTAINED SMOKE INHALATION INJURY. THE FIRE STARTED WHEN AN EXTENSION CORD THAT WAS CONNECTED TO A PORTABLE ELECTRIC HEATER IN THE BEDROOM, IGNITED CLOTHES THAT WERE IN A NEARBY CHAIR.

Incident Date: 19900626 City: WALNUT CREEK State: CA

THE COMPLAINANT DISCOVERED FLAMES (ABOUT 2 FEET HIGH) AND SMOKE COMING FROM A PORTABLE LAMP, WHICH HAD BEEN "ON" FOR ABOUT ONE HOUR IN A BEDROOM OF HIS HOME. THE COMPLAINANT UNPLUGGED THE LAMP'S ELECTRICAL POWER CORD AND USED WATER TO EXTINGUISH THE FIRE. SMOKE DAMAGE IN THE BEDROOM WAS MINIMAL AND THE FIRE DAMAGE WAS LIMITED TO THE LAMP. NO ONE WAS INJURED DURING THIS FIRE INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19900531 City: DEERFIELD BEACH State: FL

A LIT CIGARETTE WHICH CAME IN CONTACT WITH A COUCH ACCIDENTLY, WAS BELIEVED TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR A FIRE THAT DESTROYED AN APARTMENT, AND CAUSED THE DEATHS OF ITS TWO FEMALE RESIDENTS (33YO/36YO), DUE TO SMOKE INHALATION. BOTH HAD BEEN DRINKING HEAVILY PRIOR TO THE ACCIDENT. INDICATIONS ARE THAT THE SMOKE DETECTORS IN THE APARTMENT AND IN THE COMPLEX, WHICH ARE WIRED TO THE AC, ARE IN WORKING ORDER. THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE WAS ORIGINALLY BELIEVED TO HAVE POSSIBLY BEEN A FAULTY EXTENSION CORD, BUT WAS RULED OUT AFTER FURTHER INVESTIGATION.

Incident Date: 19900415 City: BROOKS State: CA

THE COMPLAINANT'S HUSBAND WAS COOKING A POTATO IN A FULL SIZE MICROWAVE OVEN. TWO MINUTES LATER HE SAW FLAMES COMING FROM THE CONTROL PANEL AREA. HE UNPLUGGED THE POWER CORD AND DRAGGED THE MICROWAVE OVEN ONTO A WHEELBARROW. HE THEN ROLLED THE WHEELBARROW OUTDOOR AND EXTINGUISHED THE FIRE WITH A GARDEN HOSE. NO ONE WAS INJURED IN THIS INCIDENT. THE INCIDENT OCCURRED AT HIS RANCH.

Incident Date: 19900314 City: NEWSTEAD State: NY

THE MOST PROBABLE CAUSE OF A FIRE THAT DESTROYED THE ATTACHED GARAGE OF A HOME WAS DETERMINED TO BE THE POWER CORD OF A BATTERY CHARGER BEING USED TO CHARGE A 12-VOLT CAR BATTERY. THE BATTERY CHARGER HAD BEEN IN USE ABOUT AN HOUR WHEN THE FIRE WAS DISCOVERED. THE BATTERY CHARGER HAD BEEN CONNECTED TO AN EXTENSION CORD, WHICH WAS DETERMINED TO BE INTACT. NO KNOWN DAMAGE HAD OCCURRED TO THE BATTERY CHARGER PRIOR TO THE ACCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19900718 City: ALEXANDRIA State: LA

THIS TELEPHONE/MAIL IDI INVOLVED A RESIDENTIAL FIRE THAT WAS CAUSED BY AN ELECTRICAL SHORT IN AN EXTENSION CORD/WINDOW A/C UNIT CONNECTION. A 76 YEAR OLD FEMALE DIED FROM SMOKE INHALATION.

Incident Date: 19900707 City: SLIDELL State: LA

THIS TELEPHONE/MAIL IDI INVOLVED AN APARTMENT FIRE THAT WAS CAUSED BY A WINDOW A/C UNIT PLUGGED INTO AN UNGROUNDED AND UNDERSIZED EXTENSION CORD. THE EXTENSION CORD WAS ROUTED UNDER A BED MATTRESS. THE ELDERLY FEMALE RESIDENT WAS SLIGHTLY INJURED WHEN SHE FELL AS SHE WAS TRYING TO GET OUT OF THE APARTMENT.

Incident Date: 19900720 City: LAFAYETTE State: LA

THIS ON-SITE IDI INVOLVED THE SMOKE INHALATION DEATH OF A 21 YEAR OLD MALE AND MULTIPLE INJURIES TO HIS 61 YEAR OLD MOTHER WHEN THEIR MOBILE HOME CAUGHT ON FIRE DUE TO AN EXTENSION CORD SHORTING OUT AND IGNITING COMBUSTIBLES. THE EXTENSION CORD WAS PLUGGED INTO A KITCHEN OUTLET AND A CHEST TYPE FREEZER WAS PLUGGED INTO THE EXTENSION CORD.

Incident Date: 19900713 City: BINGHAMTON State: NY

NO INJURIES WERE SUSTAINED IN A FIRE WHICH CAUSED AN ESTIMATED \$23,000 DAMAGE TO A HOUSE AND ITS CONTENTS. THE SOURCE OF IGNITION IS BELIEVED TO BE HIGH RESISTANCE RESULTING IN OVERHEATING AT THE ELECTRICAL CONNECTION BETWEEN THE CONTROLLER FOR A WATERBED HEATER AND THE CORD LEADING TO THE HEATING ELEMENT. OXIDATION WAS DISCOVERED ON THE INSIDE OF THE PLUG OF THE CONTROLLER. THE ACCIDENT . PREVIOUS HISTORY OF THE WATERBED HEATER IS NOT KNOWN.

Incident Date: 19900307 City: ELIZABETH State: NJ

SUBJECT LEFT CORDLESS DRILL-DRIVER UNATTENDED WHILE IT WAS CHARGING FOR APPROXIMATELY 45 MINUTES. WHEN HE RETURNED TO AREA WHERE UNIT WAS, HE SAW SMOKE COMING FROM THE CHARGER AND FEARED THAT IT WOULD CATCH ON FIRE.

Incident Date: 19900624 City: TEXAS CITY State: TX

A SHORT CIRCUIT DEVELOPED IN THE AREA OF AN AIR CONDITIONER'S CORD AND IT'S WALL RECEPTACLE IN A HOUSE. A FIRE STARTED IN THE WALL WHICH CAUSED FIRE DAMAGE. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19900604 City: SHORT HILLS State: NJ

A WOMAN WAS ALONE IN THE KITCHEN OF HER HOUSE MAKING COFFEE ON HER ELECTRIC COFFEE MAKER THAT WAS ON THE KITCHEN COUNTER. THE COFFEE MAKER SUDDENLY CAUGHT FIRE AND THE WOMEN DISCONNECTED THE COFFEE MAKER'S CORD FROM THE ELECTRIC WALL OUTLET WHICH EXTINGUISHED THE FIRE. NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19900807 City: WEST PALM BEA State: FL

DURING THE EARLY MORNING HOURS ON 8/7/90, A 69-YEAR OLD FEMALE RECEIVED EXTENSIVE 2ND DEGREE AND 3RD DEGREE THERMAL BURNS AS A RESULT OF A FIRE IN HER CONDOMINIUM/APARTMENT BEDROOM CAUSED BY IMPROPER SPLICING/MODIFICATION OF A LAMP CORD THAT IGNITED CURTAINS, BED/MATTRESS AND SPREAD TO THE NIGHTWEAR SHE WAS WEARING. THE VICTIM DIED ON 10/6/90 FROM HER INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19900629 City: NORTH EAST State: MD

AN ELECTRIC CLOTHES DRYER CAUGHT FIRE AT THE HOME OF A 41 YEAR OLD MALE IN NORTH EAST, MD. VICTIM HAD SPLICED DRYER CORD AND REWORKED LEAVING WIRE NUTS EXPOSED. PROPERTY DAMAGE TOTALLED \$7,500 AND THERE WAS NO INJURY TO ANYONE INVOLVED.

Incident Date: 19900806 City: HICKORY State: NC

THIS INVESTIGATION INVOLVED A RESIDENTIAL FIRE STARTED BY AN ELECTRIC BLANKET. THE ELECTRIC BLANKET HAD DUAL CONTROLS AND ONE SIDE HAD BEEN USED THE PRIOR NIGHT AND LEFT ON. THE FIRE STARTED ON THE BED AND NOT IN THE CORD OR CONTROLS. NO INJURY OCCURRED.

Incident Date: 19900829 City: MONROE TWP. State: MI

A 20-30 YEAR OLD WINDOW FAN WAS IN PLACE IN THE CONSUMER'S APARTMENT WHEN IT OVERHEATED AND IGNITED DRAPERIES AND NEARBY BABY CLOTHES. FIREFIGHTERS ESTIMATED THAT THE TOTAL LOSS DUE TO THE FIRE WAS LESS THAN \$1,000. THERE WERE NO INJURIES. THE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL SPECULATE THAT A WIRE SPLICED TO THE FAN'S POWER CORD WAS INSUFFICIENT TO CARRY THE ELECTRICAL LOAD TO THE FAN.

Incident Date: 19900718 City: FINKSBURG State: MD

FIRE TO A MOBILE HOME ORIGINATED IN AN EXTENSION CORD WHICH SHORTED OUT THE ELECTRICITY TO THE HOME. SMOKE DETECTOR IS ELECTRIC. SMOKE DETECTOR DID NOT SOUND DUE TO POWER OUTAGE TO THE HOME. NO INJURY INVOLVED. THOUSAND DOLLARS IN PROPERTY DAMAGE TO EXTERIOR OF HOME OCCURRED.

Incident Date: 19901016 City: CHICAGO State: IL

TWO BOYS, AGES 3 AND 6 YEARS DIED IN AN APARTMENT OF SMOKE INHALATION CAUSED BY A FIRE. AN OVERHEATED EXTENSION CORD, OR A CIGARETTE IN A PILE OF CLOTHING ON THE FLOOR WERE POSSIBLE CAUSES OF THIS FIRE. THE BUILDING WAS DAMAGED BY FIRE AND SMOKE. NO DETAILS AVAILABLE FOR THE EXTENSION CORD, OR THE APARTMENT CONTENTS. A PORTABLE ELECTRIC SPACE HEATER WAS USED WITH THE EXTENSION CORD.

Incident Date: 19900509 City: CINCINNATI State: OH

A CORD TO A SPACE HEATER APPARENTLY CAUGHT FIRE CAUSING \$5,000 DAMAGE . NO INJURIES RESULTED.

Incident Date: 19901102 City: BOYNTON BEACH State: FL

THE ELECTRICAL CORD ATTACHED TO A TABLE LAMP SITUATED ON A NIGHTSTAND INSIDE THE MASTER BEDROOM OF A ONE FAMILY DWELLING SHORTED OUT DUE TO FRAYING AND POSSIBLY BEING RUN UNDERNEATH A CARPET, CAUSING A FIRE WHICH DESTROYED THE DWELLING. NO INJURIES WERE SUSTAINED IN THE ACCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19901204 City: ORTONVILLE State: MI

ACCORDING TO THE CONSUMER, A CHARGER USED FOR A CORDLESS DRILL WAS THE CAUSE OF A HOUSE FIRE THAT CAUSED \$25,000 PROPERTY LOSS AND 40,000 CONTENTS LOSS. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19901227 City: BROOKLYN State: NY

A 50 YEAR OLD MALE, HIS WIFE WHO WAS 51, THEIR GRANDCHILDREN, A 4 YEAR OLD MALE AND A 3 YEAR OLD FEMALE DIED OF ANOXIA WHEN AN UNKNOWN BRAND EXTENSION CORD CARRYING A HEAVY POWER LOAD WAS CONNECTED TO AN ELECTRIC HEATER AND STARTED FLAMMING. THE FIRE IGNITED THE HEATER AND IT EXTENDED TO THE FIRST AND SECOND FLOOR OF THE HOME. A 3 AND 4 YEAR OLD MALES WERE SEVERELY INJURED DURING THE ACCIDENT. BOTH WERE TRANSPORTED TO THE HOSPITAL DUE TO BURNS AND SMOKE INHALATION. THE VICTIM'S MOTHER AND HER SISTER ESCAPED THE FLAMES.

Incident Date: 19901222 City: AURORA State: CO

NO ONE WAS INJURED WHEN A FIRE CAUSED BY HEAT TAPE DAMAGED A TRI- LEVEL WOOD FRAME HOUSE. TWO TAPES WERE USED TO THAW WATER PIPES AND A TOILET DRAIN UNDER THE BATHROOM FLOOR. THE TWO TAPES WERE PLUGGED INTO ONE EXTENSION CORD.

Incident Date: 19910105 City: ST. PAUL State: MN

A FIRE STARTED IN THE BEDROOM OF AN APARTMENT IN THE AREA WHERE AN EXTENSION CORD WAS BEING USED BETWEEN AN OIL-FILLED ELECTRIC HEATER AND AN ELECTRIC OUTLET. OTHER APPLIANCES WERE PLUGGED INTO THE EXTENSION CORD AND CLOTHING AND OTHER COMBUSTIBLES WERE PILED ON TOP OF THE CORD. FIRE INVESTIGATOR BELIEVES EXTENSION CORD WAS OVER- HEATED OR SHORTED BECAUSE OF DAMAGE TO INSULATION. THERE WERE NO INJURIES AND PROPERTY DAMAGE WAS ESTIMATED AT \$25,000.

Incident Date: 19901223 City: ST. THOMAS State: PA

A SHORT IN AN EXTENSION CORD ATTACHED TO A HEAT TAPE UNDER A MOBILE HOME IGNITED INSULATION UNDER THE HOME. ACCORDING TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, THE FIRE WAS A FLASH FIRE LIMITED TO THE SURFACE OF A SMALL AREA OF INSULATION WHICH SELF EXTINGUISHED. NO PROPERTY DAMAGE OR INJURY RESULTED FROM THE FIRE. THERE WAS NO APPARENT DAMAGE TO THE HEAT TAPE AND IT WAS NOT SUSPECTED OF ANY CONTRIBUTION TO THE FIRE.

Incident Date: 19910124 City: LAKE CHARLES State: LA

THIS IDI INVOLVED A RESIDENTIAL FIRE THAT WAS CAUSED BY AN ELECTRIC SPACE HEATER. ANOTHER POWER CORD HAD BEEN SPLICED ONTO THE SPACE HEATER PRIOR TO THE FIRE AND THIS CORD WOULD OVERHEAT. THE FIRE CAUSED 2 DEATHS: A 1 YEAR OLD FEMALE AND A 2 YEAR OLD FEMALE.

Incident Date: 19910110 City: CENTRALIA State: IL

A 53 YEAR OLD FEMALE SUSTAINED 3RD DEGREE BURNS TO BOTH HANDS WHILE PULLING HER BURNING ELECTRIC BLANKET AND MATTRESS OUTSIDE. THE FIRE IS THOUGHT TO HAVE STARTED IN THE ELECTRIC BLANKET JUNCTION WITH THE CORD.

Incident Date: 19910207 City: FT PIERCE State: FL

A FIRE THAT DESTROYED A SWIMMING POOL HEATER & CHILDREN'S CLUBHOUSE ORIGINATED FROM A SHORT CIRCUIT WHICH DEVELOPED BETWEEN THE CONNECTION OF AN EXTENSION CORD & ELECTRICAL WIRE, WHICH WAS RUN UNDER- GROUND TO PROVIDE POWER FOR LIGHTING & APPLIANCES IN THE CLUBHOUSE. NO INJURIES WERE SUSTAINED IN THIS INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19910202 City: MINE HILL State: NJ

A 2-1/2 MONTH OLD FEMALE DIED AS A RESULT OF ASPHYXIATION FROM SMOKE INHALATION IN A FIRE ATTRIBUTED TO A SPLICED POWER CORD SHORTING ON A QUARTZ HEATER. THE SPLICED AREA OF THE CORD WAS CAUGHT OR WRAPPED AROUND ONE LEG OF THE BASSINET IN WHICH THE VICTIM WAS SLEEPING. THE SPLICE INVOLVED A LIGHTER GAUGE STRANDED WIRE JOINED TO THE HEAVIER GAUGE POWER CORD WIRE AND SOLDERING THE CONNECTION. THE RESULTANT HEAT SET THE BASSINET ON FIRE.

Incident Date: 19910130 City: MERIDIAN State: MS

OVERUSE OF EXTENSION CORDS IN AND AROUND A COUCH AND WALL ARE BELIEVED TO BE THE CAUSE OF A RESIDENTIAL FIRE. NO INJURIES WERE INCURRED.

Incident Date: 19910306 City: FT. WAYNE State: IN

A RESIDENTAL FIRE MAY HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY AN ARC BETWEEN THE SERVICE CORD OF AN ELECTRIC ROAD RACE TOY AND THE METAL ZIPPER OF A SLEEPING BAG WHICH MAY HAVE IGNITED THE SLEEPING BAG.

Incident Date: 19910225 City: EUREKA SPRINGS State: AR

THE RENTERS OF A MOBILE HOME HAD PURCHASED AN ELECTRIC HEAT TAPE IN DECEMBER 1989 TO WRAP THEIR COLD WATER COPPER PIPES. THIS WAS BEING DONE TO PREVENT THE COLD WATER PIPES FROM FREEZING. THE HEAT WAS CONNECTED TO THE ELECTRICAL WALL OUTLET VIA AN INDOOR EXTENSION CORD. THE CONNECTION WAS BELIEVED TO BE THE ORIGIN OF THE FIRE PRODUCING APPROXIMATELY \$15,000-\$20,000 PROPERTY DAMAGE. SAMPLE WAS COLLECTED.

Incident Date: 19910326 City: ST PAUL State: MN

2 YOF SUFFERED BURNS TO HER FACE, FEET & HANDS IN A BEDROOM FIRE WHICH STARTED WHEN A SHORT DEVELOPED IN THE POWER CORD OF AN ELECTRIC BASEBOARD HEATER. THE ORIGINAL PLUG HAD BEEN CUT OFF AND THE WIRES WERE SPLICED TO WIRES FROM A LIGHT DUTY MOLDED PLUG, POSSIBLY FROM AN EXTENSION CORD. THE SHORT OCCURED AT THE SPLICE. THE VICTIM'S MOTHER HAD REMOVED THE BATTERY FROM THE SMOKE DETECOTR IN THE HALL- WAY OUTSIDE THE BEDROOM.

Incident Date: 19910314 City: ROCKY HILL State: NJ

A SHORT IN A 3 FOOT LONG LIGHT DUTY EXTENSION CORD LOCATED ON THE FLOOR BEHIND AN L SHAPED SOFA BED AND CONNECTED TO THE POWER CORD OF A FREE STANDING LAMP IN THE LIVING ROOM OF A SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING SET THE SOFA BED ON FIRE. NO ONE WAS HOME AT THE TIME EXCEPT FOR 20 TO 40 CATS, 1 PUPPLY AND 3 BIRDS INSIDE THE DWELLING. ALL PERISHED DUE TO SMOKE INHALATION. IT IS SUSPECTED THAT THE CORD MAY HAVE BEEN CHEWED BY A CAT, DAMAGED BY A SOFA LEG OR OVERLOADED BY THE WATTAGE OF THE LAMP.

Incident Date: 19910311 City: HASTINGS State: PA

PHYSICAL DAMAGE TO THE ELECTRICAL CORD OF A SEWING MACHINE CAUSED A SHORT WHICH WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR A FIRE IN A SINGLE FAMILY HOME. THE SHORTED CORD IGNITED CLOTHING HANGING ON A RACK ADJACENT TO THE CORD. TOTAL ESTIMATED DAMAGE RESULTING FROM THE FIRE IS \$25,000 DOLARS. THE OCCUPANTS OF THE HOUSE WERE NOT INJURED IN THE FIRE.

Incident Date: 19910403 City: DEERFIELD BEAC State: FL

A CRIMPED, SHORT CIRCUITED EXTENSION CORD WAS BELIEVED TO BE THE SOURCE OF A FIRE, WHICH WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR APPROXIMATELY \$25,000 WORTH OF DAMAGE TO A CONDOMINIUM APARTMENT. NO INJURIES WERE SUSTAINED AS A RESULT OF THE INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19890404 City: CHARLESTON State: SC

A 37 YEAR OLD WOMAN DIED OF ANOXIA, HER 10 YEAR OLD DAUGHTER & 7 YEAR OLD SON DIED OF CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING & HER 36 YEAR HUSBAND WAS SEVERLY INJURED DURING A FIRE AT APPROX. 2:15 AM ON 4/4/89 AT THEIR HOME. FIRE APPARENTLY CAUSED BY OVERHEATING OF EXTENSION/CORD OR PLUGS AT CONNECTION OF TWO EXTENSION CORDS WHICH CONNECTED SEVERAL APPLIANCES IN THEIR DEN TO A SINGLE WALL OUTLET ACROSS THE ROOM. DAMAGE TO HOUSE AND CONTENTS ESTIMATED AT \$50,000.

Incident Date: 19910202 City: SAN BERNARDINO State: CA

A 37 YEAR OLD MAN RECEIVED 2ND AND 3RD DEGREE BURNS TO 85-90% OF HIS BODY WHEN A PORTABLE ELECTRIC HEATER HE WAS USING APPARENTLY CAUGHT FIRE. A NEIGHBOR REPORTED THAT THE VICTIM WAS HAVING TROUBLE WITH THE HEATER SHORTING OUT PRIOR TO THE EVENT. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORTED THAT THE HEATER CORD HAD BEEN SPLICED AND SECURED WITH WIRE NUTS.

Incident Date: 19910329 City: MEAS State: AZ

THE APPLIANCE CORD TO A SEWING MACHINE DEVELOPED A SHORT WHILE IT LAY UNDER THE WOODEN LEG OF THE STAND ON WHICH THE MACHINE WAS SITTING. THE RESULTING FIRE CAUSED FIRE DAMAGE TO THE SEWING MACHINE AND STAND, AND SMOKE AND HEAT DAMAGE THROUGHOUT THE HOUSE.

Incident Date: 19910201 City: WAVERLY State: IN

A FIRE IN AFRAME BUILDING HOUSING A BUSINESS AND A RESIDENCE MAY HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY AN ELECTRIC SPACE HEATER HAVING BEEN PLACED TOO CLOSE TO COMBUSTIBLE MATERIALS OR BY A SHORT IN THE HEATER SERVICE CORD NEAR THE PLUG.

Incident Date: 19910413 City: BOYNTON BEACH State: FL

AN OVERHEATED CIRCUIT, INVOLVING THE USE OF AN EXTENSION CORD, PLUGGED INTO A BEDROOM OUTLET WHICH PROVIDED POWER FOR TWO TABLE LAMPS, WAS BELIEVED TO BE THE CAUSE OF A FIRE THAT CAUSED A \$350,000 HOME TO BE TOTALED. NO INJURIES WERE SUSTAINED AS A RESULT OF THE INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19910401 City: BOYNTON BEACH State: FL

AN OVERLOADED EXTENSION CORD AND OVERHEATED INTERNAL WIRING WAS BELIEVED TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR A FIRE THAT DESTROYED A ONE FAMILY DWELLING. NO INJURIES WERE SUSTAINED AS A RESULT OF THE INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19901104 City: SAN JOSE State: CA

A FIRE BROKE OUT IN THE KITCHEN OF A 2 STORY CONDO. FIRE INVESTIGATOR DETERMINED THAT FIRE WAS CAUSED BY SHORT CIRCUIT IN THE ELECTRICAL CORD OF A PORTABLE MICROWAVE OVEN. THREE UNATTENDED CHILDREN, WHO WERE TRAPPED IN AN UPSTAIRS BEDROOM, WERE RESCUED BY NEIGHBORS. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT EXTINGUISHED THE FIRE. CHILDREN WERE TAKEN BY AMBULANCE TO HOSPITAL, WHERE THEY WERE TREATED AND RELEASED. MICROWAVE COULD NOT BE EXAMINED DUE TO NO CONTACT WITH HOME OWNER.

Incident Date: 19910331 City: BERKELEY State: CA

A FIRE IN A SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING INJURED THREE ADULTS AND A 14 YEAR OLD BOY. THE FIRE WAS CAUSED BY AN ELECTRIC ARC ON AN ELECTRIC HEATER PLUG. THE HEATER CORD (PLUG AREA) WAS PLUGGED INTO A WALL OUTLET BEHIND A LIVING ROOM SOFA. THE HEATER PLUG WAS DAMAGED OVER A PERIOD OF TIME BY THE LOCATION OF A LIVING ROOM SOFA. THE SOFA WAS BACKED UP AGAINST THE HEATER PLUG AND WALL OUTLET.

Incident Date: 19901221 City: LAKEVIEW State: NY

A 54 YEAR OLD FEMALE DIED IN A FIRE WHICH ALLEGEDLY STARTED AT AN OUTLET WHERE AN EXTENSION CORD TO christmas TREE LIGHTS WERE PLUGGED. THE WOMAN DIED OF SMOKE INHALATION, TWO ADULT DAUGHTERS LIVING WITH HER WERE TREATED FOR BURNS AND FOR SHOCK

Incident Date: 19901010 City: JACKSONVILLE State: FL

A 2 YEAR OLD FEMALE DIED OF FIRE RELATED THERMAL BURNS REPORTEDLY CAUSED WHEN THE CORD OF A BOX FAN SHORT CIRCUITED AND IGNITED HER MATTRESS. THE INCIDENT TOOK PLACE IN THE VICTIM'S BEDROOM OF A RENTED, SINGLE FAMILY HOME.

Incident Date: 19910302 City: ERIE State: PA

A FAMILY OF 7 ESCAPED FROM A FIRE IN THEIR 2-1/2 STORY FRAME HOUSE AFTER IT IS BELIEVED A CORD OF AN ELECTRIC SPACE HEATER OVERHEATED AND CAUGHT FIRE, IGNITING THE CURTAINS AND SPREADING THROUGH THE BEDROOM AND AN ADJOINING ROOM. NO INJURIES OCCURRED.

Incident Date: 19910328 City: HARRISBURG State: PA

FIRE RESULTED FROM AN OVER HEATED CORD OF AN OIL-FILLED, ELECTRIC, SPACE HEATER IN A TWO STORY SINGLE FAMILY HOME. VICTIM IS MALE AND WAS ALONE AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT. NO INJURY OCCURRED, VICTIM ESCAPED THROUGH SECOND FLOOR WINDOW. PROPERTY DAMAGE ESTIMATED AT \$22,300.00.

Incident Date: 19910503 City: SOUTH BAY State: FL

THREE CHILDREN, AGES 11, 8 AND 3, DIED OF SMOKE INHALATION AS A RESULT OF A FIRE CAUSED BY A SHORTED TELEVISION POWER CORD WHICH BECAME FRAYED AND EXPOSED WHEN IT WAS CRIMPED FOR AN EXTENDED PERIOD OF TIME UNDERNEATH A METAL TELEVISION STAND'S LEG.

Incident Date: 19910425 City: WEST PALM BEA State: FL

AN ELECTRICAL SHORT CIRCUIT DEVELOPED IN A CRIMPED ELECTRICAL CORD OF A PORTABLE STEREO AM/FM CASSETTE PLAYER AND RESULTED IN A FIRE WHICH DESTROYED THE ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT AND CAUSED FIRE AND SMOKE DAMAGE TO A DOMITORY ROOM WHERE IT WAS SITUATED. NO INJURIES WERE SUSTAINED IN THE INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19910504 City: HAMILTON State: NY

NO INJURIES WERE SUSTAINED IN A FIRE THAT CAUSED AN ESTIMATED \$325,000 DAMAGE. THE FIRE MAY HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY AN ELECTRICAL HEAT TAPE PLUGGED INTO AN EXTENSION CORD THAT WAS BEING USED TO KEEP PIPES FROM FREEZING IN AN UNHEATED BATHROOM, OR BY ELECTRICAL WIRING THAT WAS ALSO LOCATED AT THE POINT OF ORIGIN.

Incident Date: 19910604 City: FT. LAUDERDALE State: FL

AN ELECTRICAL SHORT IN A SPLICED ELECTRICAL POWER CORD, CONTAINED ON A PORTABLE AIR CONDITIONING UNIT, WAS BELIEVED RESPONSIBLE FOR A FIRE WHICH CAUSED APPROXIMATELY \$30,000 IN DAMAGES TO A SINGLE FAMILY HOME . NO SMOKE DETECTORS WERE PRESENT INSIDE THE HOUSE. NO INJURIES WERE SUSTAINED IN THE INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19910204 City: WAVERLY State: NY

THE CAUSE OF A FIRE THAT DESTROYED A MOBILE HOME WAS DETERMINED TO BE HEAT TAPE THAT WAS WRAPPED AROUND A METAL WATER PIPE. THE HEAT TAPE WAS COVERED WITH INSULATION. THE HEAT TAPE WAS PLUGGED INTO A RECEPTACLE UNDER THE MOBILE HOME AND AN EXTENSION CORD WAS NOT USED. NO ELECTRICAL PROBLEMS WERE KNOWN BEFORE THE ACCIDENT. NO INJURIES ARE RELATED TO THIS ACCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19910612 City: DELRAY BEACH State: FL

A FIRE WHICH CAUSED APPROXIMATELY \$15,000 DAMAGE TO A ONE FAMILY DWELLING, WAS CAUSED BY EITHER A SHORT CIRCUIT, WHICH DEVELOPED IN THE POWER CORD, OR AN OVERHEATED COMPRESSOR, OF A REFRIGERATOR. NO INJURIES WERE SUSTAINED AS A RESULT OF THE FIRE.

Incident Date: 19921212 City: ALBANY State: GA

THE CORD ON AN ELECTRIC SPACE HEATER, WHICH HAD BEEN SPLICED FOUR TIMES BY THE OCCUPANTS, CAUGHT FIRE DESTROYING A BEDROOM IN A SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING. THERE WERE NO INJURIES INVOLVED IN THE INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19910423 City: NANTICOKE State: PA

A CORD TO A PORTABLE ELECTRIC HEATER APPARENTLY BECAME DAMAGED THROUGH WEAR AND TEAR. THE CORD THEN IGNITED THE RUG MATERIAL WHICH BURNED IN A DIRECT LINE TO THE BASEBOARD AREA OF THE APARTMENT. THE FIRE THEN SPREAD ALONG THE INTERIOR WALL BEFORE BEING DISCOVERED BY FIRE OFFICIALS. NO DEATHS OR INJURIES ARE ASSOCIATED WITH THIS INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19901030 City: BLOOMSBURY State: NJ

FATAL FIRE OCCURRED KILLING THREE INDIVIDUALS WHICH WAS BELIEVED TO HAVE STARTED AS A RESULT OF A FAULTY ELECTRIC LAMP CORD.

Incident Date: 19880527 City: LEBANON State: PA

THE CORD OF AN ELECTRIC TYPEWRITER, SITTING ON A WOODEN DESK, OVER- HEATED AFTER BEING LEFT ON FOR SEVERAL HOURS IN AN UNOCCUPIED HOME. THE ENSUING FIRE DESTROYED THE SECOND FLOOR OF THE HOME.

Incident Date: 19910530 City: WINSTED State: CT

A FIRE RESULTING IN OVER \$12,000 WORTH OF DAMAGE OCCURRED IN A PRIVATE HOME AS A RESULT OF AN OVERLOADED EXTENSION CORD. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19910630 City: FARMINGTON State: NM

NO ONE WAS INJURED WHEN A MOBILE HOME WAS DESTROYED IN A FIRE BLAMED ON THE IMPROPER USE OF EXTENSION CORDS. WHILE A HEAVY DUTY INDUSTRIAL TYPE CORD WAS USED TO BRING POWER TO THE MOBILE HOME, THE ACTUAL CONNECTION INTO THE HOME'S ELECTRICAL SYSTEM WAS THROUGH A "ZIP" TYPE HOUSEHOLD CORD.

Incident Date: 19910530 City: NEWARK State: NJ

A THREE YEAR OLD MALE CHILD DIED FROM A FIRE WHICH WAS CAUSED BY AN OVERLOAD TO AN EXTENSION CORD AND RECEPTACLES ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF A ROOMING HOUSE. THERE WERE NO SMOKE DETECTORS.

Incident Date: 19910722 City: OPELOUSAS State: LA

A HOUSE FIRE CAUSED BY A MICROWAVE OVEN RESULTED IN ABOUT \$2,500 DAMAGE. THE COUNTERTOP MICROWAVE'S ELECTRIC CORD APPARENTLY SHORTED OUT WHILE THE MICROWAVE OVEN WAS OFF. THE CORD WAS PLUGGED INTO AN OUTLET AND NO ONE WAS HOME AT THE TIME.

Incident Date: 19910706 City: RIDGEFIELD State: CT

FIRE REPORT CONCLUDED FIRE WAS CAUSED BY AIR CONDITIONER ELECTRICAL CORD SHORTING OUT AND ARCING CONSEQUENTLY STARTING A MATTRESS ON FIRE . CONSUMER ATTEMPTED TO REMOVE BURNING MATTRESS FROM HIS HOME. THE CONSUMER REALIZED THAT HIS ATTEMPT WAS FUTILE WHEN HE STARTED TO GET BURNS ON HIS HANDS AND FACIAL AREA. THE CONSUMER DROPPED THE MATTRESS IN HIS HALL AND WENT OUTSIDE TO WAIT FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT .

Incident Date: 19910628 City: NORTH EAST State: MD

A DWELLING FIRE-OCCURRED AT A SINGLE FAMILY HOME. A WINDOW AIR CONDITIONER THAT HAD ITS ELECTRICAL CORD SPLICED TOGETHER WAS THE POINT OF ORIGIN OF THE FIRE.

Incident Date: 19910801 City: NATALBANY State: LA

A HOUSE FIRE CAUSED BY AN OLD FLOOR FAN'S ELECTRIC CORD'S OVERHEATING AND IGNITING COMBUSTIBLE MATERIALS ON A BUNK BED RESULTED IN THE HOUSE AND CONTENTS BEING DESTROYED. THE CORD WAS DRAPED ACROSS THE FRAME OF THE UPPER BUNK. DAMAGE WAS ESTIMATED AT ABOUT \$21,000 TO THE HOUSE AND CONTENTS. NO INJURIES RESULTED.

Incident Date: 19910801 City: EAU CLAIRE State: WI

THIS INVESTIGATION INVOLVED A HOUSE FIRE THAT CAUSED APPROX. \$75,000 DAMAGE TO A HOME. THE FIRE ORIGINATED AROUND THE AREA OF THE REAR DECK WHERE AN OUTSIDE RECEPTACLE WAS LOCATED. THERE IS SOME QUESTION AS TO WHAT CAUSED THE FIRE, ALTHOUGH FIRE OFFICIALS SUSPECT THE EXTENSION CORD THAT WAS PLUGGED INTO THE RECEPTACLE. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19910821 City: HOBBS State: NM

NO ONE WAS INJURED IN A HOUSE FIRE ATTRIBUTED TO A SHORT IN THE CORD OF AN ELCTRIC FAN IGNITING THE BOX SPRING ON A BED.

Incident Date: 19910924 City: MEDFORD State: NY

THE 25 YEAR OLD MALE VICTIM WAS REFUELING HIS RIDING MOWER AT THE HOME OF HIS MOTHER. THE VICTIM SPILLED GAS ON THE MOWER AND HIMSELF. SINCE THE MOWING SESSION WAS HALF DONE, THE MOWER WAS HOT AND WHEN THE VICTIM PULLED THE CORD TO START THE MOWER, THE MOWER WENT UP IN FLAMES AS DID THE VICTIM'S RIGHT PANT LEG (POLYESTER/COTTON WORK PANTS). THE VICTIM REMOVED THE PANTS AND EXTINGUISHED THE MOWER FIRE. THE VICTIM SUSTAINED 1ST AND 2ND DEGREE BURNS ON THE RIGHT SHIN. HE WAS TREATED AND RELEASED AT EMERGENCY ROOM.

Incident Date: 19910912 City: BOCA RATON State: FL

A SHORT IN AN EXTENSION CORD THAT WAS RUN UNDERNEATH THE LEG OF A CHAIR, WAS FOUND TO BE THE SOURCE OF A FIRE APPROXIMATELY \$10,000 WORTH OF DAMAGE TO A CONDOMINIUM APARTMENT.

Incident Date: 19910831 City: FAIR OAKS State: CA

AN ELECTRICAL EXTENSION CORD POWERING A MEAT SMOKER WAS IDENTIFIED BY FIRE OFFICIALS TO BE THE MOST PROBABLE CAUSE OF A FIRE THAT DESTROYED A WOODEN DECK BELONGING TO A PERSONAL RESIDENCE. THE CORD REMAINS UNIDENTIFIED; THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19910825 City: LINDSAY State: CA

FIRE IN RESIDENCE WAS DETERMINED TO BE CAUSED BY SHORT IN THE ELECTRICAL CORD OF CURLING IRON. FIRE ORIGINATED IN AREA OF CORD THAT WAS TIGHTLY KNOTTED. KNOTTING ACTION OF CORD MAY HAVE OCCURRED DURING NORMAL USE OF PRODUCT. CURLING IRON WAS KEPT PLUGGED IN AT ALL TIMES. SWITCH WAS IN "OFF" POSITION. PRODUCT WAS LAST USED 24 HOURS PRIOR TO INCIDENT. DAMAGE ESTIMATE: \$30,000 TO PROPERTY, \$5,000 TO CONTENTS. CURLING IRON TOTALLY DAMAGED, AND MAINTAINED BY FIRE DEPT. AS EVIDENCE.

Incident Date: 19910909 City: FLINT State: MI

A ROOM AIR CONDITIONER WAS POWERED BY AN EXTENSION CORD RUNNING FROM THE KITCHEN (SITE OF A.C.) TO A GARAGE OUTLET. (THE CONSUMER HAD PREVIOUS PROBLEMS WITH THE AIR CONDITIONER BLOWING FUSES AND THOUGHT THAT A DIFFERENT OUTLET WOULD PREVENT THE PROBLEM). WHEN THE CONSUMER'S ADULT SON TURNED ON THE POWER IN THE GARAGE, A RESULTING FIRE OCCURRED IN THE KITCHEN AREA. FIRE CAUSED \$20,000 DAMAGE AND \$7,000 CONTENTS LOSS. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19910908 City: MIDLAND State: MI

THE CONSUMER'S SERGER TYPE SEWING MACHINE CAUGHT ON FIRE IN THE BASEMENT OF HER HOME. THERE WERE NO INJURIES AND DAMAGE WAS ESTIMATED \$2500 PROPERTY AND \$15,000 CONTENTS. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT CONCLUDED THAT THE FIRE ORIGINATED AT THE SIDE OF THE SERGER WHERE THE FOOT CONTROLLER AND POWER CORD CONNECTION ARE LOCATED.

Incident Date: 19910822 City: ONEIDA State: NY

A 71-YEAR-OLD MALE DIED OF SMOKE INHALATION IN A FIRE THAT MAY HAVE RESULTED FROM OVERHEATING OF A LIGHT WEIGHT EXTENSION CORD THAT POWERED A TELEVISION SET THAT WAS LEFT ON ALMOST CONSTANTLY. THE VICTIM REPORTEDLY HAD STACKS OF NEWSPAPERS AND MAGAZINES AROUND THE ROOM OF ORIGIN, INCLUDING ON TOP OF THE EXTENSION CORD. THE VICTIM ALSO REPORTEDLY DRANK HEAVILY, AND THE ALCOHOL HE WAS CONSUMING MAY HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THE SPREAD AND INTENSITY OF THE FIRE.

Incident Date: 19910727 City: NEW YORK State: NY

FIRE CAUSED BY MICROWAVE OVEN POWER CORD. OVEN, ON STAND, WAS NOT IN USE AND NOT IN NORMAL POSITION IN KITCHEN. NO ONE HOME SINCE THE NIGHT BEFORE AND NO INJURIES. CONSIDERABLE SMOKE DAMAGE.

Incident Date: 19911001 City: OMAHA State: NE

THIS HOUSE FIRE PURPORTEDLY RESULTED FROM A SHORT CIRCUIT IN BEDROOM WALL OUTLET. A ONE YEAR OLD CHILD PLAYING WITH AN EXTENSION CORD PLUGGED INTO THE OUTLET MAY HAVE BEEN A CONTRIBUTING FACTOR. THE CHILD SHOOK THE CORD UP AND DOWN. THIS ACTIVITY RESULTED IN SPARKS BEING EMITTED FROM THE LOOSE WALL OUTLET. THESE SPARKS FELL ON AND SUBSEQUENTLY IGNITED THE CARPETING ON THE BEDROOM FLOOR. NO ONE WAS INJURED BY THIS FIRE AND DAMAGE WAS ESTIMATED AT \$7-8,000.

Incident Date: 19911022 City: REDWOOD CITY State: CA

FLAMES AND SMOKE WERE REPORTEDLY OBSERVED COMING FROM A TELEVISION SET, ACCORDING TO A 3 YEAR OLD WITNESS. THE TELEVISION AND A LAMP WERE PLUGGED INTO AN EXTENSION CORD AT THE TIME, AND THE TELEVISION HAD BEEN ON FOR 2 HOURS. CAUSE OF THE FIRE WAS DUE TO A FAULTY/ OVERLOADED EXTENSION CORD, OR TO THE TELEVISION SET, ACCORDING TO FIRE MARSHAL. BOTH PRODUCTS WERE DESTROYED IN THE FIRE PRODUCT ID NOT AVAILABLE. NO INJURIES. HOUSE IS UNINHABITABLE.

Incident Date: 19911117 City: PLAINSBORO State: NJ

A 72 YEAR OLD FEMALE SUSTAINED SECOND AND THIRD DEGREE BURNS TO THE BOTTOM AND TOPS OF BOTH FEET WHEN SHE ATTEMPTED TO EXTINGUISH A FIRE THAT ORIGINATED IN A WEEK OLD OIL FILLED RADIATOR STYLE ELECTRIC HEATER. BURNS TO THE BOTTOM OF THE FEET WERE AS A RESULT OF STEPPING ON THE POWER CORD IN HER SLIPPERS WHEREAS FLAMING BALLS OF OIL LANDED ON TOP OF HER FEET. THE VICTIM WAS HOSPITALIZED FOR 7 DAYS. THE INCIDENT OCCURRED IN THE BEDROOM OF HER CONDOMINIUM.

Incident Date: 19911211 City: ZION State: IL

A MAN BOUGHT A USED MOBILE HOME IN A TRAILER PARK SIX MONTHS AGO. HIS WATER PIPES FROZE ON 12-11-91. THE HEAT TAPE SHORTED OUT, ALLOWING THE WATER PIPES TO FREEZE. THERE WAS NO FIRE OR INJURY. THE MAN REPLACED THE TAPE WITH THE SAME TYPE, AN UNSHIELDED RESISTANCE HEAT TAPE, 25 FT LONG. THE OLD HEAT TAPE WAS TAKEN AS SAMPLE P-830-5130. NO EXTENSION CORD WAS USED.

Incident Date: 19911101 City: NORFOLK State: NE

ONE EVENING AN ELECTRIC TABLE LAMP STARTED SMOKING. THE USER TRIED TO TURN OFF THE LAMP USING ITS TOUCH ON/OFF CONTROL. THIS CONTROL REPORTEDLY DID NOT FUNCTION. THE USER THEN UNPLUGGED THE LAMP'S POWER CORD FROM A WALL OUTLET. BEFORE UNPLUGGED, THE LAMP PURPORTEDLY PRODUCED EXCESS HEAT WHICH CAUSED A HOLE IN THE PLASTIC- LIKE LAMP CASE. NO FIRE OCCURRED AND NOONE WAS INJURED BY THIS INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19911217 City: INDIANAPOLIS State: IN

A SERVICE CORD TO A CERAMIC, LIGHTED VILLAGE SCENE EMITTED AN ODOR DURING ITS FIRST USE AND A LIGHT SOCKET AND THE CORD WERE "BROWNE", APPARENTLY BY HEAT THERE WAS NO SMOKE, FIRE, OR INJURY.

Incident Date: 19911213 City: COTTAGE GROVE State: MN

THE COMPLAINANT SAID HE HAS PURCHASED THREE (3) OF THE SAME STYLE ELECTRIC COFFEEMAKERS IN THE PAST TWO (2) YRS. ALL THREE HAVE FAILED AFTER 3/4 MONTHS USE. THE PLASTIC MOLDED FEMALE PLUG ON THE APPLIANCE CORD, BREAKS DOWN/FAILS AND THE PERCOLATOR NO LONGER WORKS. HE IS CONCERNED ABOUT THE POTENTIAL FIRE HAZARD. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19911219 City: AMHERST State: NY

A HOUSE FIRE WAS DETERMINED BY LOCAL FIRE OFFICIALS TO BE POSSIBLY CAUSED BY ELECTRICAL FAILURE IN AN EXTENSION CORD OR A STRAND OF christmas TREE LIGHTS. THE HOME OWNERS DAUGHTER TURNED THE christmas TREE LIGHTS ON AND WENT UPSTAIRS WITH A FRIEND. ABOUT 30 MINUTES LATER THE DAUGHTER SMELLED SMOKE COMING FROM THE LIVING ROOM AND OBSERVED A BALL OF FLAMES IN THE MIDDLE OF THE ARTIFICIAL christmas TREE. NO INJURIES RESULTED FROM THIS INCIDENT. PEOPERTY DAMAGE IS ESTIMATED AT \$100.000.00.

Incident Date: 19911216 City: PORT HURON State: MI

A 67 YEAR OLD MALE DIED IN A HOTEL FIRE. THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE IS ATTRIBUTED TO AN ELECTRICAL HEATER THAT HAD A FRAYED POWER CORD AND ALSO WAS PLACED TOO CLOSE TO COMBUSTIBLES (BEDDING). THE SMOKE DETECTORS PRESENT WORKED AS DESIRED.

Incident Date: 19920101 City: KANSAS CITY State: KS

A 46 YEAR OLD FEMALE DIED OF SMOKE INHALATION WHEN A LIGHT WEIGHT EXTENSION CORD SHORTED OUT AND COUGHT WOOD, RUGS, AND CLOTHING ON FIRE. THE CORD WAS PLUGGED INTO AN INSIDE ELECTRICAL OUTLET IN THE BEDROOM. IT THEN RAN THROUGH THE BEDROOM DOORWAY AND OUT THE FRONT DOOR OF THE HOUSE TO christmas LIGHTS. THE FIRE MARSHAL & INVESTIGATOR SAID THE BOTTOM OF THE FRONT DOOR HAD RUBBED THE INSULATION OFF THE CORD CAUSING IT TO SHORT OUT. 48 AND 15 YEAR MALES INJURED.

Incident Date: 19911215 City: BOSTON State: MA

THE COMPLAINANT STATED THAT WHILE DRYING HER HAIR, THE CORD TO THE HAIRDRYER STARTED SPARKING AND CAUGHT FIRE BURNING HER HAND. VICTIM IS A 30 YEAR OLD FEMALE.

Incident Date: 19920108 City: SAN JOSE State: CA

TWO MEN WERE FOUND INSIDE A VAN, WHICH HAD A SMALL FIRE INSIDE. BOTH MEN, AGES 44 YEARS AND 46 YEARS, DIED FROM CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING DURING THIS INCIDENT. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT RULED THAT THE FIRE WAS DUE TO BEDDING BEING TOO CLOSE TO A PORTABLE ELECTRIC HEATER, WHICH WAS POWERED BY AN EXTENSION CORD PLUGGED INTO AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET IN A NEARBY HOME. OCCUPANTS OF THE HOME DIS- COVERED THE FIRE, AND THEY PUT OUT THE FIRE BEFORE THE FIRE DEPARTMENT ARRIVED.

Incident Date: 19911206 City: OAK LAWN State: IL

A FAULTY HEAT TAPE LOCATED IN AN ATTIC CRAWL SPACE STARTED A FIRE WHICH CAUSED \$19,000 IN DAMAGE TO A 30 YEARS OLD HOME. THE HEAT TAPE WAS NEARLY CONSUMED IN THE FIRE. NO EXTENSION CORD WAS USED WITH THE TAPE WHICH HAD BEEN INSTALLED APPROXIMATELY 1 YEAR PRIOR TO THE FIRE. NO INJURIES OCCURRED.

Incident Date: 19911204 City: PALOS HILLS State: IL

AN UNSHIELDED, RESISTANCE TYPE ELECTRIC HEAT TAPE, USED IN A HORSE BARN FOR THREE YEARS, CAUGHT FIRE. THE FIRE BURNED THE TAPE AND A WOODEN WALL BEHIND IT. ONLY THE POWER CORD, THERMOSTAT PILLOW, AND 6 INCHES OF HEAT TAPE REMAINED. A 15 FOOT EXTENSION CORD WAS USED. NO SAMPLE WAS COLLECTED. A SIMILAR, 6 FOOT LONG HEAT TAPE WAS INSTALLED ON THE METAL, COLD WATER PIPE.

Incident Date: 19911226 City: SANTA ROSA State: CA

A 26 YEAR OLD WOMAN RECEIVED A SEVERE FOOT BURN IN A BEDDING FIRE CAUSED BY A 3 MONTH OLD ELECTRICAL EXTENSION CORD THAT MALFUNCTIONED. THE CORD, PRESSED AGAINST A RUG AND POSSIBLY UNDERSIZED FOR THE PORTABLE ELECTRIC HEATER CONNECTED TO IT, APPARENTLY SHORTED IGNITING COMBUSTIBLES NEARBY. THE RESULTING FIRE SPREAD THROUGH THE ENTIRE APARTMENT AND DESTROYED IT.

Incident Date: 19920127 City: CALUMET PARK State: IL

A VACANT MOBILE HOME CAUGHT FIRE. FIRE DEPT. ESTIMATES DAMAGE AT APPROXIMATELY 4,000.00. NO GFCI INVOLVED. FIRE DID NOT START UNDER HOT WATER HEATER. FIRE INVEST. BELIEVES THAT A IMPROPERLY INSTALLED HEAT-TAPE COUPLED WITH THE USE OF TWO INDOOR TYPE EXTENSION CORDS THAT WERE USED OUTSIDE ALONG WITH A FUSE BOX THAT WAS FOUND TO BE IN A VERY POORLY MAINTAINED CONDITION CONTRIBUTED TO THE STARTING OF THE FIRE WHICH IGNITED THE HOMES SUBFLOORING ONLY.

Incident Date: 19920131 City: MESQUITE State: TX

THIS NON-INJURY CASE INVOLVED A MICROWAVE OVEN THAT TURNED ITSELF ON WITHOUT ANYONE TURNING IT ON. ALL ATTEMPTS AT TURNING IT OFF FAILED. THE POWER CORD WAS REMOVED FROM THE RECEPTACLE AND LATER PLUGGED BACK IN AND THE UNIT STARTED IMMEDIATELY AND AGAIN COULD NOT BE TURNED OFF. IT WAS THOUGHT TO BE A FIRE HAZARD.

Incident Date: 19911222 City: SPRING VALLEY State: IL

A HEAT TAPE OF UNKNOWN ORIGIN AND AGE WAS PLUGGED IN BY A PURCHASER OF A RENTAL HOME IN 1988. THIS INDIVIDUAL FOUND THE HEAT TAPE UNPLUGGED WRAPPED AROUND A WATER PIPE. HE PURCHASED A EXTENSION CORD AND HOOKED IT UP & LEFT IT THAT WAY SINCE 1988. A NEW RENTER IN 1991 SAW THE TAPE IN THE BASEMENT & LEFT IT ALONE. ON 24 DEC 91 THE RENTER WENT TO CHURCH. SHE WAS GONE FOR A HOUR. WHEN SHE CAME BACK THE HOME WAS ON FIRE. IT AND THE HEAT TAPE WERE TOTALLY DESTROYED.

Incident Date: 19911120 City: ODESSA State: TX

AN ELECTRIC SPACE HEATER PLUGGED INTO A LONG EXTENSION CORD WHICH HAD BEEN PLUGGED INTO AN OVERLOADED ELECTRICAL RECEPTACLE CAUSED A FIRE. WHICH IGNITED A MATTRESS KILLING A SLEEPING THREE MONTH OLD CHILD.

Incident Date: 19910424 City: S. SAN FRANCISCO State: CA

16 MONTH OLD MALE WAS FOUND DEAD FACE DOWN IN HIS CRIB WITH PART OF A 39" CORD (WHICH SIBLINGS TIED TO CRIB RAIL FOR VICTIM TO PLAY WITH) WRAPPED AROUND HIS ARM AND UNDER HIS NECK. FIRE DEPT. RESPONDED BUT DID NOT ATTEMPT RESUSCITATION. CORONER DETERMINED CAUSE OF DEATH WAS ASPHYXIA DUE TO CORD COMPRESSION TRACK ACROSS FRONT OF NECK. CORD COLLECTED AS SAMPLE P-860-7943. CRIB NOT AVAILABLE FOR EXAMINATION.

Incident Date: 19920303 City: EAST NORTH POR State: NY

VAPORIZER WAS RUNNING IN COMPLAINANT'S DAUGHTER'S BEDROOM WHILE SHE WAS ASLEEP. THE ELECTRIC CORD CAUGHT ON FIRE AND CHILD BEGAN TO SCREAM. COMPLAINANT UNPLUGGED THE VAPORIZER AND THE FIRE WENT OUT. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19920227 City: CONLEY State: GA

A FIRE ORIGINATED IN AN APARTMENT CAUSED BY ELECTRICALLY GENERATED HEAT FROM A TELEVISION AND ITS POWER CORD. A BATTERY OPERATED SMOKE DETECTOR WAS IN THE APARTMENT BUT NO ONE KNOWS IF IT FUNCTIONED PROPERLY AT THE TIME OF THE FIRE. NO INJURIES WERE INVOLVED.

Incident Date: 19920301 City: MIDDLETOWN State: OH

AN ELECTRICAL SHORT IN THE POWER SUPPLY CORD OF A TOASTER OVEN CAUSED THE TOASTER OVEN TO CATCH FIRE.

Incident Date: 19920224 City: SILVER SPRING State: MD

THERE WERE NO INJURIES INVOLVED IN THIS ACCIDENT. AN ADULT FEMALE WAS PREPARING TO USE A STEAMING IRON TO STEAM A BLOUSE IN HER BATHROOM. SHE HAD PLACED IT UPRIGHT ON THE CERAMIC TILE COUNTER OF THE SINK AREA AND PLUGGED IT INTO THE WALL OUTLET. SHE TURNED AROUND TO REACH FOR THE BLOUSE AND WHEN SHE LOOKED BACK AT THE IRON, IT WAS ON FIRE AT THE POINT WHERE THE POWER CORD CONNECTS TO THE IRON. SHE EXTINGUISHED THE FLAMES BY PULLING THE PLUG AND POSSIBLY THROWING A TOWEL ON IT.

Incident Date: 19920304 City: MIDDLETOWN State: OH

ACCORDING TO THE CHIEF OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, THE POWER CORD TO AN ELECTRIC CLOTHES DRYER SHORTED OUT IGNITING COMBUSTIBLES THAT WERE ON TOP OF THE CLOTHES DRYER.

Incident Date: 19911211 City: MCKEES ROCKS State: PA

A 2 YEAR OLD UNDERCABINET TYPE COFFEEMAKER WITH ELECTRIC ANALOG CLOCK TIMER WAS POINT OF ORIGIN OF A FIRE IN A NINE YEAR OLD HOME. UNIT WAS OFF BUT PLUGGED INTO A TWO YEAR OLD EXTENTION CORD WHICH WAS PLUGGED INTO A 120V OUTLET. FAMILY LEFT DURING A POWER OUTAGE AND UPON RETURN TWO HOURS LATER FOUND FD FIGHTING FIRES AT HOUSE. COFFEEMAKER'S INTERNAL SWITCH SHORTED AND BURNED COFFEEMAKER AND SPREAD TO CABINETS. NO INJURIES OCCURRED.

Incident Date: 19920419 City: EWA BEACH State: HI

A FAMILY OF 3, ALL ASLEEP, WERE AWAKENED BY THE SOUNDS OF BREAKING GLASS-DISCOVERED THAT THEIR HOUSE WAS ON FIRE. EVERYONE ESCAPED THE HOUSE SAFELY. THE HOUSE WAS GUTTED BY THE FIRE. FIRE WAS ATTRIBUTED TO A SHORT IN THE CORD OF AN ELECTRIC CLOCK.

Incident Date: 19920207 City: EXETER State: NH

VIBRATION FROM AN AUTOMATIC WASHING MACHINE, SIDE BY SIDE WITH AN ELECTRIC CLOTHES DRYER, CAUSED THE DRYER CORD, PLACED BETWEEN THEM, TO WEAR THROUGH, OVER TIME. THE 220 VOLT LINE SHORTED IGNITING COMBUSTIBLE MATERIALS IN THE AREA. THE RESULTANT FIRE DESTROYED THE HOUSE. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19920420 City: BRANCBURG State: NJ

AN 83 YEAR OLD WIDOW DIED IN AN EARLY MORNING FIRE FROM BURNS AND SMOKE INHALATION WHEN FOUR EXTENSION CORDS CONNECTED END TO END SHORTED OUT AND IGNITED COMBUSTIBLES. THE VICTIM AND HER 62 YEAR OLD SON RESIDED IN AN OLD COLONIAL DWELLING WITH FEW ELECTRICAL OUTLETS. THE SON HAD APPARENTLY CONNECTED THE CORDS TOGETHER AND PLUGGED THEM INTO A BATTERY CHARGER TO PROVIDE POWER TO THE VICTIM'S BEDROOM. THE SON SUSTAINED SECOND DEGREE BURNS AND WAS ADMITTED TO A BURN CENTER.

Incident Date: 19920426 City: CINCINNATI State: OH

A FIRE STARTED IN THE AREA OF A PLUG IN POWER CONVERTER FOR A CORDLESS TELEPHONE. NO INJURIES OCCURRED. DAMAGE WAS ESTIMATED AT \$15,000.

Incident Date: 19920420 City: BALTIMORE State: MD

THREE WOMEN DIED IN A FIRE AT A ROW HOUSE IN BALTIMORE CITY, MARYLAND . ROW HOME WAS OWNED BY THE BALTIMORE CITY HOUSING AUTHORITY. FIRE WAS CAUSED BY AN OVERLOADED EXTENSION CORD.

Incident Date: 19920427 City: CORPUS CHRISTI State: TX

SMOKE DETECTOR FIRE INCIDENT STUDY ACCORDING TO FIRE INCIDENT REPORT, NEITHER OF TWO BATTERY OPERATED SMOKE DETECTORS OPERATED (ONE WITH DEAD BATTERY AND THE OTHER ONE WITH BATTERY INSTALLED IN REVERSE, POSITIVE TO POSITIVE & NEGATIVE TO NEGATIVE), WHEN SHORT CIRCUIT IN APPLIANCE CORD IN KITCHEN OF SINGLE FAMILY HOUSE IGNITED TABLE CLOTH AND TWO CHAIRS (FIRE CONFINED TO AREA OF ORIGIN--DAMAGE AT \$350 LOSS). ONE SAMPLE COLLECTED.

Incident Date: 19920608 City: MITCHELL State: IN

AN ELECTRICAL SHORT IN AN EXTENSION CORD WAS FOUND TO HAVE BEEN THE CAUSE OF A RESIDENTIAL FIRE WHICH CAUSED AN ESTIMATED \$30,000.00 IN STRUCTURAL DAMAGE. THERE WERE NO PERSONAL INJURIES INVOLVED IN THIS INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19920529 City: CHAMPLIN State: MN

THE COMPLAINANT WAS USING A ELECTRIC HAND HELD HAIR DRYER IN THE BATHROOM OF HIS HOME. HE PLUGGED IN THE APPLIANCE CORD AND TURNED IN ON. HOWEVER, THE UNIT DIDN'T START. HE SAT THE DRYER DOWN ON THE VANITY AND LEFT THE ROOM. IN ABOUT 5 MINUTES THE UNIT CAUGHT ON FIRE. THE FIRE WAS EXTINGUISHED WITH MINOR DAMAGE AND NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19920611 City: CENTRAL CITY State: NE

71 YEAR OLD MALE DIED OF THERMAL BURNS TO HIS HEAD, ARMS, AND CHEST WHEN HE TRIPPED ON AN ELECTRIC EXTENSION CORD PLUGGED INT A WALL OUTLET. HE WAS CARRYING AN OPEN PAN OF GASOLINE TO THE OUTSIDE OF HIS WORKSHOP, GAS SPILLED ALL OVER HIM. AN ELECTRICAL SPARK FROM THE EXTENSION CORD BEING PULLED FROM THE WALL IGNITED THE GAS FUMES AND CATCHING HIS CLOTHES ON FIRE. VICTIM WAS ALONE WHEN THE ACCIDENT OCCURRED. A RIDING LAWN MOWER WAS IN THE WORKSHOP BUT NOT INVOLVED.

Incident Date: 19920321 City: FT. LAUDERDALE State: FL

A CRIMPED, POSSIBLY SHORTED ELECTRIC CORD CONTAINED ON A PLASTIC CLIP -ON TYPE LAMP WAS BELIEVED RESPONSIBLE FOR A HOUSE FIRE THAT CAUSED MINOR BURNS (HAND) TO A SEVEN YEAR OLD MALE, WHO WAS SLEEPING IN THE BED WHERE THE LAMP WAS ATTACHED TO, AND TREATMENT FOR SMOKE INHALATION FOR HIS FATHER.

Incident Date: 19920426 City: CINCINNATI State: OH

ACCORDING TO A NEWS CLIP, A SHORT CIRCUIT IN A CORDLESS PHONE POWER BOX CAUSED A ONE-APARTMENT FIRE IN A 190 UNIT COMPLEX.

Incident Date: 19920406 City: GRESHAM State: OR

10 YEAR OLD BOY DIED AND HIS 14 YEAR OLD BROTHER WAS INJURED WHEN A FIRE OCCURRED IN THE EARLY MORNING WHILE THEY WERE SLEEPING, WITHOUT ADULT SUPERVISION, IN THEIR HOME. FIRE INVESTIGATOR DETERMINED AREA OF FIRE ORIGIN WAS A TABLE WHICH CONTAINED A TABLE LAMP AND A CORDLESS TELEPHONE. BOTH PRODUCTS SUSTAINED TOTAL DESTRUCTION, AND INVESTIGATOR WAS UNABLE TO DETERMINE WHICH PRODUCT, IF ANY, WAS RESPONSIBLE. PRODUCTS NOT AVAILABLE FOR EXAMINATION.

Incident Date: 19920702 City: FORT WORTH State: TX

SMOKE DETECTOR FIRE INCIDENT STUDY AN AC POWERED SMOKE DETECTOR REPORTEDLY DID NOT ALARM WHEN FIRE STARTED IN AN APARTMENT'S AIR-CONDITIONER ELECTRICAL CORD (IN AREA WHERE IT CONNECTED TO EXTENSION CORD). HEAVY FIRE DAMAGE WAS ESTIMATED AT \$3,000. ONE SAMPLE COLLECTED.

Incident Date: 19920704 City: SHREVEPORT State: LA

THIS ON-SITE IDI INVOLVED A RESIDENTIAL FIRE THAT WAS CAUSED BY AN EXTENSION CORD THAT SHORTED IN A WALL OUTLET. THERE WERE NO INJURIES .

Incident Date: 19920219 City: EXETER State: NH

INCIDENT INVOLVED A FIRE IN THE PLUG END OF AN APPLIANCE CORD, FOR AN ELECTRIC COFFEE MAKER. VICTIM WAS IN THE IMMEDIATE VICINITY OF COFFEEMAKER AND WAS ABLE TO DISCONNECT PLUG FROM WALL RECEPTACLE. THERE WAS NO PERSONAL INJURIES AND ONLY RE- PLACEMENT COST OF SCORCHED WALL RECEPTACLE AND NEW COFFEE MAKER WERE INVOLVED.

Incident Date: 19920713 City: OMAHA State: NE

AN ELECTRIC PLUG IN-TIMER OR ATTACHED EXTENSION CORD WAS THE ORIGIN OF A FIRE WHICH CAUSED \$40,000 DAMAGE TO A HOME. NO INJURIES OCCURRED.

Incident Date: 19920405 City: CAMBRIDGE State: OH

AN EXTENSION CORD IS ALLEGED TO HAVE CAUSED A FIRE WHICH RESULTED IN THE DEATHS OF THREE GIRLS AGES 4, 6 & 8. THE FEMALE END OF THE EXTENSION CORD IS ALLEGED TO HAVE HAD THREE CORDS FROM AN AQUARIUM, A HEATER, A FILTER AND A LIGHT, PLUGGED INTO IT. THE FIRE STARTED IN A DOWNSTAIRS ROOM WHERE THE AQUARIUM WAS LOCATED AND THE CHILDREN WERE TRAPPED UPSTAIRS.

Incident Date: 19920608 City: SHADY COVE State: OR

A 55 YEAR OLD MALE SUSTAINED LACERATIONS ON HIS ARMS AND HANDS WHILE ESCAPING FROM A FIRE WHICH OCCURED WHICH HE WAS SLEEPING IN A TRAVEL TRAILER WHICH HE USED AS HIS HOME. THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE WAS ATTRIBUTED TO OVERHATING OF A POWER CORD FOR AN ELECTRIC HEATER. THE POWER CORD WAS ENTRAPPED BETWEEN THE BACK OF THE HEATER AND A RACK CONTAINING PAPERS. THE OWNER FELL ASLEEP ALLOWING THE HEATER TO OPERATE OVERNIGHT.

Incident Date: 19920904 City: OKLAHOMA CITY State: OK

SMOKE DETECTOR FIRE INCIDENT STUDY A BATTERY POWERED SMOKE DETECTOR DID NOT ALARM (MISSING A BATTERY) TO FIRE IGNITED BY SHORT CIRCUIT IN ELECTRIC CORD, ACCORDING TO FIRE INVESTIGATOR. HOUSE DAMAGE WAS ESTIMATED AT \$5,000. NO SAMPLE WAS COLLECTED.

Incident Date: 19920901 City: GROSSE POINTE State: MI

A CONSUMER HAD PURCHASED AN ELECTRIC COOLER FOR KEEPING PERISHABLES FRESH ON HIS BOAT. THE CONSUMER HAD A FIRE ON HIS BOAT DUE TO THE COLLER'S CONNECTOR CORD BECOMING OVERHEATED. THERE WERE NO INJURIES AND HIS BOAT SUFFERED \$7,000 DAMAGE.

Incident Date: 19920820 City: MIAMI State: FL

A 5 YEAR OLD MALE DIED OF BURNS AND SMOKE INHALATION DUE TO A FIRE RULED AS "UNKNOWN ORIGIN", WHICH GUTTED THE HOUSE HE RESIDED IN WITH HIS PARENTS. A FEW HOURS PRIOR TO THE FIRE, AN ELECTRICAL CORD ON AN AIR CONDITIONER WAS SPLICED AND REPLACED BY THE OCCUPANTS.

Incident Date: 19920912 City: FORT WORTH State: TX

SMOKE DETECTOR FIRE INCIDENT STUDY INVESTIGATOR REPORTED ELECTRICAL SHORT IN EXTENSION CORD BURNED LOVE SEAT IN DEN WHICH CAUSED HEAVY FIRE DAMAGE TO HOME, WHEN BATTERY POWERED SMOKE DETECTOR DID NOT ALARM (MISSING A BATTERY). NO SAMPLE WAS COLLECTED.

Incident Date: 19920712 City: TULSA State: OK

SMOKE DETECTOR FIRE INCIDENT STUDY INVESTIGATOR REPORTED AC POWERED SMOKE DETECTOR DID NOT ALARM WHEN CORD FROM AIR-CONDITIONER SHORTED, CAUGHT FIRE, AND CAUSED \$1,000 IN DAMAGES TO APARTMENT.

Incident Date: 19921010 City: SAN LEANDRO State: CA

A MALFUNCTION IN THE ELECTRICAL CORD OF A REFRIGERATOR WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR AN APARTMENT FIRE THAT CAUSED SOME \$25,000 WORTH OF DAMAGE. ALTHOUGH THREE PERSONS SUFFERED INJURIES, ALL MINOR, ONLY ONE SUCH WAS DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE EVENT.

Incident Date: 19921104 City: KELSEYVILLE State: CA

AN ELECTRIC "THROW" TYPE OF BLANKET WAS GIVEN TO A WOMAN AS A GIFT. SHE USED IT DAILY IN HER MOBILE HOME. ONE ONE MORNING SHE LEFT THE ELECTRIC THROW ON HIGH FOR HER CAT WHILE SHE DROVE AWAY TO DO SOME ERRANDS. A FIRE DESTROYED THE MOBILE HOME; FIRE PERSONNEL IDENTIFIED THE FIRE ORIGIN AS THE ELECTRIC BLANKET. OTHER NEARBY APPLIANCES AND CORDS WERE NOT DAMAGED.

Incident Date: 19921106 City: ROCKFORD State: IL

WHILE NO ONE WAS HOME, AN ELECTRIC TOASTER OVEN CAUGHT FIRE AND SPREAD TO MATERIALS KEPT ON TOP OF THIS UNIT. THE MATERIALS SMOLDERED A LONG TIME. THE OCCUPANTS CAME HOME TO A SMOKE FILLED HOUSE. THEY CALLED THE FIREMEN. THE FIRE WAS PUT OUT. THE FIREMEN FOUND A FAILURE IN THE UNIT'S POWER CORD.

Incident Date: 19920917 City: TRENTON State: ND

THE PUMP POWERHEAD TO AN AQUARIUM WET/DRY TRICKLE FILTER APPARENTLY OVERHEATED AND SHORTED CAUSING THE POWER CORD PLUG TO MELT AND CHAR INTO AN EXTENSION CORD OUTLET. SMOKE EMANATED FROM THE BURNING PLASTIC AND THE 15 AMP CIRCUIT BREAKER TRIPPED. NO FIRE RESULTED AND THERE WERE NO INJURIES. REPORTEDLY THE PUMP MANUFACTURER DOES NOT RECOMMEND USE OF THE PUMP BY THE FILTER MANUFACTURER CLAIMING IT SHOULD BE USED SUBMERGED AS IT WAS DESIGNED.

Incident Date: 19930113 City: MILWAUKEE State: WI

THIS INVESTIGATION WAS INITIATED THROUGH A NEWSPAPER REPORT OF A FIRE WHICH RESULTED IN THE FATALITY OF AN 18 YEAR OLD FEMALE AND HER 3 CHILDREN. THE FIRE, WHICH WAS OF UNDETERMINED ORIGIN COULD HAVE STARTED DUE TO A FAULTY ELECTRIC SPACE HEATER, BECAUSE THE SPACE HEATER WAS LYING ON THE ELECTRIC CORD OR BECAUSE OF THE SPACE HEATER WAS LOCATED TOO CLOSE TO COMBUSTIBLES.

Incident Date: 19921226 City: SPRINGDALE State: AR

WHILE AWAY FROM THEIR APARTMENT, RENTORS' APARTMENT CAUGHT FIRE. FIRE OFFICIAL DETERMINED THAT AN ELECTRIC HEATER HAD AN ATTACHED EXTENSION CORD THAT SHORTED OUT CAUSING FIRE TO THE CARPET. THE EXTENSION CORD HAD BEEN PLACED UNDER THE CARPET. NO PRODUCT DATA REGARDING TYPE/MFR., OTHER THAN RATING AND NO DESCRIPTIVE DATA OF THE ELECTRIC HEATER COULD BE OBTAINED SINCE THE OFFICIALS DID NOT COLLECT THIS INFORMATION; THE RENTOR HAS MOVED AND LEFT NO ADDRESS/PHONE NUMBER WITH OFFICIALS.

Incident Date: 19920202 City: CEDARTOWN State: GA

TWO ADULTS AND 5 CHILDREN RANGING FROM AN INFANT TO AN 8 YEAR OLD DIED IN A HOUSE FIRE. THE CAUSE OF DEATH WAS SMOKE INHALATION. IT WAS REPORTED THAT THE GAS IN THE HOUSE HAD BEEN TURNED OFF AND THE VICTIMS WERE USING AN ELECTRICAL SPACE HEATER THAT WAS CONNECTED TO AN EXTENSION CORD TO HEAT THE HOUSE.

Incident Date: 19930203 City: BOLINGBROOK State: IL

AFTER LEARNING THAT A SIMILAR ELECTRIC, TORCHIERE STYLE HALOGEN FLOOR LAMP CAUGHT FIRE, A HOMEOWNER CHECKED HIS LAMP. HE FOUND THAT THE LAMP CORD WAS BEING ABRADED BY THE ROUGH EDGES ON THE FLOOR LAMP BASE. HE THEN NOTIFIED CPSC. THE LAMP WAS SAMPLED AS R-830-5403. THERE WAS NO INJURY OR ACCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19930102 City: EARLVILLE State: NY

A GARAGE FIRE INCIDENT'S POINT OF ORIGIN WAS IDENTIFIED AS BEING THE TRANSFORMER ATTACHED TO A CHARGING UNIT OF A 3/8 INCH CORDLESS DRILL. THE HOME OWNER STATED THAT HE HAD PLUGGED IN THE TRANSFORMER ATTACHED TO THE CHARGING UNIT OF THE CORDLESS DRILL APPROXIMATELY 1 HOUR BEFORE THE FIRE WAS DISCOVERED. THE REMAINS OF CHARGING UNIT AND ITS TRANSFORMER WERE COLLECTED AND REVIEWED UNDER CONTROLLED LABORATORY CONDITIONS. NO INJURIES RESULTED FROM THIS INCIDENT. PROPERTY DAMAGE IS ESTIMATED AT \$35,000.00.

Incident Date: 19921224 City: CORCORAN State: CA

A 31 YEAR OLD MALE SUFFERED THERMAL BURNS TO THE LOWER LEG WHEN HIS ELECTRIC BLANKET CAUGHT ON FIRE. THE BLANKET WAS APPROXIMATELY 7 YEARS OLD. FIRE OFFICIALS CONCLUDED ELECTRICAL SHORT CIRCUIT OCCURRED AT CONNECTION OF POWER CORD TO BLANKET.

Incident Date: 19930203 City: COULEE CITY State: WA

ON 2/3/93 AT APPROXIMATELY 9:30 AM, A NON-INJURY FIRE OCCURRED IN A MANUFACTURED HOME. THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE WAS DETERMINED TO HAVE BEEN THE ELECTRICAL CORD OF A FLOOR LAMP. THE LAMP WAS LATER DETERMINED TO HAVE BEEN AN ANTIQUE ONE-OF-A-KIND LAMP THAT HAD POSSIBLY BEEN REWIRED SINCE IT WAS MADE OVER 65 YEARS AGO.

Incident Date: 19940514 City: DES MOINES State: WA

A FIRE OCCURRED IN A TWO BEDROOM APARTMENT WHILE THE FATHER AND HIS 3 YEAR OLD SON WERE SLEEPING ON THE COUCH IN THE LIVING ROOM. THE FATHER WOKE UP TO SEE SMOKE IN THE LIVING ROOM. AFTER SEEING THE FIRE IN THE CHILD'S BEDROOM, THE FATHER AND SON EXITED THE APT. LOCAL FIRE DEPT. LISTED SOURCE OF FIRE AS A FAULTY ELECTRIC CORD ON A TABLE LAMP. THE LAMP WAS ONLY 6 MONTHS OLD. NO INJURIES WERE INVOLVED IN THIS IDI. ESTIMATED DAMAGE TO THE PROPERTY WAS \$160,000.

Incident Date: 19940419 City: CLEAR LAKE State: TX

THE FIRE WHICH DESTROYED A LOWER UNIT IN AN APARTMENT COMPLEX OCCURRED WHEN A WEAK POINT IN A DISHWASHER'S POWER CORD CAME INTO CONTACT WITH THE DISHWASHER'S METAL SHELL, TRANSFERRING CURRENT INTO THE METAL. THE METAL SHEEL BEGAN TO HEAT, AND EVENTUALLY IGNITED NEARBY WALLPAPER, THE DISHWASHER WAS IN USE AT THE TIME. NO INJURIES TO RESIDENTS WERE REPORTED. THE DISHWASHER COULD NOT BE FULLY IDENTIFIED. SERVICE RECORDS AND A FAILURE ANALYSIS REPORT COULDN'T BE OBTAINED.

Incident Date: 19921212 City: UNION State: SC

A 57 YEAR OLD MAN DIED FROM CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING AND SMOKE INHALATION IN HIS APARTMENT DURING A RESIDENTIAL FIRE. THE FIRE WAS STARTED BY A SHORT IN christmas CANDLE LIGHTS OR A SHORT IN THE EXTENSION CORD TO THE CANDLE LIGHTS.

Incident Date: 19930223 City: CENTERVILLE State: MN

THIS INVESTIGATION INVOLVED A HOUSE FIRE THAT CAUSED ABOUT \$15,000 DAMAGE. FIRE OFFICIALS FEEL THE FIRE WAS CAUSED BY A DEFECT WITH A CORDLESS TELEPHONE THAT WAS SITTING ON A MICROWAVE OVEN IN THE KITCHEN. THEY FEEL IT SHORTED OUT, IGNITING THE TELEPHONE BASE, THEN NEARBY COMBUSTABLES. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19930219 City: WILMINGTON State: NC

THIS INVESTIGATION INVOLVED A BOARDING HOUSE FIRE THAT STARTED IN A TENANT'S ROOM. THE ORIGIN OF THE FIRE WAS IN THE AREA OF A PORTABLE ELECTRIC HEATER. THE HEATER CORD WIRES SHOWED BEADING INDICATING ARCING AND AN ELECTRICAL SHORT. IT WAS BELIEVED THE HEATER IGNITED NEARBY CLOTHING. NO INJURIES OCCURRED.

Incident Date: 19930202 City: TOLEDO State: OH

A 82 YEAR OLD MALE DIED AS A RESULT OF A FIRE THAT OCCURRED IN A NURSING HOME. THE FIRE WAS ATTRIBUTED TO A SPACE HEATER THAT THE VICTIM HAD IN HIS ROOM. THE HEATER WAS LOCATED BY THE VICTIM'S BED, AND HAD ITS POWER CORD GOING UNDERNEATH THE VICTIM'S MATTRESS TO THE OUTLET. AT THE POINT OF THE CORD BEING UNDERNEATH THE MATTRESS, THERE WAS A SPLICE USED TO CONNECT ANOTHER CORD (FIRE OFFICIALS SAID THAT THE CORD THAT REACHED FROM THE SPLICE INTO THE OUTLET WAS AKIN TO AN ELECTRIC LAMP CORD). THE FIRE OCCURRED AT THE POINT OF THE SPLICE.

Incident Date: 19930214 City: CLEVELAND State: OH

FIVE CHILDREN, RANGING IN AGE FROM 1-6 DIED FROM BURNS AND/OR SMOKE INHALATION IN A HOME FIRE ATTRIBUTED TO THE CORD ON AN ELECTRICAL SPACE HEATER. THE CHILDREN DIED IN THE UPSTAIRS LIVING ROOM OF A TWO FAMILY. THE FIRE BEGAN IN THE DOWNSTAIRS LIVING ROOM.

Incident Date: 19930228 City: HAGERSTOWN State: MD

THIS ACCIDENTAL FIRE OCCURRED AT THE SITE OF AN OIL-FILLED, RADIATOR- TYPE ELECTRIC HEATER BEING USED IN LIVING ROOM OF A DWELLING. UNIT WITH AN APPROXIMATE 4-1/2" CORD, 16 GAUGE WAS ATTACHED TO A 15' EXTENSION CORD AND THE RECEPTACLE OVERHEATED AND CAUGHT FIRE AT THE JUNCTION. VICTIM A 40 YEAR OLD MALE, SUFFERED ANOXIA FROM SMOKE AND WAS TREATED AT THE SCENE.

Incident Date: 19930417 City: PLEASANTVILLE State: NJ

A DAMAGED POWER CORD OF AN ELECTRIC SPACE HEATER CAUSED A SMALL FIRE WHEN IT ARCED AND SPARKS IGNITED A RUG AND COUCH IN THE LIVING ROOM OF A SINGLE RESIDENCE WOOD FRAME HOUSE. THE HOUSE CONTAINED NO DETECTORS NOR SPRINKLERS. THERE WERE NO DEATHS NOR INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19930424 City: ALTOONA State: PA

TWO ADULTS DIED OF SMOKE INHALATION AS THE RESULT OF A FIRE IN THEIR HOME. THE FIRE ORIGINATED IN THE KITCHEN IN THE AREA OF A REFRIGERATOR AND A CORDLESS TELEPHONE BASE. THE SPECIFIC CAUSE OF THE FIRE WAS NOT DETERMINED AND THE FIRE WAS LISTED AS UNDETERMINED ORIGIN.

Incident Date: 19930111 City: FOLEY State: AL

AN ELECTRIC NIGHT LIGHT WAS PLUGGED INTO A RECEPTACLE IN A CHILD'S BEDROOM. THE UNIT WAS TURNED OFF. A FIRE IS BELIEVED TO HAVE STARTED IN THE CORD OF THE UNIT. DAMAGE WAS INCURRED TO THE BED AND CARPETING IN THE BEDROOM. NO INJURIES WERE INCURRED.

Incident Date: 19930101 City: RALEIGH State: NC

A 93 YEAR OLD MALE DIED IN A RESIDENTIAL FIRE REPORTEDLY STARTED FROM A FAULTY ELECTRICAL CORD ON A PORTABLEELECTRIC SPACE HEATER. THE VICTIM SUSTAINED BURNS TO HIS LEFT LEG, WHICH WAS AMPUTATED. THE VICTIM LATER DIED FROM COMPLICATIONS FROM THERMAL BURNS.

Incident Date: 19930425 City: FITCHBURG State: WI

THIS INVESTIGATION WAS INITIATED DUE TO A NEWSPAPER ARTICLE REPORTING THAT A WAREHOUSE FIRE WAS CAUSED BY A DEFECTIVE PORTABLE ELECTRIC HEATER. THE FIRE CAUSED MINOR DAMAGE AND NO INJURIES. SUBSEQUENT INVESTIGATION SUGGESTS THAT AN EXTENSION CORD AND A POORLY MOUNTED ELECTRICAL OUTLET MAY HAVE BEEN THE ACTUAL SOURCE/CAUSE OF THE FIRE.

Incident Date: 19930522 City: CONWAY State: AR

THE RESPONDENT WAS IN THE KITCHEN MAKING BREAKFAST WHEN SHE HEARD POP PING NOISE AND SMELLED SMOKE. SHE WENT INTO THE DINING ROOM AND OBSERVED SMOKE COMING FROM A RECEPTACLE WHERE SHE HAD AIR FILTERING HUMIDIFIER PLUGGED IN. SHE IMMEDIATELY UNPLUGGED THE AF HUMIDIFIER AND CONTACTED THE FIRE DEPT. NO INJURIES OCCURRED. THE FIRE DEPT RULED THERE WAS A SHORT IN THE CORD OF THE AF HUMIDIFIER.

Incident Date: 19930517 City: SWEET HOME State: OR

A 20 YEAR OLD MALE AND 15 YEAR OLD MALE SUFFERED MINOR BURNS AND SMOKE INHALATION AS A RESULT OF A FIRE IN THE 15 YEAR OLD MALE'S BEDROOM WHICH OCCURRED WHILE THE VICTIMS WERE SLEEPING. THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE WAS IDENTIFIED AS THE FAILURE OF THE POWER CORD OF AN ELECTRIC MATTRESS PAD. THE CORD WAS ENTRAPPED UNDER THE LEG OF THE BED AND PINCHED AGAINST THE FLOOR.

Incident Date: 19930510 City: CARMEL State: CA

VICTIM WAS HEATING A POT PIE IN HER TOASTER OVEN, AND AFTER 15 MINUTES SHE DISCOVERED A FIRE IN THE AREA OF THE OVEN. SHE CALLED 911, ESCAPED TO SAFETY, AND WAS TREATED ON SCENE FOR SMOKE INHALATION. PRIVATE FIRE ANALYSIS REVEALED THAT FIRE ORIGINATED IN EXTENSION CORD, & WAS DUE TO HIGH WATTAGE TOASTER OVEN EXCEEDING THE CORD'S RATING CAPACITY. PRODUCT ID DESTROYED IN THE FIRE. OVEN AND CORD DISCARDED.

Incident Date: 19930621 City: MIDDLE VILLAGE State: NY

ON JUNE 21 A FIRE OCCURRED IN THE LIVING ROOM OF A CONDOMINIUM. THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE WAS NOT DETERMINED, BUT MAY HAVE BEEN DUE TO THE MISUSE OF AN ELECTRICAL SOURCE. THE SMOKE DETECTOR MAY HAVE BEEN ON THE SAME CIRCUIT AS THE OUTLET INTO WHICH THE EXTENSION CORD AND A FISH TANK WERE PLUGGED. THERE WERE NO INJURIES NOR DEATHS, BUT HEAVY SMOKE DAMAGE OCCURRED, DOLLAR AMOUNT UNKNOWN.

Incident Date: 19930318 City: EAST MEADOW State: NY

A TOASTER OVEN THAT WAS "OFF", STANDING ON THE KITCHEN COUNTER IN THE COMPLAINANT'S HOUSE, WITH THE CORD PLUGGED INTO A WALL OUTLET, SPONTANEOUSLY CAUGHT FIRE. THE HOME OWNER EXTINGUISHED THE FIRE. NO INJURIES OCCURRED.

Incident Date: 19930717 City: SNELLVILLE State: GA

THE COMPLAINANT STATED THAT AN ELECTRIC KILN (USED FOR POTTERY MAKING) EMITTED SPARKS AFTER BEING USED FOR ONE HOUR. THE COMPLAINANT UNPLUGGED THE UNIT, WHICH SHE FELT WAS POSING A FIRE HAZARD. SHE STATED THE ELECTRIC CORD ON THE UNIT WAS DESIGNED FOR AN ELECTRIC DRYER, AND NOT FOR THE KILN; WHICH IS A HIGH WATTAGE PRODUCT. THE KILN HAS SINCE BEEN REPAIRED AND IS BEING USED ON A DAILY BASIS. NO INJURY RESULTED.

Incident Date: 19930821 City: AUBURN State: WA

THE 37 YEAR OLD MALE VICTIM SUSTAINED A FRACTURE AND TEARING OF THE TENDONS ON HIS RIGHT RING FINGER WHEN THE PULL CORD OF HIS WALK- BEHIND POWER MOWER WAS SNAPPED BACK AND HIS FINGER HIT THE HANDLE PART OF HIS MOWER. THE MOWER BACKFIRED (AFTER HE HAD BEEN DOING ROUTINE MAINTENANCE) JERKING THE CORD BACK. THE VICTIM WENT TO THE EMERGENCY ROOM WHERE HE WAS TREATED AND ADMITTED. HE WAS RELEASED ONE DAY LATER AFTER SURGERY.

Incident Date: 19930830 City: ELBERFELD State: IN

4 ADULTS EXPIRED IN A HOUSE FIRE. CAUSE OF FIRE WAS DETERMINED TO BE AN OVERLOAD/SHORT IN THE ELECTRIC CORD OF A FLOOR FAN.

Incident Date: 19930817 City: CLEARBROOK State: VA

THERE WERE NO INJURIES INVOLVED IN THIS FIRE. ACCORDING TO THE FIRE MARSHAL, A SHORT CIRCUIT, AT THE STRESS KNOT, IN THE POWER CORD, AT THE BASE OF A PORTABLE, ELECTRIC, OSCILLATING FAN CAUSED FLAMES AND BURNED THE CARPET THAT IT WAS ON. THE FIRE WAS CONTAINED TO THE BEDROOM OF A SINGLE FAMILY HOUSE BUT THERE WAS SMOKE DAMAGE THROUGH-OUT THE HOUSE, PRIMARILY FROM THE SMOULDERING CARPET. THE ELECTRIC FAN WAS ABOUT 3-1/2 YEARS OLD AND WAS DISCARDED AFTER THE ACCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19930715 City: HESSTON State: KS

AN ELECTRIC BABY WIPE WARMER STARTED MELTING AFTER 7 MONTHS CONTINUOUS USE. OWNER SMELLED BURNING PLASTIC IN BABY'S ROOM AND UNPLUGGED THE UNIT. FOUND SCORCH MARKS AND BURNT HOLE IN WARMER. NO INJURY, BUT OWNER FEELS FIRE HAZARD EXISTS. NEWER MODELS ARE UL LISTED AND HAVE AN ON/OFF SWITCH IN POWER CORD.

Incident Date: 19931031 City: ST. PAUL State: MN

THE COMPLAINANT WAS USING A 4 YR. OLD ELECTRIC PERCOLATOR IN THE KITCHEN OF HER APARTMENT. SHE SAID IT WAS PLUGGED IN AND "PERKING" A POT OF COFFEE FOR ABOUT 15 MINUTES. IT STARTED TO SMOKE AT THE SECTION OF THE PERCOLATOR WHERE THE FEMALE PLUG OF THE APPLIANCE CORD IS CONNECTED. SHE ALSO NOTED THAT THE PLUG WAS "RED HOT". SHE UNPLUGGED THE CORD AND THERE WAS NO FIRE DAMAGE OR INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19931021 City: GRANTS PASS State: OR

A LIGHTWEIGHT EXTENSION CORD CONNECTED TO A PORTABLE ELECTRIC HEATER OVERHEATED AND CAUSED A FIRE WHICH DESTROYED A MOBILE HOME. THE EXTENSION CORD WAS LOCATED UNDER A COUCH. THERE WAS NO WORKING SMOKE DETECTOR IN THE HOME BUT THE OCCUPANT ESCAPED WITHOUT INJURY.

Incident Date: 19931108 City: MEREAX State: LA

THIS ON-SITE IDI INVOLVED THE DEATH OF A 35 YEAR OLD MOTHER AND HER 4 YEAR OLD DAUGHTER AND 3 YEAR OLD SON WHEN THEIR MOBILE HOME CAUGHT ON FIRE WHILE THEY WERE SLEEPING. AN ELECTRIC CLOCK SHORTED OUT WHEN THE FAMILY CAT CHEWED THROUGH IT'S POWER CORD. THE SHORT IGNITED A NEARBY SOFA. NO SMOKE DETECTORS WERE INSTALLED IN THE TRAILER.

Incident Date: 19930929 City: EDISON State: NJ

THE 69 YEAR OLD MALE VICTIM INCURRED DEATH BY MASSIVE BURNS WHEN A FIRE STARTED IN HIS BEDROOM FROM AN EXTENSION CORD ATTACHED TO A LAMP . THE VICTIM'S SMOKE ALARM DID NOT GO OFF BECAUSE THE BATTERY WAS MISSING. THE VICTIM WAS TAKEN TO THE HOSPITAL WHERE HE DIED 2 WEEKS LATER.

Incident Date: 19930729 City: FREEPORT State: IL

THIS INVESTIGATION WAS INITIATED THROUGH A NEWSPAPER ACCOUNT OF A HOUSE FIRE WHICH WAS THOUGHT TO HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY A SHORT IN AN ELECTRICAL CORD. THE SMOKE DETECTORS IN THE HOME DID NOT SOUND. ONE OF THE DETECTORS HAD BEEN DISABLED PRIOR TO THE FIRE. A SECOND DETECTOR COULD NOT BE TESTED DUE TO EXTENSIVE DAMAGE. A THIRD DETECTOR DID NOT SOUND BECAUSE SMOKE DID NOT REACH THE DETECTOR. THERE WERE THREE FATALITIES INVOLVED IN THIS INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19931102 City: CAMDEN State: AR

ACCORDING TO THE RESPONDENT 3 THREE PEOPLE WERE ASLEEP IN A BED OF A SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING. HE STATED THE OCCUPANTS WERE USING AN ELECTRIC SPACE HEATER ATTACHED TO AN EXTENSION CORD FOR HEAT. ACCORDING TO THE FIRE MARSHALL THE EXTENSION CORD OVERHEATED AND CAME INTO CONTACT WITH BEDDING MATERAILS IGNITING THE FIRE. THE FIRE MARSHALL STATED THAT THIS WAS DUE TO THE WIRING IN THE DWELLING EXCEEDING THE ELECTRICAL CAPACITY FOR OUTPUT CAUSING THE EXTENSION CORD TO SHORT OUT. NO INJURY OCCURRED AND DAMAGE WAS ESTIMATED AT \$300.00.

Incident Date: 19931101 City: EL DORADO State: AR

ACCORDING TO THE CORONER, A 40 YEAR OLD FEMALE WAS ASLEEP OR PASSED OUT DUE TO ALCOHOL INTOXICATION. HE STATED AROUND MIDNIGHT A NEIGHBOR WAS OUTSIDE AND NOTICED FLAMES COMING FROM THE VICTIM'S RESIDENCE. ACCORDING TO A STATE POLICE FIRE INVESTIGATOR THE FIRE STARTED IN A BEDROOM WHERE THE VICTIM HAD SEVERAL SMALL PERSONAL APPLIANCES PLUGGED INTO AN EXTENSION CORD. THE FIRE INVESTIGATOR STATED THE FIRE WAS DUE TO OVERLOADING THE EXTENSION CORD AND CAUSING A MAKEUP MIRROR TO MELT CAUSING THE FIRE. THE VICTIM DIED IN THE FIRE DUE TO SMOKE INHALATION.

Incident Date: 19931121 City: COLUMBUS State: NE

A FIRE OCCURRED IN A RETAIL STORE, NOONE WAS INJURED AND DAMAGE WAS REPORTEDLY NOT SIGNIFICANT. THE CHIEF OF THE CITY'S VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT DETERMINED THE FIRE WAS DUE TO SEVERAL FACTORS INCLUDING; USE OF TOO MANY ELECTRIC LIGHT SETS IN PROXIMITY OF OR IN CONTACT WITH HOLIDAY DECORATIONS, LEAVING THE LIGHT SETS ON TOO LONG AND POSSIBLE IMPROPER USE OF EXTENSION CORDS. THE CHIEF IDENTIFIED NO SPECIFIC PRODUCT DEFECT OR MALFUNCTION.

Incident Date: 19931129 City: MARRERO State: LA

THIS IDI INVOLVED A RESIDENTIAL FIRE THAT WAS CAUSED BY AN ELECTRIC IRON THAT WAS LEFT PLUGGED INTO AN EXTENSION CORD. IT IS NOT KNOWN IF THE IRON WAS LEFT "ON" AT THE TIME OF THE FIRE. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19931125 City: MIDLAND State: MD

A FIRE THAT OCCURRED IN A SINGLE FAMILY HOME WHEN A HEAT TAPE THAT WAS WRAPPED AROUND A SEWER PIPE AND WAS ENCASED WITH INSULATION IN A WOODEN BOX SHORTED OUT IGNITING THE INSULATION, WOODEN BOX, AND THE FIRE, THEN TRAVELED UP TO THE SECOND FLOOR BATHROOM IGNITING THE FLOOR AND CAUSING THE FIRE. THE FIRE OFFICIAL FEELS THAT THE HEAT TAPE EXTENSION CORD PLASTIC WORE OUT AFTER 5 YEARS, CAUSING HEAT TAPE TO COME ON & SHORT OUT. NO INJURIES OCCURRED.

Incident Date: 19931215 City: SALT LAKE CITY State: UT

NO ONE WAS INJURED WHEN AN OVERLOADED, IMPROPERLY SPLICED CORD ON A christmas TREE OVERHEATED AND STARTED THE TREE ON FIRE IN THE UTAH GOVERNOR'S MANSION.

Incident Date: 19931202 City: BERWICK State: ME

A MOBILE HOME WAS DAMAGED AS A RESULT OF A FIRE CAUSED BY A SHORT IN AN OUTLET IN THE KITCHEN, AN OVERLOAD OCCURED DUE TO A REFRIGERATOR & RECHARGABLE CORDLESS SCREW DRIVER BEING PLUGGED IN THE SAME OUTLET . THE SHORT IN KITCHEN OUTLET IGNITED THE KITCHEN WALL THEN TRAVELED TO ANOTHER OUTLET.

Incident Date: 19930101 City: ELDORADO State: AR

ACCORDING TO FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL A 6 YEAR OLD FEMALE AND HER 5 MONTH OLD SISTER WERE LEFT ALONE IN THE BEDROOM OF A RESIDENCE WHILE THEIR MOTHER WENT TO USE A TELEPHONE. ACCORDING TO FIRE OFFICIALS THE ONLY SOURCE OF HEAT FOR THE RESIDENCE WAS A 2 BURNER ELECTRIC HOT PLATE. ACCORDING TO FIRE OFFICIALS A FAULTY CORD ATTACHED TO THE HOT PLATE CAME INTO CONTACT WITH A CURTAIN IGNITING THE FIRE. THE 6 YEAR OLD FEMALE ESCAPED THE FIRE, BUT HER 5 MONTH SISTER WAS FOUND DEAD AT THE SCENE DUE TO ASPHYXIA & SMOKE INHALATION & THERMAL BURNS.

Incident Date: 19931111 City: GLENWOOD State: OR

A FIRE ORIGINATED IN A RESIDENTIAL UPSTAIRS BEDROOM. A BASEBOARD ELECTRICAL HEATER REQUIRING HARD WIRING WAS SPLICED ONTO AN ELECTRIC CORD IN 3 PLACES IN A 9 FOOT LENGTH. ONE OF THE WIRE NUTS WAS LOOSE AND SHORTED RESULTING IN A FIRE.

Incident Date: 19931121 City: TRENTON State: NJ

A FIRE OCCURRED-IN THE 1ST FLOOR BEDROOM OF A SINGLE FAMILY HOUSE DUE TO A SHORT IN AN ELECTRICAL CORD. FIRE OFFICIALS WERE UNABLE TO DETERMINE THE TYPE OF CORD INVOLVED BECAUSE THERE WERE SEVERAL FOUND AND THE ROOM WAS SEVERELY DAMAGED.

Incident Date: 19931123 City: CIMARRON State: NM

NO ONE WAS INJURED WHEN THE POWER CORD OF AN UNIDENTIFIED ELECTRIC HEATER IGNITED THE CARPET OF A FAMILY HOME. THE FIRE SPREAD TO THE BEDDING OF A BED IN WHICH TWO MINOR CHILDREN WERE SLEEPING. THEY WOKE AND FLED THE BEDROOM. THE GRANDFATHER PUT OUT THE FIRE WITH A FIRE EXTINGUISHER BEFORE THE ARRIVAL OF THE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT. THE ELECTRIC HEATER WAS THROWN AWAY.

Incident Date: 19931016 City: PETOSKEY State: MI

THIS NON-INJURY IDI INVOLVES A SMALL HOUSE FIRE THAT OCCURRED IN THE KITCHEN OF A CONSUMER'S HOUSE. AN ELECTRIC TOASTER OVEN WAS PLUGGED INTO AN OLD, LIGHT WEIGHT, "LAMP CORD" TYPE OF EXTENSION CORD, WHICH WAS PLUGGED INTO A WALL OUTLET. THE EXTENSION CORD WAS TOO OLD & LIGHT WEIGHT (OR WEAK) TO BE USED WITH THE TOASTER OVEN, AND OVER A PERIOD OF TIME IT HAD DETERIORATED TO A POINT THAT IT SHORT CIRCUITED AND CAUSED THE FIRE.

Incident Date: 19931123 City: HARBOR State: OR

AN ELECTRICAL FIRE WHICH OCCURRED IN THE LIVING ROOM OF A SINGLE FAMILY HOME WAS CAUSED BY A SHORT IN AN EXTENTION CORD THAT HAD AN ELECTRIC ORGAN AND LAMP PLUGGED INTO IT. THE LIVING ROOM AND ATTIC WERE DESTROYED BY THE FIRE.

Incident Date: 19931226 City: DALLAS State: TX

AN ELECTRICAL FIRE OCCURED IN THE DINING ROOM AREA OF AN APARTMENT. IT IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY AN OVERLOAD ON THE KITCHEN OUTLET IN WHICH A CLOTHES DRYER WAS PLUGGED INTO BY A 12 FT EXTENSION CORD. THE DRYER WAS NOT IN USE AND THE EXACT CAUSE IS UNKNOWN SINCE THE KITCHEN AND DEN AREA WAS COMPLETED DESTROYED.

Incident Date: 19931214 City: ROBSTOWN State: TX

A FIRE OCCURRED AT A GROCERY STORE WHEN A SHORT CIRCUIT OCCURRED IN A WORN POWER CORD USED BY A CHEST STYLE, FLIP-TOP FREEZER UNIT. THE FIRE STARTED INSIDE THE WALL BEHIND THE FREEZER AND COMPLETELY DESTROYED THE STORE. NO ONE WAS INJURED.

Incident Date: 19940101 City: FAIRFIELD State: CA

NEWSCLIPPING REPORTS AN APARTMENT FIRE STARTED FROM EITHER THE christmas TREE LIGHTS OR BY A CORD LEADING TO THE TREE. TWO ADULT OCCUPANTS RECEIVED SEVERE BURNS WHILE TRYING TO ESCAPE FROM THE FIRE. FIRE INVESTIGATORS LATER DETERMINED THAT AN ELECTRICAL CORD SHORT CIRCUIT AND IGNITED THE CARPETS. THE TELEVISION SET WAS SITTING ON THE ELECTRICAL CORD WHICH CAUSED THE SHORT CIRCUIT.

Incident Date: 19931223 City: LAKEVIEW State: OR

THE FIRE WHICH DESTROYED A TRAILOR HOME OCCURRED WHEN A WORN ELECTRICAL OUTLET SHORTED AND IGNITED THE POWER CORD OF AN ELECTRIC PORTABLE HEATER WHICH WAS PLUGGED INTO THE OUTLET. ALTHOUGH NOT CONFIRMED, A CONTRIBUTING FACTOR TO THE FIRE WAS THAT THE WIRING OF THE TRAILOR WAS DONE BY A LAYMAN AND NOT A PROFESSIONAL ELECTRICIAN. NO INJURIES OCCURRED IN THE FIRE.

Incident Date: 19931202 City: GREELEY State: CO

NOBODY WAS INJURED WHEN A MICROWAVE OVEN BEING USED ON AN ELECTRIC EXTENSION CORD OVERLOADED THE EXTENSION CORD CAPACITY AND STARTED A FIRE IN A HOME.

Incident Date: 19940204 City: NEW ORLEANS State: LA

THIS IDI INVOLVED A RESIDENTIAL FIRE THAT WAS CAUSED BY THE OVERLOADING OF AN EXTENSION CORD. THE HOME'S FUSES WERE ALL 30 AMP WHEN THE WIRING SYSTEM WAS ONLY RATED FOR 20 AMP FUSES.

Incident Date: 19931230 City: HUTCHINSON State: KS

AN ELECTRICAL FIRE OCCURED IN A HOME THAT HAD BEEN CONVERTED INTO SEVERAL APARTMENTS. THE FIRE WAS CAUSED BY AN EXTENSION CORD THAT HAD SEVERAL APPLIANCES PLUGGED INTO IT. IT OVERHEATED AND SHORTED OUT.

Incident Date: 19940109 City: OMAHA State: NE

A FIRE STARTED IN THE BEDROOM OF A SINGLE FAMILY HOUSE WHEN A PORTABLE SPACE HEATER WAS LEFT ON WHILE THE VICTIM WENT TO THE STORE AND EITHER FELL OVER OR HAD A SHORT IN THE CORD. THE FIRE DEPT. WAS CALLED BY A PASSERBY. FIRE DAMAGED THE BEDROOM, LIVING ROOM AND DINING ROOM. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19940201 City: ELIZABETHTOWN State: KY

THIS INCIDENT INVOLVED A FIRE IN AN UNOCCUPIED GUEST ROOM IN A MOTEL WHICH IS PART OF A LARGE NATIONAL CHAIN. THE FIRE ORIGINATED IN A THROUGH THE WALL COMBINATION HEATING AND AIR CONDITIONING UNIT. THE POINT OF ORIGIN WAS TRACED TO THE POWER CORD AREA ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE UNIT.

Incident Date: 19930817 City: NEEDHAM State: MA

THE FIRE WHICH DAMAGED A BEDROOM IN THE SINGLE FAMILY HOME OCCURRED WHEN AN EXTENSION CORD WHICH CONNECTED A TV TO A WALL OUTLET, IGNITED THE RUG WHICH LAY ON TOP OF IT. FIRE OFFICIALS DO NOT KNOW WHAT CAUSED THE EXTENSION CORD TO IGNITE THE RUG. THE RESIDENT EXCAPED THE HOME WITHOUT INJURY.

Incident Date: 19940104 City: HARRISBURG State: PA

AN ELECTRIC OIL FILLED SPACE HEATER OF UNKNOWN BRAND MODEL OR MAKE IS THE SUSPECTED CAUSE OF A HOUSE FIRE. INVESTIGATORS BELIEVE THAT THE ELECTRIC POWER CORD OVERHEATED AND SPARKED THAT FIRE. NO DEATHS OR INJURIES ARE ASSOCIATED WITH THIS INCIDENT, HOWEVER DAMAGE WAS ABOUT \$20,000 TO STRUCTURE AND ABOUT \$10,000 TO THE CONTENTS.

Incident Date: 19931219 City: HARRISBURG State: PA

A HOUSE FIRE, BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN STARTED FROM AN OVERHEATED POWER CORD OF AN UNIDENTIFIED ELECTRIC OIL FILLED SPACE HEATER, CAUSED ABOUT \$15,000 WORTH OF PROPERTY AND CONTENT DAMAGES. NO DEATHS OR INJURIES ARE ASSOCIATED WITH THIS INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19931221 City: HARRISBURG State: PA

AN ELECTRIC OIL FILLED SPACE HEATER POWER CORD OVERHEATED AND WAS THE IGNITION SOURCE OF A HOUSE FIRE. DAMAGE WAS LISTED AT ABOUT \$5,000. NO DEATHS OR INJURIES ARE ASSOCIATED WITH THIS INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19931225 City: WILLIAMSTON State: MI

THE FIRE WHICH DAMAGED A SINGLE FAMILY HOME OCCURRED WHEN A SHORT OCCURRED IN A HEATING UNIT, OR THE ELECTRICAL CORD LEADING TO THE UNIT, LOCATED IN A CUPBOARD BENEATH THE KITCHEN COUNTER. THE FIRE WAS EXTINGUISHED BY A RESIDENT WHO DOUSED THE FIRE WITH WATER FROM THE KITCHEN SINK. NO INJURIES WERE SUSTAINED BY THE RESIDENTS WHO WERE ALERTED TO THE FIRE BY SMOKE DETECTORS.

Incident Date: 19931218 City: EAST WINDSOR State: CT

A FIRE DESTROYED A MULTI-LEVEL SINGLE FAMILY HOME WHEN AN EXTENSION CORD IGNITED DUE TO A CIRCUIT OVERLOAD. THE 22 YEAR OLD FEMALE VICTIM WAS AWAKENED BY THE SMOKE ALARM. THE VICTIM AND HER FATHER WERE RESCUED FROM THE ROOF WHERE THEY WENT TO ESCAPE THE BLAZE. THE VICTIM AND HER FATHER WERE HOSPITALIZED FOR 3 WEEKS EACH.

Incident Date: 19931225 City: LOBSTER CAMP State: OR

A FIVE YEAR OLD FEMALE AND A THREE YEAR OLD FEMALE DIED OF INJURIES AND A ONE YEAR OLD FEMALE WAS HOSPITALIZED AS A RESULT OF A FIRE WHICH OCCURRED IN THEIR ATTIC BEDROOM. THE FIRE OFFICIALS ATTRIBUTED THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE TO AN EXTENSION CORD WHICH WAS OVERHEATED BY A PORTABLE ELECTRIC HEATER. THE EXTENSION CORD WAS LOCATED UNDER A MATTRESS WHICH WAS PLACED DIRECTLY ON THE FLOOR.

Incident Date: 19940110 City: EVESHAM State: NJ

THE FIRE WHICH DAMAGED A SINGLE-FAMILY HOME OCCURRED AS A RESULT OF AN ELECTRICAL MALFUNCTION IN EITHER A BEDROOM WALL OUTLET OR ELECTRICAL CORDS FROM A DESK LAMP & CLOCK THAT WERE PLUGGED INTO THE OUTLET. THE CORDS WERE CRIMPED BY THE BED WHICH WAS PRESSED HARD AGAINST THE WALL. RESIDENTS ESCAPED WITHOUT INJURY AFTER A SMOKE DETECTOR ALERTED THEM TO THE FIRE'S PRESENCE. FIRE DAMAGE WAS CONTAINED TO THE BEDROOM.

Incident Date: 19940101 City: CANDOR State: NC

A 25 YEAR OLD WOMAN AND HER 18 MONTH OLD SON ESCAPED A FIRE IN THEIR RESIDENCE WITHOUT INJURY. THE FIRE STARTED IN THE WOMAN'S MOTHER'S BEDROOM. FIRE INVESTIGATOR'S BELIEVE THAT AN ELECTRIC BLANKET CORD SHORTED TO THE METAL BED FRAME IGNITING THE BEDDING.

Incident Date: 19940201 City: ATHENS State: PA

A MOBILE HOME FIRE WAS STARTED BY AN ELECTRICAL SHORT CAUSED BY AN EXTENSION CORD CONNECTED TO A HEAT TAPE. THE HEAT TAPE WAS WRAPPED AROUND A WATER PIPE THAT WAS UNDER THE MOBILE HOME. THERE WERE NO INJURIES TO THE FATHER, MOTHER AND THEIR 3 YEAR OLD DAUGHTER IN THE MOBILE HOME.

Incident Date: 19940126 City: CROMWELL State: CT

A FIRE OCCURRED IN A ROOM OF A DORMITORY FOR SEMINARY STUDENTS. IT WAS CAUSED BY AN OVERLOAD ON AN EXTENSION CORD BETWEEN 2 MULTI-PLUG APPLIANCES. THIS DEVICE HAD 5-6 PLUGS TO ACCOMODATE SEVERAL APPLIANCES AT ONE TIME BUT SOMEHOW OVERLOADED. THE CORD CAUSING IT TO OVERHEAT AND IGNITED THE CARPET. SMOKE DETECTORS WERE PRESENT AND OPERABLE.

Incident Date: 19931208 City: WARWICK State: RI

THE 51 YEAR OLD FEMALE DIED FROM SEVERE BURNS SUSTAINED IN A FIRE IN A FIRE IN HER HOME. THE FIRE WAS CAUSED BY AN OVERLOAD ON A BEDROOM OUTLET. THERE WERE 6 OR 7, 16 TO 18 GAUGE EXTENSION CORDS PLUGGED INTO THE OUTLET. ONE OF THE CORDS SHORTED AND SPARKED A MATTRESS. ALTHOUGH THE SMOKE DETECTOR SOUNDED, IT IS UNKNOWN WHY THE VICTIM DID NOT LEAVE THE HOME RIGHT AWAY.

Incident Date: 19940207 City: TOLEDO State: OH

A NEW ELECTRIC SPACE HEATER HAD FLAMES COMING FROM THE POWER CORD/ OUTLET CONNECTION. THE FLAMES WERE 2" HIGH AND SELF-EXTINGUISHED WHEN THE POWER CORD WAS PULLED FROM THE OUTLET. THE UNIT WAS RETURNED TO THE DEALER FOR CREDIT. THERE WERE NO INJURIES AND THE FIRE DEPARTMENT WAS NOT CALLED TO THE SCENE.

Incident Date: 19940323 City: NAPA State: CA

FIRE OFFICIALS IDENTIFIED ELECTRICAL ARCING AT THE CORD CONNECTION OF AN ELECTRIC BLANKET AS BEING THE IGNITION SOURCE OF A BEDDING FIRE. A SMOKE DETECTOR ALERTED THE FAMILY WHO PULLED A SLEEPING 10-YEAR OLD BOY OUT OF THE BED TO SAFETY. THERE WERE NO INJURIES; PROEPRTY DAMAGE WAS CONFINED TO THE BED AND RELATED MATERIALS.

Incident Date: 19940221 City: NORFOLK State: NE

THE FIRE WHICH DESTROYED A SINGLE FAMILY HOME OCCURRED WHEN ELECTRICAL HEAT TAPE, WRAPPED AROUND WATER PIPES UNDERNEATH THE KITCHEN, SHORTED AND IGNITED THE FLOOR. SIMULTANEOUSLY, THE EXTENSION CORD TO WHICH THE HEAT TAPE WAS PLUGGED IN, OVERHEATED AND IGNITED RAFTERS IN THE BASEMENT. THE HEAT TAPE HAD RECENTLY BEEN MOVED BY PLUMBERS WORKING ON THE WATER PIPES. IT IS UNKNOWN IF THE HEAT TAPE IS LISTED/CERTIFIED. THE FIRE MARSHALL STATED THAT ONLY PUBLIC OFFICIALS WERE INJURED.

Incident Date: 19940302 City: PHILADELPHIA State: PA

AN ELECTRICAL MALFUNCTION IN THE CORD OF A TV SET RESULTED IN A FIRE. THE 53 YEAR OLD MALE RESIDENT SUSTAINED 36% BURNS ON HIS UPPER TORSO. THE VICTIM DIED TWO DAYS LATER OF A HEART ATTACK.

Incident Date: 19940426 City: HAVERHILL State: MA

A 58 YEAR OLD MALE SUSTAINED PERMANENT BRAIN DAMAGE IN A HOUSEFIRE, WHICH CAUSED OVER \$6,000 DAMAGE TO A THREE-STORY WOODEN FRAME DWELLING. AN OIL-FIRED HEATER THAT WAS CONNECTED TO AN ELECTRICAL RECEPTACLE VIA A 17 FOOT EXTENSION CORD AND A SOFA WERE FOUND IN THE DEBRIS FOLLOWING THIS FIRE, WHICH IS STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION.

Incident Date: 19940405 City: CARMEL State: CA

AN ELECTRIC TOASTER MALFUNCTIONED AND STARTED A RESIDENTIAL FIRE. THE FIRE CAUSED \$30,000 DAMAGE TO A SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING. NO ONE WAS INJURED IN THIS INCIDENT. ACCORDING TO THE FIRE REPORT, THE TOASTER POWER CORD MAY HAVE BEEN SUBJECTED TO PHYSICAL DAMAGE BY BEING PLACED UNDER A CANISTER OR TRAY AND THE POWER CORD MAY HAVE BEEN WEDGED UNDER THE TOASTER. THE TOASTER LEVER WAS FOUND BY THE FIRE INVESTIGATOR IN THE "DOWN" POSITION.

Incident Date: 19940515 City: GLOBE State: AZ

THE SPLICED ELECTRICAL CORD ON AN ELECTRIC HEATER OVERHEATED AND CAUGHT THE CONTENTS OF A BEDROOM ON FIRE. TWO BOYS DIED DURING THE FIRE. THEY WERE TWINS.

Incident Date: 19940516 City: GOTHENBURG State: NE

THE MALE VICTIM SUSTAINED A MINOR ABRASION TO HIS RIGHT ARM WHILE REACHING DOWN THROUGH SHINGLES ON THE ROOF OF HIS HOUSE IN AN ATTEMPT TO PUT OUT A FIRE. THE FIRE OCCURRED WHEN 2 WIRES IN THE CORD OF A BLOWDRYER IN THE FIRST FLOOR BATHROOM ARCED; BURNING A HOLE THROUGH THE CORD AND SENDING OUT SPARKS WHICH IGNITED A WINDOW CURTAIN. THE VICTIM DID NOT SEEK ANY TREATMENT OR RECEIVE ANY EXAMINATION FOR HIS INJURY.

Incident Date: 19940601 City: SEATTLE State: WA

AN EIGHT YEAR OLD PORTABLE ELECTRIC BOX FAN, SITTING ON THE FLOOR OF THE FAMILY'S LIVING ROOM WAS THE SOURCE OF A FIRE. THE FIRE STARTED DUE TO A SHORT IN THE ELECTRIC CORD FROM THE SPLICING OF TWO TYPES OF ELECTRIC WIRES. THE HOME OWNERS WERE NOT PRESENT AT THE TIME OF THE FIRE, NO INJURIES RESULTED FROM THIS ACCIDENT. DAMAGE TO THE PROPERTY WAS 100,000 AND 70,000 FOR CONTENTS.

Incident Date: 19940313 City: TAMPA State: FL

A FIRE RESULTED WHEN AN ELECTRICAL SHORT IN A SPACE HEATER CORD IGNITED A MATTRESS. A 16 YEAR OLD MALE DIED AT THIS FIRE SCENE AS A RESULT OF SMOKE INHALATION AND CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING.

Incident Date: 19940302 City: GERMANTON State: NC

AN ELEVEN MONTH OLD MALE CHILD DIED IN A RESIDENTIAL FIRE AT HIS HOME. HIS SIBLING AND PARENTS WERE ABLE TO ESCAPE THE FIRE. THE FIRE STARTED AT JUNCTION OF TWO CORDS THAT HAD BEEN SPLICED BY THE VICTIM'S FATHER. THE PLUG AND SEVERAL FEET OF CORD FROM A VACUUM CLEANER HAD BEEN SPLICED TO THE CORD OF AN ELECTRIC QUARTZ SPACE HEATER. THE VICTIM'S MOTHER RECEIVED A LACERATION TO HER LEG AS SHE ESCAPED THROUGH A WINDOW.

Incident Date: 19940407 City: WASHINGTON State: DC

A TEN YEAR OLD FEMALE DIED AS A RESULT OF A HOUSE FIRE THAT BEGAN IN THE BASEMENT OF THE HOME. ACCORDING TO FIRE INVESTIGATORS, A "HEAVY DUTY" EXTENSION CORD WAS BEING USED TO POWER TWO ELECTRIC FREEZERS, A WASHER AND A DRYER. IT WAS THE ASSESSMENT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT THAT TOO MUCH CURRENT WAS BEING DRAWN THROUGH THE EXTENSION CORD, WHICH CAUSED ELECTRICAL ARCHING, WHICH IGNITED NEARBY CLOTHING.

Incident Date: 19940513 City: PHILADELPHIA State: PA

A MALFUNCTION IN THE APPLIANCE CORD OF A REFRIGERATOR RESULTED IN AN APARTMENT FIRE. THE 68 YEAR OLD MALE OCCUPANT SUCCUMBED TO SMOKE INHALATION AND THERMAL BURNS AS A RESULT OF THE FIRE.

Incident Date: 19940402 City: BUFFALO State: NY

A THREE TO FOUR INCH FLAME WAS EMITTED FROM AN ELECTRIC DRY/STEAM IRON'S CORD SET NEAR THE TAB WHERE IT ENTERED THE IRON NEAR THE HANDLE. ONE WIRE OF THE TWO-WIRE CORD WAS OBSERVED TO BE COMPLETELY SEVERED AT THE LOCATION OF THE OPEN FLAME. THE HOMEOWNER UNPLUGGED THE IRON AND NO FIRE, PROPERTY DAMAGE OR PERSONAL INJURY WAS SUSTAINED.

Incident Date: 19940516 City: GOTHENBURG State: NE

REPORTEDLY, THE CORD TO A HAIR DRYER WAS FOUND ARCED WHILE PLUGGED IN TO THE BATHROOM OUTLET. THE ARCING IGNITED THE CURTAINS AND CLOTHING IN THE AREA AND A FIRE DEVELOPED THAT PROGRESSED THROUGH OTHER SECTION OF THE HOUSE. HOWEVER, NO INJURIES WERE SUSTAINED. THE INCIDENT OCCURRED AT APPROXIMATELY 2110 HOURS AND NO ONE WAS HOME AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19940801 City: SHALER State: PA

A FIRE ORIGINATED IN THE ELECTRICAL POWER CORD OF AN OLD CONSOLE STYLE STEREO SYSTEM. THE FIRE WAS DUE TO THE AGE DETERIORATION AND THE COILED STORAGE OF THE CORD. MINOR FIRE DAMAGE WAS CONFINED TO THE CONSOLE AND THE ADJACENT WALL IN THE HOME WHERE THE UNIT WAS LOCATED. THE ONLY OCCUPANT OF THE HOME, A 69 YEAR OLD WOMEN, DIED AT THE SCENE OF NATURAL CAUSES PRIOR TO THE FIRE.

Incident Date: 19940811 City: NATALBANY State: LA

THIS IDI INVOLVED A MOBILE HOME FIRE THAT WAS CAUSED BY A WINDOW AIR CONDITIONER. THE INVESTIGATING FIRE CHIEF FEELS THAT THE A/C'S POWER CORD PLUG OVERHEATED DUE TO AN OVERLOADED CONDITION. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19940824 City: MADISON State: TN

A COMPLAINANT REPORTED THAT A BRAND NEW APPLIANCE CORD FOR HIS CD/ STEREO PLAYER SHORTED OUT IN THE UTILITY ROOM OF HIS HOME, THEREBY IGNITING A FIRE. THE COMPLAINANT QUICKLY EXTINGUISHED THE FLAMES, BUT THERE WAS SMOKE DAMAGE TO THE REST OF THE HOUSE. NO INJURIES WERE INCURRED IN THE INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19940825 City: SILVERTON State: OR

A 67 YEAR OLD FEMALE AND A 47 YEAR OLD MALE DIED OF INJURIES SUSTAINED DURING A FIRE WHICH OCCURED IN THEIR RESIDENCE. A NEWSPAPER ARTICLE IDENTIFIED AND ELECTRIC CORD AS THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE. A DEPUTY FIRE MARSHAL INVESTIGATING THE FIRE SAID THAT THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE TO CONFIRM THE ELECTRIC CORD OR ANY OTHER CONSUMER PRODUCT AS THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE. THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE IS OFFICIALLY UNDERTERMINED AT THIS TIME AND ARSON HAS NOT BEEN ELIMINATED AS A POSSIBLE CAUSE.

Incident Date: 19940911 City: MICCO State: FL

A 32 YEAR OLD FEMALE DIED OF APPARENT SMOKE INHALATION, IN A HOUSE FIRE ATTRIBUTED TO THE SHORTING OUT OF A FRAYED EXTENSION CORD, FOR AN AQUARIUM. THE CORD HAD BEEN IMPINGED UNDER A CHAIR. A 41 YEAR OLD MALE SUSTAINED 2ND AND 3RD DEGREE BURNS TO HIS ARMS, LEGS AND FEET IN THE FIRE.

Incident Date: 19941003 City: TOPEKA State: KS

AN EXTENSION CORD WHICH WAS PLUGGED INTO AN ELECTRIC WINDOW FAN, OVERHEATED AND CAUSED A FIRE WHICH CAUSED \$15,000 DAMAGE TO A HOME. NO INJURIES WERE INCURRED.

Incident Date: 19941020 City: BREVARD State: SC

THE RESPONDENT ADDED WATER AND SALT TO A STEAMER AS PER INSTRUCTIONS. THIS WAS THE SECOND TIME THE PRODUCT HAD BEEN USED. AFTER 15-18 MINUTES OF USE, JUST AS THE WATER RAN OUT, THE STEAMER STARTED EMITTING SMOKE AND FUMES. THE RESPONDENT IMMEDIATELY DISCONNECTED THE POWER SUPPLY CORD AND NO FIRE OR INJURY OCCURRED.

Incident Date: 19940225 City: SOUTHFIELD State: MI

AN AQUARIUM HEATER STARTED A FIRE AT A CONSUMER'S HOME. THERE WERE NO INJURIES. FIRE & SMOKE DAMAGE WAS ESTIMATED AT \$2,000. AN ELECTRICAL ENGINEER WAS HIRED BY THE CONSUMER'S HOMEOWNER'S INSURANCE COMPANY TO EXAMINE THE AQUARIUM HEATER. HE DETERMINED THAT CHARRING HAD OCCURRED TO THE UPPER PORTION OF THE PRINTED CIRCUIT BOARD THAT IS CONTAINED IN THE GLASS HOUSING OF THE HEATER, WHERE THE POWER CORD ATTACHES TO THE CIRCUIT BOARD.

Incident Date: 19941015 City: ALGOMA State: WI

THIS INVESTIGATION WAS INITATED SUBSEQUENT TO RECEIPT OF A MECAP REPORT INDICATING THAT TWO CHILDREN, AGES 6 AND 8, DIED IN A HOUSE FIRE ON 10-15-94. INVESTIGATION BY POLICE/FIRE INVESTIGATORS THUS FAR SUGGESTS THAT AN EXTENSION CORD MEANT FOR USE WITH christmas TREE LIGHTING WAS INSTEAD USED TO POWER AN ELECTRIC HEATER/FAN; THE EXTENSION CORD IS BELIEVED TO HAVE OVERHEATED, CAUSING THE FIRE.

Incident Date: 19940317 City: HARLINGEN State: TX

THIS INVESTIGATION WAS INITIATED THROUGH A CONSUMER REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL PRODUCT INFORMATION FROM THE CPSC, OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY . THIS INCIDENT INVOLVED AN ELECTRIC BLANKET FIRE WHICH DESTROYED A TRAILER HOME. THE BLANKET WAS PURCHASED IN 1989 AND USED APPROXIMATELY 4 MONTHS PER YEAR ON AND OFF. THE OWNER STATED THAT HE WAS AWAKENED BY THE SMELL OF SMOKE AND DISCOVERED THAT THE BLANKET WAS "GLOWING" IN THE AREA OF WHERE THE CORD PLUGS INTO THE BLANKET AT THE FOOT OF THE BED. THE BLANKET THEN CAUGHT FIRE WITH FLAMES FOLLOWING THE BLANKETS INTERNAL WIRING. THE OWNER ATTEMPTED TO PUT OUT THE FIRE AND IN DOING SO BURNED HIS LEGS. HE LEFT THE TRAILER HOME AND HE AND HIS WIFE CALLED FOR EMERGENCY PERSONNEL.

Incident Date: 19941205 City: BETHESDA State: MD

A 77 YEAR OLD MALE, THAT LIVED ALONE, IN A SINGLE FAMILY HOUSE, DIED OF ASPHYXIATION AND THE THERMAL BURNS FROM THE HOUSE FIRE. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT INVESTIGATOR, THAT INVESTIGATED THE FIRE, SAID THAT THE CONSUMER IMPROPERLY WIRED TWO FLUORESCENT LIGHT FIXTURES INTO A CEILING MOUNTED DUPLEX RECEPTACLE, USING EXTENSION CORD TYPE WIRE. THE CAUSED OF THE FIRE WAS TRACED TO AN ELECTRICAL FAILURE AT THE DUPLEX OUTLET; HE SAID THE WIRING DID NOT MEET REQUIREMENTS OF THE ELECTRICAL CODE.

Incident Date: 19941129 City: MOSS BLUFF State: LA

A HOUSE FIRE CAUSED IN EXCESS OF \$81,000 PROPERTY DAMAGE. THE FIRE ORIGINATED IN A BEDROOM WHERE A NEW PORTABLE ELECTRIC HEATER WAS USED DURING THE NIGHT AFTER BEING PURCHASED THE DAY BEFORE. THE HEATER WAS SETTING ON A WOODEN DRESSER AND CONNECTED TO THE ELECTRICAL OUTLET WITH AN EXTENSION CORD. THE FIRE OCCURRED AFTER THE FAMILY AROSE THE NEXT MORNING. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19941130 City: LANCASTER State: NY

AN ELECTRICALLY POWERED FOUR (4) CUP OIL CAPACITY DEEP FRYER ERUPTED INTO FLAMES ABOUT FIVE (5) MINUTES AFTER IT WAS TURNED ON. THE FLAMES ORIGINATED FROM THE BOTTOM OF THE UNIT WHERE THE POWER CORD PLUGS INTO THE HEATING ELEMENT. THERE WAS NO EYEWITNESS TO THIS INCIDENT AND COMPLAINANT QUICKLY UNPLUGGED THE FRYER AND THE FLAME EXTINGUISHED RESULTING NO INJURY OF FIRE.

Incident Date: 19941207 City: NACOGDOCHES State: TX

ON DECEMBER 7, 1994, A FIRE OCCURRED IN THE BEDROOM OF AN APARTMENT. IGNITION OF A MATTRESS AND BEDDING WAS LINKED TO A FRAYED CORD OF AN ELECTRIC BLANKET WHICH HAD BEEN PLACED BETWEEN THE MATTRESS AND BOX SPRINGS. THE BEDROOM SUSTAINED LIGHT FIRE DAMAGE; NO INJURIES OCCURRED.

Incident Date: 19940321 City: RIVERSIDE State: CA

AN ELECTRIC TIMER CONNECTED TO AN EXTENSION CORD CAUGHT FIRE. A NIGHT LIGHT WAS CONNECTED TO THE EXTENSION CORD. A FIRE INVESTIGATOR DETERMINED THAT RESISTANCE IN THE TIMER MOTOR WIRING CAUSED THE FIRE. NO INJURIES RESULTED FROM THE FIRE.

Incident Date: 19941117 City: NORRISTOWN State: PA

A FIRE WHICH ERUPTED IN A 2 STORY HOME WAS CAUSED BY A FAULTY EXTENSION CORD THAT SHORT CIRCUITED. NO ONE WAS INJURED IN THE BLAZE AND DAMAGE TO THE HOME IS ESTIMATED AT \$75,000.00.

Incident Date: 19950115 City: SLIDELL State: LA

ON-SITE IDI INVOLVED AN ELECTRIC STEAM IRON THAT WAS LEFT PLUGGED INTO A WALL OUTLET IN THE OFF POSITION. THE IRON'S POWER CORD OVERHEATED NEAR THE PLUG AND STARTED A FIRE IN THE MOBILE HOME. THE OCCUPANTS WERE ALERTED TO THE FIRE BY THEIR SMOKE DETECTOR. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19940429 City: SALEM State: OR

THE POWER CORD FOR A FLOOR LAMP FAILED INSIDE THE LAMP POLE ARCING AND BURNING A HOLE THROUGH THE LAMP POLE. THE USER OF THE LAMP RECEIVED AND ELECTRIC SHOCK BUT WAS NOT SERIOUSLY INJURED. THE LAMP CORD APPEARED TO HAVE FAILED AS A RESULT OF TWISTING INSIDE THE LAMP POLE DURING MOVEMENT AND ADJUSTMENT OF THE LAMP. THE LAMP WAS USED IN THE LIVING QUARTERS OF A FIRE STATION.

Incident Date: 19941224 City: SHELBYVILLE State: IL

A FIRE OCCURRED IN AN OLD FARMHOUSE AS A RESULT OF EITHER A MALFUNCTIONING ELECTRIC BLANKET OR AN EXTENSION CORD. THE BLANKET WAS BEING USED BY A 9 YEAR OLD BOY, IT 'SMOKED' FOR SOMETIME THEN IGNITED INTO FLAMES. THERE WAS DAMAGE TO THE HOME BUT NO ONE WAS INJURED.

Incident Date: 19941201 City: WILLIAMS State: CA

A 12 YEAR OLD ELECTRIC BLANKET HAD BEEN IN OPERATION ON THE HIGH SETTING FOR SEVERAL MINUTES, WHEN FLAMES SHOT OUT FROM THE AREA OF THE FOOT OF THE BED. THE OWNERS OF THE BLANKET EXTINGUISHED THE FLAMES. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT WAS NOT SUMMONED. THERE WERE NO INJURIES. THE OWNER REPORTS THAT THE FIRE SEEMS TO HAVE STARTED IN THE CORD ABOUT 8" FROM WHERE IT CONNECTS TO THE BLANKET. THE CORD HAD BEEN ROUTED BETWEEN THE MATTRESS AND BOX SPRING. AND THIS AREA WHERE THE FIRE APPEARS TO HAVE STARTED WAS WHERE THE CORD EXITED FROM BETWEEN THE MATTRESS AND BOX SPRING. THE ELECTRIC BLANKET AND BEDDING HAVE BEEN DISCARDED AND WERE NOT AVAILABLE FOR EXAMINATION.

Incident Date: 19941004 City: ST. LOUIS State: MO

A CONSUMER PURCHASED A 20 WATT HALOGEN DESK LAMP AND RETURNED IT TO THE STORE WHERE SHE PURCHASED IT, BECAUSE IT STOPPED WORKING, AND RECEIVED A NEW ONE. THE IDENTICAL REPLACEMENT LAMP WAS PLUGGED INTO AN A.C. OUTLET IN THE "OFF" POSITION TWENTY FOUR HOURS LATER, CONSUMER WAS MOVING HER DESK, REACHED DOWN TO UNPLUG TO DESK LAMP AND FOUND THAT THE CLASS 2 TRANSFORMER CONNECTED TO THE A.C. CORD WAS VERY HOT AND PARTIALLY MELTED. SHE UNPLUG THE UNIT, AND THERE WAS NO FIRE.

Incident Date: 19950105 City: CLARKSTON State: WA

ON 1/5/95, AT APPROXIMATELY 12:27 AM, A 10 YEAR OLD BOY AND A 7 YEAR OLD GIRL DIED IN A FIRE THAT OCCURRED IN THEIR APARTMENT. THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE IS THOUGHT TO HAVE BEEN EITHER christmas TREE LIGHTS OR THE EXTENSION CORD THAT SUPPLIED POWER TO THE BASEMENT APARTMENT'S FRONT ROOM.

Incident Date: 19941120 City: FORTUNA State: CA

AN ELECTRIC MATTRESS PAD MALFUNCTIONED WHILE IN USE. IT OVERHEATED AT THE POINT WHERE THE POWER CORD PLUGS INTO THE PAD. THE PLUG BURNED. ADULT USERS DISCOVERED THE MALFUNCTION AND UNPLUGGED THE POWER CORD FROM THE WALL OUTLET. NO FIRE OR INJURY OCCURRED.

Incident Date: 19950201 City: MEBANE State: NC

AN EIGHTEEN YEAR OLD WOMAN SUFFERED SMOKE INHALATION AND HER 58 YEAR OLD FATHER SUFFERED BURNS TO HIS HAND IN THIS RESIDENTIAL FIRE. THE FIRE STARTED BETWEEN THE MATTRESS AND BOX SPRINGS OF THE WOMAN'S BED. THE FIRE INVESTIGATORS BELIEVE A CORD TO AN ELECTRIC BLANKET WAS THE IGNITION SOURCE.

Incident Date: 19950210 City: SANTA ROSA State: CA

A FIRE WAS DISCOVERED IN THE BEDROOM OF AN APARTMENT COMPLEX, AND THE TENANT CLOSED THE BEDROOM DOOR AND CALLED 911. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT ARRIVED ON THE SCENE AND EXTINGUISHED THE FLAMES. THE FIRE INSPECTOR DETERMINED THAT THE FIRE WAS CAUSED BY A SHORT CIRCUIT FROM WORN INSULATION OF AN EXTENSION CORD DUE TO THE PLACEMENT OF A BEDROOM DRESSER WHICH HAD BEEN POSITIONED ON TOP OF THE EXTENSION CORD.

Incident Date: 19950115 City: OCALA State: FL

THE COMPLAINANT'S RESIDENCE DID RECEIVE FIRE DAMAGE FROM AN EXTENSION CORD THAT HAD BEEN REPAIRED AND A NEW MALE CONNECTER INSTALLED. THE INITIAL CAUSE WAS THOUGHT TO BE A POOL TIMER.

Incident Date: 19950120 City: MEMPHIS State: TN

ON 1/20/95 AT APPROXIMATELY 1520 HOURS (3:30 PM) AN APARTMENT FIRE ERUPTED WHEN A STEP-DOWN TRANSFORMER RECHARGING DEVICE APPARENTLY OVERHEATED WHILE RECHARGING A CORDLESS PHONE AND RADIO. A 50 YEAR OLD MALE SUSTAINED FATAL BURNS. DAMAGE WAS ESTIMATED IN EXCESS OF \$30,000.

Incident Date: 19950307 City: PITTSBURGH State: PA

THE RESPONDENT REPORTS THAT WHILE USING HER 1 TO 2 YEAR OLD STEAM IRON STARTED SHOOTING OUT SPARKS AND THEN SHOT OUT FLAMES IN THE AREA WHERE THE CORD ENTERS THE IRON. SHE IMMEDIATELY PULLED THE PLUG ON THE IRON AND THE FLAMES WENT OUT. NO ONE WAS INJURED IN THE INCIDENT , NOR A FIRE OCCUR.

Incident Date: 19950304 City: SANDPOINT State: ID

ON 3/4/95 AT APPROXIMATELY 4:00 AM, A FIRE OCCURRED IN A TWO ROOM STRUCTURE THAT RESULTED IN THE DEATHS OF TWO CHILDREN. THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE IS NOT KNOWN, BUT ITS ORIGIN APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH AN ELECTRIC SPACE HEATER CONNECTED TO AN EXTENSION CORD. NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE.

Incident Date: 19950314 City: RACELAND State: LA

THIS ON-SITE IDI INVOLVED A PORTABLE ELECTRIC TOASTER OVEN WHOSE POWER CORD CAUGHT ON FIRE. IT WAS NOT BEING USED AT THE TIME OF THE FIRE AND HAD NOT BEEN USED FOR 2 DAYS PRIOR TO THE FIRE. THE FIRE SPREAD TO ADJACENT CABINET AND SHEETROCK WALL AND SELF-EXTINGUISHED. NO ONE WAS HOME AT THE TIME OF THE FIRE. A 20 AMP CIRCUIT BREAKER TRIPPED AS THE RESULT OF THE INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19950211 City: PITTSBURGH State: PA

THE POWER CORD OF A TEN+ YEAR OLD FLOOR LAMP SHORTED AND BURST INTO FLAMES. FLAMES IGNITED THE REAR OF A ONE YEAR OLD VINYL SOFA. SOFA WAS REMOVED BEFORE FIRE SPREAD TO REST OF THE ROOM. NO ONE WAS INJURED IN THE FIRE.

Incident Date: 19950312 City: TIFFIN State: OH

THE CONSUMER'S NEW POWER SANDER WAS PLUGGED INTO AN OUTLET, BUT WAS NOT BEING OPERATED. APPARENTLY AN ELECTRICAL FAULT OCCURRED IN THE POWER CORD TO THE SANDER THAT CAUSED A FIRE ESTIMATED AT \$20,000 DAMAGE. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19950129 City: CHAMPAIGN State: IL

ON JANUARY 31, 1995 A FIRE OCCURRED IN A CAMPUS DORM ROOM THAT CAUSED \$35,000 DAMAGE. ACCORDING TO THE INVESTIGATING FIRE OFFICIAL, THE FIRE WAS RESULT OF FAILURE OF AN ELECTRICAL TRANSFORMER USED TO POWER EITHER AN ANSWERING MACHINE OR A CORDLESS TELEPHONE/TELEPHONE CHARGER BASE. ONE INDIVIDUAL WAS SLIGHTLY INJURED DURING THIS INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19950308 City: BROOKLYN State: NY

AN ADULT MALE DIED IN A FIRE WHICH OCCURRED IN A TWO STORY FRAME BUILDING. CAUSE OF FIRE BELIEVED TO BE EITHER A PORTABLE OIL FILLED ELECTRIC RADIATOR OR ITS CORD WHICH HAD BEEN WORN DOWN BY A DOOR OPENING AND CLOSING ON IT.

Incident Date: 19950306 City: N. CHARLEROI State: PA

A FIRE WHICH ORIGINATED IN THE AREA OF AN AQUARIUM CAUSED APPROXIMATELY \$50,000 IN DAMAGES TO A SINGLE FAMILY HOME. THE POINT OF ORIGIN WAS THE FEMALE END OF AN EXTENSION CORD WHICH SUPPLIED POWER TO THE AQUARIUM'S ACCESSORIES. AN ANALYSIS OF THE REMAINS BY A PRIVATE INVESTIGATION FIRM REVEALED THE PROBABLE CAUSE OF THE FIRE WAS DUE TO A WET SPONGE WHICH FELL ONTO THE FEMALE END OF THE EXTENSION CORD AND CAUSED A SHORT WHICH STARTED THE FIRE. THERE WERE NO INJURIES IN THE FIRE.

Incident Date: 19950412 City: TAKOMA PARK State: MD

AN ELDERLY MAN AND HIS WIFE DIED IN A FIRE THAT TOOK PLACE IN AN ADDITION TO A SINGLE FAMILY HOUSE. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT INVESTIGATORS TRACED THE FIRE TO HAVE ORIGINATED AT THE POINT WHERE AN ELECTRICAL SURGE PROTECTOR AND AN EXTENSION CORD HAD BEEN PLUGGED INTO A WALL OUTLET. BOTH OF THE LATTER PRODUCTS WERE DESTROYED IN THE FIRE. FIRE DEPARTMENT INVESTIGATORS LEARNED OF THE EXISTANCE OF THE ABOVE TWO PRODUCTS FROM FAMILY MEMBERS THAT DID NOT LIVE IN THE HOUSE.

Incident Date: 19950407 City: BURTONSVILLE State: MD

A 65 YEAR OLD WOMAN DIED FROM BURNS RECEIVED DURING A FIRE TO HER FOURTH FLOOR APARTMENT. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT INVESTIGATED THE FIRE AND DETERMINED THE CAUSE VIA FLAME SPREAD PATTERNS. THE PATTERNS LEAD TO THE AREA OF AN ELECTRIC LAMP CORD. BEADING ON THE STRANDS OF WIRE LEAD TO THE CONCLUSION THAT THERE HAD BEEN A PROBABLE SHORT IN THE LAMP CORD WIRE. THIS IGNITED THE BASE BOARD OF THE LIVING ROOM WALL. THE LAMP CORD ALMOST COMPLETED DISINTEGRATED AND LITTLE REMAINED OF THE METAL LAMP.

Incident Date: 19950330 City: PORTAGE State: IN

THIS INVESTIGATION WAS INITIATED FROM A NEWSPAPER ARTICLE, WHICH STATES THAT A HOUSE FIRE WAS CAUSED BY A "FAULTY ELECTRIC BLANKET", AND THE ARTICLE STATES THAT THE FIRE WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR \$25,000 WORTH OF DAMAGE TO THE HOME. THE INVESTIGATION REVEALED THAT, ON 03/ 30/95, AT APPROXIMATELY 8:27 AM, A FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONDED TO A HOUSE FIRE, AND THEY SUCCESSFULLY EXTINGUISHED THE FIRE WITHIN AN HOUR AFTER THEIR ARRIVAL. THE FIRE CAUSED APPROXIMATELY \$20,000- 30,000 OF DAMAGE TO THE HOME, AND IT KILLED A DOG, WHICH WAS THE ONLY OCCUPANT THAT WAS INSIDE THE HOME DURING THE FIRE. THE FIRE CHIEF STATED THAT THE FIRE WAS CAUSED BY AN ELECTRIC BLANKET, AND HE STATED THAT THEIR INVESTIGATION REVEALED THAT THE CORD LEADING FROM THE ELECTRICAL OUTLET TO THE THERMOSTATIC CONTROL BOX "SHORTED-OUT",

Incident Date: 19940327 City: SAPULPA State: OK

THIS INVESTIGATION INVOLVED A HOUSE FIRE THAT FIRE OFFICIALS IN A BEDROOM. ELECTRICAL ENGINEERS EXAMINED EVIDENCE AND FEEL THAT THE FIRE WAS CAUSED BY INTERNAL SHORTING OF A CORDLESS SCREWDRIVER THAT WAS PLUGGED INTO A WALL OUTLET IN THE BEDROOM. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19950626 City: CICERO State: IL

A 77 YEAR OLD WOMAN WAS FOUND BURNED WHILE SEATED IN AN UPHOLSTERED CHAIR IN A HOUSE. SHE HAD BURNS ON 90% OF HER BODY. SHE DIED FROM THESE THERMAL BURNS. THE FIRE BEGAN FROM AN OLD EXTENSION CORD THAT SHORTED OUT AFTER BEING COILED UNDER A COUCH. THE COUCH CAUGHT FIRE, THEN THE NEARBY CHAIR. ALL THE FURNITURE WAS VERY OLD.

Incident Date: 19950602 City: BATON ROUGE State: LA

A HOUSE FIRE CAUSED EXTENSIVE DAMAGE TO THE LAUNDRY ROOM AND SMOKE DAMAGE TO THE REST OF THE HOUSE. THE FIRE WAS CAUSED BY AN ELECTRICAL SHORT IN THE ELECTRIC CLOTHES DRYER'S APPLIANCE CORD OR COMPONENT WIRING. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19950619 City: STONINGTON State: CT

WHILE NO ONE WAS HOME, A HOUSE FIRE STARTED WHEN AN ELECTRIC FAN THAT WAS "ON" SHORT CIRCUITED AND SET FIRE TO THE RUG IN A 2ND FLOOR BEDROOM. THE FAN'S CORD OVERHEATED WHEN IT WAS WEDGED BETWEEN A DRESSER AND THE WALL.

Incident Date: 19950826 City: FT. LAUDERDALE State: FL

AN EXTENSION CORD CRIMPED BETWEEN A HEADBOARD/BOOKCASE AND STRUCTURE WALL, AND CONTAINING NUMEROUS LINE CORDS FROM A WATERBED HEATER, CLOCK/RADIO, LAMP, ETC., WAS BELIEVED TO BE THE CAUSE OF A HOUSE FIRE RESULTING IN APPROXIMATELY \$15,000 IN DAMAGES TO THE DWELLING AND CONTENTS. NO INJURIES WERE SUSTAINED IN THIS INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19950620 City: WAIANAE State: HI

A 6 MONTH OLD HALOGEN FLOOR LAMP HAD BEEN ON FOR ABOUT 10-12 HOURS AT A DIM INTENSITY, AND MAY HAVE STILL BEEN ON WHEN A FIRE OCCURRED. THE HOUSEHOLD ESCAPED TO SAFETY. THE FIRE INVESTIGATOR DETERMINED THAT THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE WAS MOST LIKELY DUE TO AN ELECTRICAL SHOR CIRCUIT ON THE CORD OF THE HALOGEN LAMP. THE LAMP IS IN THE CUSTOD OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, AND THEY HAVE AGREED TO FORWARD IT TO CPSC.

Incident Date: 19950611 City: HONOLULU State: HI

A FIRE WAS DISCOVERED IN ONE OF THE CONDOMINIUMS OF AN 8 STORY BUILDING, AND NEIGHBORS FORMED A BUCKET BRIGADE AND EXTINGUISHED THE FLAMES PRIOR TO FIRE DEPARTMENT ARRIVAL. THE OCCUPANT WAS NOT HOME. FIRE INVESTIGATOR DETERMINED THAT FIRE WAS CAUSED BY AN ELECTRICAL SHORT CIRCUIT TO THE HALOGEN LAMP CORD. THE LAMP IS IN THE CUSTODY OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, AND THEY HAVE AGREED TO FORWARD IT TO CPSC.

Incident Date: 19950812 City: CAMBRIDGE State: MD

A FIRE OCCURRED IN A SINGLE FAMILY HOME IN CAMBRIDGE, MARYLAND. THERE WERE 4 FATALITIES INVOLVED WHEN AN ELECTRICAL CORD FOR AN AIR CONDITIONER SHORTED, CAUSING A FIRE. THE HOME HAD TWO WORKING SMOKE DETECTORS THAT DID SOUND GIVING TWO INDIVIDUALS THE TIME TO ESCAPE. THE FIRE DESTROYED THE STRUCTURE AND CONTENTS OF THE HOME.

Incident Date: 19950718 City: SOUTH BEND State: IN

ON JULY 18, 1995 A FIRE OCCURRED IN A 1-1/2 STORY WOOD FRAME HOUSE THAT CAUSED \$26,000 DAMAGE. NO ONE WAS INJURED DURING THE INCIDENT. THE ORIGIN OF THE FIRE WAS TRACED TO THE APPLIANCE CORD OF A 16" OSCILLATING PEDESTAL FAN THAT WAS IN USE IN A BEDROOM AT THE TIME. FIRE OFFICIALS BELIEVE THE BLAZE WAS THE RESULT OF INDIVIDUALS STEPPING ONTO THE APPLIANCE CORD WHICH WAS NEAR THE BEDROOM DOORWAY. HOWEVER INSURANCE REPORTS INDICATE THERE MAY HAVE BEEN A SWITCH FAILURE IN THE CORD.

Incident Date: 19950711 City: HOBE SOUND State: FL

A FIRE, WHICH STARTED DUE TO A SHORT CIRCUIT IN THE PLUG/LINE CORD OF A TABLE LAMP, CONTACTED ADJACENT DRAPES, WHICH EVENTUALLY SPREAD TO A NEARBY SOFA. NO INJURIES WERE SUSTAINED IN THIS INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19950808 City: SPRINGFIELD State: PA

A MODIFIED #16 FAULTED EXTENSION BEING USED TO SUPPLY POWER TO A HEAVY DUTY, WINDOW MOUNTED AIR CONDITIONER, WAS THE CAUSE OF A FIRE THAT SEVERELY DAMAGED A 2-1/2 STORY WOOD FRAME HOME. THE HOMEOWNER STATED THAT HE HAD THE EXTENSION CORD FOR SOME TIME AND WANTED TO PUT ON A NEW PLUG BEFORE UTILIZING IT. IT IS BELIEVED BY FIRE MARSHAL THAT THE MODIFICATION OF THE CORD WAS THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE. NO ONE WAS INJURED DURING THE BLAZE.

Incident Date: 19950810 City: STANWOOD State: WA

A FIRE AT A ONE STORY SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING OCCURRED ON 8/10/95. TH FIRE OCCURRED AT APPROXIMATELY 10:00 AM. THE HOUSE WAS THE RESIDENC FOR A SINGLE FEMALE AND HER THREE CHILDREN. THE RESIDENTS WERE NOT AT HOME AT THE TIME OF THE FIRE. THE LOCAL FIRE MARSHAL DETERMINED THAT AN ELECTRIC SHORT FROM A FRAyed CORD FOR AN OSCILLATING FAN WAS THE SOURCE OF THE IGNITION. DAMAGE WAS ESTIMATED AT \$50,000 TO \$60,000. THERE WERE NO INJURIES INVOLVED.

Incident Date: 19950913 City: WILDWOOD State: NJ

A MONITOR, IN USE IN A BEDROOM WITH 3 CHILDREN, AND PLUGGED INTO AN AC ADAPTOR WAS INVOLVED IN A FIRE. THE FIRE BEGAN IN THE CORD TO THE AC ADAPTOR AND INVOLVED SEVERAL ITEMS ON A BUREAU TOP. THE PARENTS WERE ALERTED BY A SMOKE DETECTOR AND EXTINGUISHED THE FIRE BEFORE SERIOUS DAMAGE OR INJURY OCCURRED.

Incident Date: 19950801 City: LOUISVILLE State: KY

CONSUMERS RECEIVED A FOOD DEHYDRATOR AS A christmas PRESENT. THEY ATTEMPTED TO DRY ROMA TOMATOES IN THE UNIT. AFTER APPROXIMATELY TWICE THE RECOMMENDED TIME FOR DRYING TOMATOES, THE FOOD WAS STILL WET. CONSUMERS FEEL THAT 1) IMPROPERLY DRIED FOOD MAY BE A FOOD POISONING HAZARD. 2) THE METHOD OF ATTACHING THE ELECTRICAL CORD TO THE HEATING ELEMENT IS SUBSTANDARD AND MAY PRESENT A FIRE/SHOCK HAZARD WHEN WET WITH FOOD JUICES.

Incident Date: 19950714 City: WINSTON-SALEM State: NC

THIS INVESTIGATION INVOLVED A FIRE WHICH RESULTED IN THE DEATH OF THE ONLY OCCUPANT, A 44 YEAR OLD WOMAN. FIRE INVESTIGATORS BELIEVE THAT THE CORD TO AN OSCILLATING ELECTRIC FAN SHORTED AND CAUSED THE FIRE. THEY ALSO BELIEVE THAT THE VICTIM'S NIGHTCLOTHES WERE IGNITED AS SHE TRIED TO EXTINGUISH THE FIRE. THERE WERE NO WITNESSES AND THE VICTI DIED WITHOUT GIVING HER ACCOUNT OF THE FIRE.

Incident Date: 19950507 City: BRONX State: NY

A 5 YEAR OLD MALE AND A 7 YEAR OLD MALE DIED IN A HOUSE FIRE WHICH WA DETERMINED TO HAVE ORIGINATED IN THE REAR BOTTOM OF THE REFRIGERATOR IN THE AREA OF ITS ELECTRIC MOTOR, COMPRESSOR AND APPLIANCE CORD.

Incident Date: 19951103 City: MCGUIRE AFB State: NJ

AN ANSWER MACHINE SITTING ON A WOOD TABLE IN AN ENLISTED MAN'S DORMITORY ROOM ON AN AIR FORCE BASE APPARENTLY SHORTED AND CAUGHT ON FIRE. DAMAGE WAS LIMITED TO THE ANSWER MACHINE, TABLE, CARPET AND WALL. THE ANSWER MACHINE WAS PART OF A CORDLESS PHONE SYSTEM WHICH THE AIRMAN HAD PURCHASED ONE YEAR PREVIOUSLY AND HAD NOT EXPERIENCED ANY PROBLEMS WITH IT. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19951012 City: LIGHTHOUSE POI State: FL

ON 10/12/95 A FIRE INCIDENT WITH AN ESTIMATED \$12,000 IN PROPERTY DAMAGES OCCURRED AT THE SINGLE-FAMILY HOME RESIDENCE OF A 66-YEAR OL MALE AND HIS 66-YEAR OLD WIFE IN WHICH A CORDLESS TELEPHONE BASE STATION MAY HAVE CAUSED THE FIRE. THERE WERE NO INJURIES TO RESIDENTS.

Incident Date: 19950702 City: SAUGERTIES State: NY

A 79 YEAR OLD FEMALE SUFFERED BURNS AND SMOKE INHALATION DUE TO A HOUSE FIRE. SHE DIED THREE DAYS LATER. INVESTIGATION OF THE FIRE SCENE DETERMINED THAT THE FIRE APPEARED TO ORIGINATE IN THE VICINITY OF AN ELECTRICAL CORD LEADING TO A 20" BOX FAN. THE FAN WAS TOTALLY CONSUMED AND HAD NO IDENTIFYING MARKINGS.

Incident Date: 19951102 City: RAYNHAM State: MA

A FIRE WHICH CAUSED APPROXIMATELY \$5,000 DAMAGE TO A COMMERCIAL BUILDING HAS BEEN ATTRIBUTED TO THE ARCING OF THE SWITCH ON SHOP TYPE VACUUM CLEANER, ATTACHED TO AN EXTENSION CORD , THAT HAD BEEN LEFT OUTSIDE IN THE RAIN. NO INJURIES RESULTED FROM THIS ACCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19951218 City: DELRAY BEACH State: FL

ON 12/18/95 A FIRE OCCURRED AT A DUPLEX APARTMENT RESIDENCE WITH CAUS ATTRIBUTED TO A SHORT CIRCUIT IN AN ELECTRICAL SUPPLY CORD THAT WAS SPLICED TO MODIFY A CEILING FAN TO BECOME A PLUG-IN FAN.. THERE WER NO INJURIES REPORTED.

Incident Date: 19951012 City: NAMPA State: ID

ON 10/12/96 AT APPROXIMATELY 10:30 A.M, A NON-INJURY FIRE OCCURRED IN A SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE OCCUPIED BY A HUSBAND AND WIFE, THEIR 14 YEAR OLD SON AND ONE FAMILY GUEST WHO WAS STAYING IN THE BASEMENT OF THE HOUSE. THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN A COILED UP EXTENSION CORD COVERED WITH COMBUSTIBLES. THERE WAS NO MALFUNCTION OF THE ELECTRICAL EXTENSION CORD ACORDING TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Incident Date: 19951208 City: MONROE State: NC

THIS INVESTIGATION INVOLVED A FIRE IN A COMBINATION HORSE BARN AND WORKSHOP. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT BELIEVES THAT THE FIRE WAS STARTED BY A SHORT IN THE CORD TO THE BLOWER OF A FREE STANDING WOOD BURNING STOVE. NO INJURIES OCCURRED BUT BARN AND WORKSHOP WERE TOTALLY DESTROYED.

Incident Date: 19960201 City: BERLIN State: MA

A HOUSEFIRE THAT CAUSED AN ESTIMATED \$125,000 DAMAGE TO A SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE HAS BEEN ATTRIBUTED TO THE IGNITION OF COMBUSTIBLES BY FLAMES FROM AN EXTENSION CORD PORTABLE ELECTRIC HEATER. NO INJURIES RESULTED FROM THIS ACCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19960204 City: BOCA RATON State: FL

AN 84 YEAR OLD FEMALE SUFFERED SUPERFICIAL THERMAL BURNS TO HER SHOULDER AND RIGHT INDEX FINGER WHILE ESCAPING FROM A FIRE IN HER APARTMENT, BELIEVED CAUSED BY A SHORT CIRCUIT DEVELOPED AT THE LINE CORD/PLUG ASSEMBLY POINT OF AN APPROXIMATELY 6 YEAR OLD PORTABLE ELECTRIC SPACE HEATER SHE WAS USING. DAMAGE WAS ESTIMATED AT \$150,000, NOT INCLUDING WATER AND SMOKE DAMAGE TO EIGHT ADJACENT APARTMENTS.

Incident Date: 19960122 City: E. MEADOW State: NY

A CONSUMER WAS SLEEPING IN HER BEDROOM WITH AN OPERATING ELECTRIC STEAM VAPORIZOR LOCATED ON A SNACK TABLE. SHE WOKE TO FIND THAT THE CORD OF THE VAPORIZER NEAR THE PRODUCT WAS ON FIRE. FLAMES WERE EXTINGUISHED WITH NO INJURY OR PROPERTY DAMAGE.

Incident Date: 19951221 City: FT. LAUDERDALE State: FL

TWO BUILDING RESIDENTS INCLUDING THE APARTMENT DWELLER SUFFERED SMOKE INHALATION, AND A FIREFIGHTER INJURED HIS LEG, AS A RESULT OF A SHORT CIRCUIT IN THE FRAYED LINE CORD OF A GENERATIONS OLD ANTIQUE STYLE LAMP, WHICH CAUSED AN APARTMENT FIRE RESULTING IN APPROXIMATELY \$20,000 IN DAMAGE.

Incident Date: 19960122 City: NEWARK State: DE

CONSUMER WAS IRONING A SHIRT, WHEN SHE HEARD A POPPING AND SPARKING SOUND. CONSUMER FOUND HER IRON WAS ON FIRE WITH FLAMES COMING FROM THE AREA, WHERE THE ELECTRIC CORD ATTACHES TO THE STEAM IRON. CONSUMER PULLED PLUG FROM ELECTRIC SOCKET TO STOP THE FIRE. NO DAMAGE OR INJURY ARE ASSOCIATED WITH THIS INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19960111 City: WILMINGTON State: NC

THIS INVESTIGATION INVOLVED A RESIDENTIAL FIRE REPORTEDLY CAUSED BY A EXTENSION CORD. THE EXTENSION CORD WAS CONNECTED TO A LAMP IN THE OCCUPANTS APARTMENT BEDROOM. THE CORD WENT ACROSS THE FLOOR AND UNDER A RUG WITH A TABLE THAT HAD LEGS MADE FROM DEER LEGS WITH SHAR HOOVES. FIRE OFFICIALS REPORTED THAT OVER TIME THE EXTENSION CORD FRAYED, AND EVENTUALLY FAILED. THE FIRE SPREAD TO A DOWNSTAIRS APARTMENT UNIT. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19950112 City: EDNA State: PA

A 3 YEAR OLD MALE AND HIS 35 YEAR OLD MOTHER DIED IN A MOBILE HOME FIRE. THE HOME WAS THE SITE OF A LATE PARTY. THE FEMALE TURNED ON christmas LIGHTS ON THE MONTH-OLD, NEVER-WATERED TREE. THEY REMAINE ON AFTER PARTY WAS OVER. LIGHTS AND EXTENSION CORD THAT WERE PLUGGE INTO OVERHEATED AND IGNITED TREE LATER THAT DAY WHILE VICTIMS SLEPT.

Incident Date: 19960120 City: ROANOKE State: VA

FIVE INDIVIDUALS, INCLUDING A 45 YEAR OLD GRANDMOTHER AND HER FOUR SMALL GRANDCHILDREN, PERISHED IN A RESIDENTIAL FIRE ATTRIBUTED TO AN ELECTRIC SPACE HEATER/EXTENSION CORD FAILURE. THE FIVE VICTIMS WERE TRAPPED UPSTAIRS BY THE FIRE THAT ORGINATED ON THE FLOOR BELOW THEM, WHERE THE HEATER WAS BEING USED TO WARM A BATHROOM.

Incident Date: 19960107 City: JENKS State: OK

THE 67 YEAR OLD MALE VICTIM WAS AWAKENED BY THE SMOKE ALARM. HE THEN SMELLED SMOKE AND WENT INTO THE HALLWAY WHERE HE STEPPED ON BITS OF FLAMING PLASTIC IN THE CARPET. THE WALL PANELING WAS BURNING AROUND AN ELECTRICAL RECEPTACLE AND A HANDHELD CORDLESS VACUUM AND ITS RECHARGING STATION MOUNTED THERE WERE ON FIRE. THE VICTIM SUSTAINED A 3RD DEGREE THERMAL BURN OF THE RIGHT FOOT.

Incident Date: 19960202 City: ARANAC LAKE State: NY

THE 33 YEAR OLD FEMALE RESPONDENT SUSTAINED SMOKE INHALATION AND MINO INJURIES WHEN TWO EXTENSION CORDS WERE MISUSED IN REAR MOST BEDROOM OF HOUSE CAUSING A FIRE TO IGNITE AND DESTROY THE HOUSE AND ITS CONTENTS. THE RESPONDENT WAS TAKEN TO THE EMERGENCY ROOM AND RELEAE SAME DAY.

Incident Date: 19921125 City: HONOLULU State: HI

OCCUPANT OF HOUSE TURNED ON HALOGEN FLOOR LAMP IN HER BEDROOM, THEN WENT INTO THE BATHROOM, AND AFTER ABOUT 5 MINUTES, SHE SAW SMOKE COMING THROUGH THE WALL THAT SEPARATED THE BATHROOM FROM HER BEDROOM. OCUPANT'S FATHER OBSERVED A FIRE ON THE FLOOR AROUND THE BASE OF THE HALOGEN LAMP. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT ARRIVED ON THE SCENE AND EXTINGUISHED THE FLAMES. THE FATHER WAS TAKEN TO THE HOSPITAL VIA AMBULANCE, BUT TREATMENT AND INJURY ARE NOT KNOWN. THE FIRE DEPT. DETERMINED THAT THE FIRE WAS CAUSED BY AN ELECTRICAL SHORT CIRCUIT OF THE POWER CORD NEAR THE BASE OF THE LAMP. LAMP REMAINS ARE IN FIRE DEPT. CUSTODY. CPSC SAMPLING PENDING.

Incident Date: 19960221 City: MADEIRA BEACH State: FL

AN IMPROPERLY SPLICED LAMP CORD WAS REPORTED TO BE THE CAUSE OF A HOTEL FIRE. THERE WERE NO INJURIES IN THIS INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19951209 City: PHILADELPHIA State: PA

THREE FEMALE, AGES 14, 8 AND 6 WERE ASLEEP IN A SECOND FLOOR MIDDLE BEDROOM. A MALFUNCTION OCCURED IN A LAMP SITTING AT THE BASE OF THE BED. BAGS OF CLOTHING, LAYING ACROSS THE CORD, WERE IGNITED. THE CHILDREN, TRAPPED BY THE FIRE, SUSTAINED FATAL BURNS.

Incident Date: 19960418 City: SANTA ROSA State: CA

A 95 YEAR OLD WOMAN RECEIVED CONTUSIONS AND ABRASIONS DURING HER RESCUE FROM A RESIDENTIAL FIRE. LOCAL FIRE OFFICIALS DETERMINED THE FIRE STARTED IN THE AREA WHERE THE VICTIM'S ELECTRIC BLANKET'S POWER CORD WAS WEAVED THROUGH HER BED'S SPRINGS.

Incident Date: 19960312 City: DEARBORN HEIGH State: MI

A 76 YEAR OLD FEMALE DIED DUE TO SMOKE INHALATION IN A HOUSE FIRE AT HER HOME THAT WAS STARTED BY 18 YEAR OLD ELECTRIC BLANKET. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT DETERMINED THAT THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE WAS MISUSE OF THE ELECTRIC BLANKET IN THAT ITS ELECTRIC POWER CORD HAD BEEN RUN BETWEEN THE FRAME OF THE BED & THE BOX SPRING, AND ALSO BETWEEN THE MATTRESS & BOX SPRING. CRIMPING & COVERING OF THE CORD OVER A PERIOD OF TIME CAUSED THE CORD TO FAIL, STARTING THE FIRE.

Incident Date: 19960327 City: MANSFIELD State: OH

THE OCCUPANTS OF A NURSING FACILITY WERE THE VICTIMS OF A FIRE THAT STARTED WHEN AN ELECTRICAL CORD SHORTED IGNITED NEARLY CARBOARD BOXES. AN EXTENSION CORD WAS BEING USED TO PROVIDE POWER TO A PORTABLE ELECTRIC HEATER. FIRE OFFICIALS WERE UNABLE TO DETERMINED IF THE FIRE BEGAN IN THE HEATER CORD OR IN THE EXTENSION CORD. OCCUPANTS IN THE NURSING HOME EXTINGUISHED THE INITIAL FIRE, FIRE DEPT. RESPONDED & FINISHED FIGHTING THE FIRE. NO INJURY.

Incident Date: 19960505 City: ST. CHARLES State: MO

A CONSUMER WAS CUTTING A PIECE OF WOOD WITH HIS BAND SAW WHEN HE SMELLED A BURNING ODOR AND SAW SMOKE COMING FROM THE INSIDE OF THE STAND THE BAND SAW WAS SITTING ON. THE SAW'S METAL BLADE CUT INTO THE ELECTRICAL POWER CORD CAUSING SPARKS AND SMOKE TO COME FROM IT. NO ONE WAS INJURED AND THERE WAS NO FIRE.

Incident Date: 19960308 City: MARYSVILLE State: WA

ON 3/8/96 AT APPROXIMATELY 10:26 AM, A NON-INJURY FIRE OCCURRED IN A HOUSE THAT WAS UNDERGOING RENOVATION. THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN A MALFUNCTION IN THE POWER CORD OF A HALOGEN WORK LAMP THAT WAS LEFT ON AND UNATTENDED.

Incident Date: 19960413 City: BROOKINGS State: OR

NEWS REPORTS IDENTIFIED A FAULTY TABLE LAMP AS THE CAUSE OF A RESIDENTIAL FIRE. THE FIRE CHIEF SAID THAT A TABLE LEG WAS RESTING ON THE CORD AT THE POINT WHERE THE FIRE STARTED. THE FIRE CHIEF SAID THAT THE CORD FAILED AS THE RESULT OF AN INTERNAL DEFECT OR AS A RESULT OF PRESSURE FROM THE TABLE LEG. THE CHIEF SAID THAT THE CORD HEATED AND STARTED THE FIRE WHILE THE OWNER WAS ABSENT. THE FIRE CAUSED AN ESTIMATED \$30,000 PROPERTY DAMAGE. THERE WERE NO INJURIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE EVENT.

Incident Date: 19960404 City: DANVILLE State: VA

A RESIDENCE FIRE, WHICH OCCURRED IN AN UNOCCUPIED HOME, WAS ATTRIBUTED TO A POSSIBLE SHORT IN THE CORD OF A TOASTER OVEN. STRUCTURE DAMAGE WAS LIMITED TO THE KITCHEN AREA OF THE HOME. NO INJURIES WERE INCURRED.

Incident Date: 19960329 City: WINTHROP HARB State: IL

THIS INVESTIGATION WAS INITIATED THROUGH A NEWSPAPER ACCOUNT OF A FIRE ALLEGEDLY STARTED BY A FAULTY MICROWAVE OVEN CORD. UPON FURTHER INVESTIGATION IT WAS DETERMINED THAT THE LIGHT DUTY EXTENSION CORD ATTACHED TO THE MICROWAVE STARTED THE FIRE WHICH CAUSED AN ESTIMATED \$6000 IN DAMAGES. THE FIRE STARTED DUE TO THE CORD BEING UNDERSIZED FOR USE WITH THE MICROWAVE OR POSSIBLY DUE TO THE CORD BEING PINCHED BY THE STOVE OR KITCHEN CABINETS CAUSING THE EVENTUAL ARCING AND FAILURE.

Incident Date: 19960517 City: SLIDELL State: LA

A MICROWAVE OVEN BEGAN BURNING INSIDE THE CONTROLS COMPARTMENT LESS THAN ONE MINUTE AFTER BEING TURNED ON. THE FIRE WAS CONFINED TO THE MICROWAVE UNIT. THE FIRE WAS NOT IN THE COOKING COMPARTMENT BUT APPEARED TO BE IN THE ELECTRICAL WIRING INSIDE THE UNIT. THE APPLIANCE CORD WAS NOT DAMAGED. THE UNIT WAS MANUFACTURED IN JUNE 1992. THE OWNER SAID SHE PURCHASED THE NEW UNIT ABOUT 2-1/2 YEARS BEFORE THE FIRE.

Incident Date: 19970412 City: LAMPASAS State: TX

THE VICTIM, A 79 YEAR OLD FEMALE, DIED AS A RESULT OF A HOUSE FIRE. THE VICTIM REPORTED THE FIRE TO AUTHORITIES. WHEN THEY ARRIVED AT THE SCENE, THEY FOUND THE VICTIM UNRESPONSIVE INSIDE HER HOME. THE CAUSE OF DEATH WAS SMOKE INHALATION. THE POWER CORD OF A 50 YEAR OLD ELECTRIC SPACE HEATER IS A SUSPECTED CAUSE.

Incident Date: 19960524 City: GRAND RAPIDS State: MN

THIS INVESTIGATION INVOLVED A FIRE INCIDENT THAT CAUSED APPROXIMATELY \$25,000 DAMAGE TO A HOME. THERE WERE NO INJURIES. FIRE OFFICIALS SAID THE FAMILY HAD A VACUUM CLEANER THAT THEIR CAT HAD CHEWED THROUGH THE POWER SUPPLY CORD. IT HADN'T BEEN REPAIRED AND AT TIMES THEY HAD TO SHAKE THE CORD BEFORE THE VACUUM WOULD TURN ON. THIS VACUUM WAS PLUGGED INTO THE WALL RECEPTACLE AT THE TIME OF THE FIRE. THERE WAS EVIDENCE OF ARCING ON THIS POWER CORD. THEY FEEL THIS WAS THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE.

Incident Date: 19960606 City: ST. PAULS State: NC

THIS INVESTIGATION INVOLVED A RESIDENTIAL FIRE. THE FIRE STARTED IN A BEDROOM. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT BELIEVES THAT A SHORT IN THE CORD FROM A WINDOW ROOM AIR-CONDITIONING UNIT WAS THE ORIGIN OF THE FIRE. NO INJURIES OCCURRED.

Incident Date: 19960523 City: DERWOOD State: MD

A 59 YEAR OLD MALE DIED OF 3RD DEGREE THERMAL BURNS RECEIVED IN A FIRE WHICH APPEARS TO HAVE ORIGINATED IN AN EXTENSION CORD. THE VICTIM DIED 6 DAYS AFTER THE INCIDENT. THE CORD WAS ATTACHED TO A LAMP.

Incident Date: 19960622 City: KAPAA State: HI

CONSUMER SAW FLAMES AND SMOKE COMING FROM A CLOSET WHERE A TABLE LAMP POSITIONED ON TOP OF A WOOD DRESSER IN THE CLOSET HAD BEEN LEFT IN THE ON POSITION. ALL FAMILY MEMBERS ESCAPED TO SAFETY AND THERE WERE NO INJURIES. FIRE INVESTIGATOR ATTRIBUTES THE FIRE CAUSE TO AN ELECTRICAL MALFUNCTION CAUSED BY THE DETERIORATION OF THE INSULATION IN THE LAMP'S POWER CORD DUE TO CONSUMER POSITIONING OF THE HEAVY CERAMIC LAMP BASE ON TOP OF ITS CORD. THE LAMP WAS COLLECTED FOR CPSC SAMPLING.

Incident Date: 19960420 City: CHICAGO State: IL

AN 88 YEAR OLD FEMALE SUSTAINED BURNS OVER 16% OF HER BODY WHEN SHE REACHED OVER THE TOP OF A TOASTER OVEN THAT WAS ON FIRE IN AN ATTEMPT TO UNPLUG ITS APPLIANCE CORD. HER CLOTHING CAME IN CONTACT WITH FLAMES COMING FROM THE UNIT. THE OFFICIAL FIRE REPORT INDICATES THAT THE FIRE STARTED WHEN THE 88 YEAR OLD VICTIM PLACED CRACKERS TOPPED WITH MARGARINE INSIDE THE TOASTER OVEN. THE VICTIM DIED FROM HER BURN INJURIES THREE MONTHS AFTER THE INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19960803 City: CARY State: NC

THIS INVESTIGATION INVOLVED A RESIDENTIAL FIRE THAT STARTED IN A PORCH / CARPORT. THE RESIDENT HUNG A NYLON CORD WEED TRIMMER UPSIDE DOWN IN THE CARPORT APPROXIMATELY 24 INCHES FROM A NATURAL GAS WATER HEATER. THE PILOT OR BURNER OF THE WATER HEATER IGNITED THE FUMES FROM THE LEAKING GASOLINE. NO INJURIES OCCURRED.

Incident Date: 19960629 City: ELIZABETHTOWN State: PA

6 FEMALES WERE ASLEEP IN THEIR HOME WHEN A FIRE STARTED IN THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE LIVING ROOM. AFTER AWAKENING, THE MOTHER REALIZED THE SITUATION AND PASSED THE 8 MONTH OLD CHILD OUT OF THE FRONT DOOR TO A NEIGHBOR AND RETURNED INSIDE TO GET OTHER CHILDREN. TWO CHILDREN IN A SECOND FLOOR BEDROOM DIED WITH THEIR MOTHER. TWO OLDER CHILDREN ESCAPED FROM THE BASEMENT. CAUSE OF THE FIRE WAS AN OVERHEATED ELECTRIC CORD WHICH IGNITED WOODEN BASE BOARDS.

Incident Date: 19960703 City: MITCHELL State: NE

A HOUSE RECEIVED EXTENSIVE FIRE DAMAGE CAUSED BY A FAULTY WATERBED HEATER. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND INSURANCE COMPANY DETERMINED THAT THE HEATER'S THERMOSTAT FAILED CAUSING THE HEATER TO RUN CONSTANTLY AND ITS POWER CORD TO OVER HEAT. THE POWER CORD STARTED THE FIRE.

Incident Date: 19960712 City: ELIZABETH CITY State: NC

A 29 YEAR OLD WOMAN AND HER 62 YEAR OLD MOTHER DIED FROM CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING IN THIS RESIDENTIAL FIRE AND THE HUSBAND/FATHER RECEIVED BURNS TO HIS FACE, ARMS, AND BACK IN THE FIRE. THE FIRE STARTED WHEN AN EXTENSION CORD TO A WINDOW AIR CONDITIONING UNIT OVERHEATED AND IGNITED RUGS COVERING THE EXTENSION CORD.

Incident Date: 19960823 City: NEW WINDSOR State: MD

THE INCIDENT OCCURRED AT AN ADULT FOSTER CARE HOME IN NEW WINDSOR, MD. THERE WAS A LIVE-IN ASSISTANT AND TWO CLIENTS IN THE HOME AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT. THE ELECTRICAL CORD FOR THE VACUUM CLEANER HAD BEEN RUN OVER BY THE VACUUM CLEANER AND BROKE THE INSULATION WITHIN THE ELECTRICAL CORD. THERE WIRES SHORTED OUT AND IGNITED THE INSULATION AROUND THE ELECTRICAL CORD. ALL THREE INDIVIDUALS WERE ABLE TO ESCAPE THE FIRE WITHOUT INJURY. THERE WAS A TOTAL OF \$30,000 IN HEAT AND SMOKE DAMAGES.

Incident Date: 19960902 City: SPOTSWOOD State: NJ

THE POLICE AND FIRE MARSHAL INVESTIGATORS REPORTED THAT AN UNKNOWN ELECTRIC EXTENSION CORD WAS PLUGGED IN AND CONNECTED TO A HANGING LIGHT FIXTURE, WHILE IN USE THE UNITS APPARENTLY OVERHEATED, RESULTING IN A FIRE. THE ENTIRE HOME RECEIVED EXTENSIVE DAMAGE BY THE FIRE AND THE SMOKE. AT THE TIME OF THE ACCIDENT THE FAMILY GROUP WAS OUT OF DWELLING. THERE WERE NO PERSONAL INJURIES DURING THE ACCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19961014 City: WATERFORD TO State: MI

A CONSUMER'S 6 YEAR OLD DISHWASHER WAS ON ITS DRY CYCLE WHEN SUDDENLY 4 INCH TO 5 INCH HIGH FLAMES STARTED TO COME OUT FROM THE TOP OF THE DISHWASHER'S DOOR. THE CONSUMER UNLOCKED THE DISHWASHER'S DOOR AND THEN SHE AND HER CHILDREN EVACUATED THE HOUSE. SHE CALLED THE LOCAL FIRE DEPT. FROM HER CORDLESS PHONE. BY THE TIME THE FIRE DEPARTMENT ARRIVED, THE FLAMES HAD SUBSIDED. THERE WERE NO INJURIES. A SWITCH IN THE DISHWASHER'S CONTROL PANEL WAS BELIEVED TO HAVE MALFUNCTIONED. THE DISHWASHER WAS PREVIOUSLY REPAIRED UNDER A CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN.

Incident Date: 19960904 City: ROXBORO State: NC

THE ADULT OWNER/ OCCUPANT OF A SINGLE FAMILY, ONE STORY RESIDENCE, WAS ABLE TO ESCAPE FROM THE BURNING RESIDENCE WITHOUT INJURY. THE FIRE STARTED IN THE BEDROOM. A CORD TO A RADIO WAS ROUTED UNDER A RUG. IT SHORTED, IGNITING THE RUG AND FLOOR BEFORE SPREADING THROUGHOUT THE BEDROOM.

Incident Date: 19960812 City: HONEA PATH State: SC

A FIRE STARTED BEHIND A REFRIGERATOR IN THE KITCHEN AREA OF A RESIDENCE. FIRE OFFICIALS REPORT THE DOOR OF THE REFRIGERATOR WAS LEFT SLIGHTLY AJAR, CAUSING THE COMPRESSOR TO OVERHEAT AND START THE FIRE. AFTER TESTS, INSURANCE OFFICIALS CONCLUDED THAT THERE WERE NO PROBLEMS WITH THE REFRIGERATOR THAT WOULD HAVE CAUSED THE FIRE. INSURANCE OFFICIALS REPORT THE FIRE WAS CAUSED BY AN EXTENSION CORD USED TO POWER THE REFRIGERATOR THAT OVERHEATED. DAMAGES TO THE RESIDENCE WERE ESTIMATED AT \$20,000.

Incident Date: 19961112 City: HICKSVILLE State: NY

NO INJURIES OCCURRED WHEN THE POWER CORD FROM A 13 INCH TELEVISION CAUSED A FIRE. A CHEST OF DRAWERS HAD BEEN SITTING ON TOP OF THE CORD.

Incident Date: 19960918 City: FRANKLIN TWP State: NJ

A FIRE IN A SECOND FLOOR BEDROOM CLAIMED THE LIFE OF A 17-MONTH OLD MALE WHO WAS SLEEPING IN A CRIB AT THE TIME. THE FIRE WAS BELIEVED TO HAVE ORIGINATED FROM A MALFUNCTION IN THE POWER CORD TO EITHER A TELEVISION SET OR A BOX FAN. BOTH WERE PLUGGED INTO A DUPLEX OUTLET, BUT ONLY THE TELEVISION SET WAS OPERATING AT THE TIME. TWO SMOKE DETECTORS IN THE DWELLING WERE NOT OPERATIONAL AT THE TIME.

Incident Date: 19961024 City: TUCSON State: AZ

A YOUNG BOY WAS USING A HALOGEN LAMP TO STUDY BY WHILE SITTING ON THE LIVING ROOM FLOOR NEAR A COUCH. HE FELL ASLEEP AND A FIRE BEGAN NEAR THE COUCH. A FIRE DEPARTMENT INVESTIGATOR DETERMINED THAT THIS FIRE WAS CAUSED BY THE OVERHEATING OF AN EXTENSION CORD HE FOUND CONNECTED TO THE LAMP; HOWEVER, THE MOTHER OF THIS HOUSEHOLD FEELS THE BULB IN THE HALOGEN LAMP SHATTERED AND CAUSED THIS FIRE.

Incident Date: 19961025 City: SALEM State: OR

AN 11 YEAR OLD MALE DIED FROM CUTANEOUS BURNS AND SMOKE INHALATION WHICH OCCURRED DURING A FIRE IN HIS HOME. THE FIRE OCCURRED WHILE THE VICTIM AND SIX FAMILY MEMBERS SLEPT IN THEIR DUPLEX APARTMENT. FIRE FIGHTERS FOUND THE VICTIM UNCONSCIOUS INSIDE THE HOME AND HE EXPIRED THE FOLLOWING DAY AT A HOSPITAL BURN CENTER. THE OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS ESCAPED WITH SMOKE INHALATION AND BURN INJURIES. FIRE OFFICIALS CONCLUDED THAT HEAT FROM A PORTABLE ELECTRIC HEATER OR THE HEATER POWER CORD IGNITED COMBUSTIBLE MATERIAL IN THE LIVING ROOM.

Incident Date: 19961109 City: DE KALB State: IL

ON A SATURDAY MORNING, OCCUPANTS WOKE UP TO THE SOUND OF A SMOKE DETECTOR. THE FIRE WAS DISCOVERED IN THE LIVING ROOM BEHIND THE AQUARIUM. THE FIRE SELF EXTINGUISHED WHEN THE HEAT BROKE THE GLASS IN THE AQUARIUM AND THE WATER FELL ONTO THE FLAMES. CAUSE OF THE FIRE WAS OVERLOADING OF AN ELECTRIC POWER SURGE PROTECTOR WHICH WAS PLUGGED INTO A PLUG ADAPTER AND AN EXTENSION CORD. ALL WERE MELTED. THE OCCUPANTS ESCAPED UNHARMED AND THE HOME SUFFERED \$5000 IN DAMAGE.

Incident Date: 19961114 City: ANNANDALE State: VA

THERE WERE NO INJURIES INVOLVED WITH THIS FIRE WHICH TOOK PLACE IN AN UNOCCUPIED CLASSROOM OF A PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL. FIRE INVESTIGATORS TRACED THE FIRE TO HAVING ORIGINATED IN THE AREA OF A TELEPHONE ANSWERING MACHINE, A RADIO/ TAPE PLAYER, AND AN EXTENSION CORD. IT IS NOT KNOWN HOW THE FIRE STARTED. ALL PRODUCTS INVOLVED WERE DISCARDED AFTER THE FIRE.

Incident Date: 19961012 City: CHICAGO State: IL

AN ELECTRIC SPACE HEATER CAUSED AN APARTMENT FIRE IN WHICH A 3 YEAR OLD GIRL DIED OF BURNS AND SMOKE INHALATION. THE ELECTRIC POWER CORD WAS IMPROPERLY SPLICED BY TWISTING THE WIRES AND PUTTING ELECTRICAL TAPE OVER THEM. THE CORD ARCED, SENDING SPARKS OUT THAT IGNITED NEARBY CLOTHING. NO ONE ELSE WAS INJURED. THE BUILDING WAS A TOTAL LOSS.

Incident Date: 19961207 City: THIENSVILLE State: WI

THIS INVESTIGATION WAS INITIATED THROUGH A CONSUMER COMPLAINT TO THE CPSC HOTLINE WHICH DEALT WITH AN ELECTRIC BLANKET WHICH STARTED ON FIRE IN THE AREA WHERE THE CORD GOES INTO THE BLANKET AT THE FOOT OF THE BED. THE INCIDENT HAPPENED EARLY IN THE MORNING. THE OCCUPANT OF THE BED AWOKE TO FLAMES BEING EMITTED FROM THE FOOT OF THE BED. HE ATTEMPTED TO PUT OUT THE FIRE AND SUSTAINED SECOND AND THIRD DEGREE BURNS TO HIS HAND AND KNEE.

Incident Date: 19961209 City: ROCKAWAY State: NY

NO INJURY OCCURRED BUT AN APARTMENT AND ITS CONTENTS WERE COMPLETELY DESTROYED IN A FIRE THAT WAS CAUSED BY A CORDLESS TELEPHONE/ ANSWERING MACHINE SYSTEM.

Incident Date: 19961218 City: HOBART State: IN

A HOUSE FIRE STARTED WHEN AN EXTENSION CORD ATTACHED TO MINIATURE christmas TREE LIGHTS SHORT CIRCUITED, IGNITING A 6' ARTIFICIAL christmas TREE. FIRE PERSONNEL STATED THAT THE CORD SHORTED OUT DUE TO AN EXCESSIVE NUMBER OF LIGHTS BEING ON THE TREE. THE FIRE CAUSED \$95,000 STRUCTURAL DAMAGE TO THE TRI-LEVEL HOME AND THE FAMILY DOG WAS KILLED. NO ONE ELSE WAS INJURED IN THE BLAZE.

Incident Date: 19961201 City: LAKE CHARLES State: LA

A RESIDENTIAL FIRE WAS CAUSED BY THE OVERLOADING OF SEVERAL HOMEMADE EXTENSION CORDS. THERE WERE AT LEAST (4) EXTENSION CORDS PLUGGED INTO ONE WALL OUTLET, WITH TWO SPACE HEATERS PLUGGED INTO TWO OF THE EXTENSION CORDS. THE TWO SPACE HEATER CORDS WERE PLUGGED INTO A SECOND RECEPTACLE THAT HAD BEEN SPLICED ONTO A 10" LONG CORD THAT WAS CONNECTED TO THE WALL OUTLET. NO ONE WAS HOME AT THE TIME OF THE FIRE. NO PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION WAS AVAILABLE FROM THE RESPONDENTS.

Incident Date: 19961225 City: SAN JOSE State: CA

THE SOUNDING OF HIS SMOKE ALARM ALERTED THE OWNER TO A FIRE IN HIS HOME, AND HE SAW HALF OF HIS ARTIFICIAL christmas TREE IN FLAMES, WITH THE FLAMES SPANNING FROM THE FLOOR TO THE CEILING. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT EXTINGUISHED THE FLAMES. DUE TO SUCH EXTENSIVE DAMAGE, THE FIRE INVESTIGATOR PINPOINTED THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE TO SEVERAL SOURCES: THE christmas TREE LIGHTS, FAULTY WIRING OF THE EXTENSION CORDS, UNATTENDED CANDLES PLACED TOO CLOSE TO THE TREE, PACKAGES TOO CLOSE TO THE HEAT SOURCE; OR A POTPOURRI POT PLACED TOO CLOSE TO THE TREE.

Incident Date: 19961223 City: BOYNTON BEACH State: FL

AN ELECTRICAL SHORT CIRCUIT IN THE POWER CORD OF A HOT WATER HEATER, AND DEFECTIVE INSULATION ON THE APPLIANCE, WAS RULED AS THE CAUSE OF A FIRE WHICH IGNITED VARIOUS MATERIALS INSIDE THE LAUNDRY ROOM OF A RESIDENCE IN AN APARTMENT COMPLEX. NO INJURIES WERE SUSTAINED.

Incident Date: 19961219 City: LAKE WORTH State: FL

AN OVERLOADED EXTENSION CORD CONNECTED TO VARIOUS SETS OF christmas TREE LIGHTS AND ORNAMENTS WAS RULED AS THE CAUSE OF A FIRE AT A FAMILY RESIDENCE. IT CAUSED ABOUT \$30,000 IN DAMAGE. NO INJURIES SUSTAINED.

Incident Date: 19961224 City: STATEN ISLAND State: NY

THE SWITCH ON AN EXTENSION CORD USED FOR XMAS TREE LIGHTS SHORTED OUT AND CAUSED A SMOULDERING FIRE IN THE CARPET AND PADDING IT WAS RESTING UPON. THE FIRE WAS EXTINGUISHED BEFORE ANY FURTHER PROPERTY DAMAGE OR INJURIES OCCURRED.

Incident Date: 19961215 City: FAYETTEVILLE State: NC

THIS INVESTIGATION INVOLVED AN AUTOMATIC, ELECTRIC DRIP COFFEE MAKER. THE RESPONDENT PUT WATER AND GROUNDS IN THE MACHINE THE EVENING BEFORE THE INCIDENT. SHE MANUALLY STARTED THE COFFEE MAKER THE NEXT MORNING. ABOUT TEN MINUTES LATER, SHE HEARD POPPING SOUNDS, AND SMOKE WAS COMING FROM THE HEATING ELEMENT WHERE THE CORD ATTACHED. SHE UNPLUGGED THE MACHINE AND NO FIRE OCCURRED.

Incident Date: 19960111 City: HAYWARD State: CA

AN OVERLOADED EXTENSION CORD WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR A STRUCTURAL FIRE THAT CLAIMED THE LIFE OF A 75-YEAR OLD WOMAN AND INJURED HER HUSBAND. A SPACE HEATER WAS CONNECTED TO THE CORD, AND THE HEAVY CURRENT CAUSED THE PLUG TO SPARK AND IGNITE NEARBY PAPERS.

Incident Date: 19970121 City: FRANKLIN SQUAR State: NY

A 51 YEAR OLD MALE DIED OF CARDIO-RESPIRATORY FAILURE DUE TO BURNS AND SMOKE INHALATION HE SUFFERED WHEN HE WAS CAUGHT IN A FIRE IN HIS HOME. THE FIRE STARTED FROM AN OVERLOADED EXTENSION CORD.

Incident Date: 19970124 City: DES PLAINES State: IL

A 5-YEAR OLD, ELECTRIC POWERED SNOW SHOVEL CAUGHT FIRE IGNITING A NEARBY GAS-POWERED WEED EATER. IT HAD BEEN LEFT, PLUGGED INTO AN OUTLET WITH AN EXTENSION CORD, IN AN UNATTACHED GARAGE FOR 1-2 WEEKS. THE FIRE WAS DISCOVERED BY THE OCCUPANT OF THE HOME AFTER HE EXPERIENCED A POWER OUTAGE IN HIS HOME. HE CALLED 911 WHEN HE SAW SMOKE COMING FROM THE GARAGE. THE FIRE WAS PUT OUT WITH A FIRE EXTINGUISHER. THERE WERE NO INJURIES. THERE WAS NO DAMAGE TO THE GARAGE.

Incident Date: 19970206 City: STOCKTON State: CA

AN 82 YEAR OLD WOMAN EXPIRED IN A HOUSE FIRE CAUSED BY AN UNIDENTIFIED ELECTRIC BLANKET ASSEMBLY. A PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR SUSPECTS THAT AN ELECTRIC ARC IN THE BLANKET POWER CORD WAS THE IGNITION CAUSE.

Incident Date: 19961127 City: COTTAGE GROVE State: OR

A RURAL MOBILE HOME WAS DESTROYED BY FIRE. FIRE OFFICIALS CONCLUDED THAT OVER- HEATING OF AN ELECTRICAL CORD ATTACHED TO THE HEATER WAS THE APPARENT CAUSE OF THE FIRE. THE OCCUPANTS OF THE HOME ACQUIRED THE HEATER USED, AND NO PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE. NO INJURIES WERE REPORTED.

Incident Date: 19961229 City: MONTEREY State: CA

AN ELECTRIC BLANKET STARTED A FIRE ON A BED IN A SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING. A BOX SPRING, MATTRESS, BEDDING, AND CARPET WERE SCORCHED BY THE FIRE. THE HOMEOWNER EXTINGUISHED THE FIRE WITH A GARDEN HOSE. FIRE SPOKESPERSON STATED THAT THE FIRE STARTED WHERE THE POWER CORD PLUGS INTO THE ELECTRIC BLANKET AT THE FOOT OF THE BED. THE ELECTRIC BLANKET WAS DISCARDED AFTER THE FIRE.

Incident Date: 19970209 City: OROVILLE State: CA

A 12 YEAR OLD MALE WOKE UP AND SAW FLAMES AT THE END OF HIS BED. HE TOLD FIRE PERSONNEL THAT THE FIRE OCCURRED WHERE THE ELECTRIC POWER CORD WAS PLUGGED INTO THE ELECTRIC BLANKET. THE FIRE DESTROYED THE VICTIM'S HOME AND ELECTRIC BLANKET. THE VICTIM'S FATHER SUFFERED BURNS TO HIS SHOULDER AND SMOKE INHALATION. HE WAS FLOWN TO A HOSPITAL WHERE HE WAS LISTED IN SERIOUS, BUT STABLE CONDITION.

Incident Date: 19970126 City: CHICAGO State: IL

AN ELECTRIC EXTENSION CORD WAS CONNECTED TO AN ELECTRIC SPACE HEATER UNDERNEATH A REAR ENCLOSED PORCH. THIS WAS TO KEEP WATER PIPES FROM FREEZING. THE EXTENSION CORD WENT THROUGH A HOLE IN THE PORCH FLOOR. THE CORD FRAYED. SPARKS FROM THE CORD SET FIRE TO NEARBY COMBUSTIBLES. AN 80 YEAR OLD WOMAN WAS BURNED ON HER LEGS. SHE WAS TREATED AND TRANSFERRED TO A HOSPITAL BURN UNIT FOR FURTHER TREATMENT.

Incident Date: 19970306 City: PORTLAND State: OR

NEWS REPORTS IDENTIFIED A POWER STRIP AS THE CAUSE OF A FOUR ALARM FIRE THAT DESTROYED AN URBAN BUILDING CONTAINED BUSINESSES AND APARTMENTS. FIRE OFFICIALS CONCLUDED THAT THE FIRE WAS CAUSED BY AN ELECTRICAL FAULT IN THE CORD OR PLUG OF THE POWER STRIP.

Incident Date: 19961225 City: BAKERSFIELD State: CA

THE VICTIM WAS A 6 MONTHS OLD GIRL WHO WAS SLEEPING IN HER CRIB AT NIGHT AT HOME. HER FAMILY WAS ALSO ASLEEP. A FIRE STARTED IN THE VICTIM'S BEDROOM WHERE A MATTRESS BOX SPRINGS WAS LYING ON TOP OF A MODIFIED, SPLICED APPLIANCE CORD FROM AN ELECTRIC SPACE HEATER. THE FIRE SPREAD FROM THE MATTRESS BOX SPRINGS INTO THE ROOM. THE INFANT DIED IN HER CRIB FROM ANOXIA OR SMOKE INHALATION. THE VICTIM'S FAMILY ESCAPED FROM THE FIRE. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT STATED THE MODIFIED ELECTRIC HEATER CORD POSSIBLY STARTED THE FIRE.

Incident Date: 19970406 City: MAPLE GROVE State: MN

A PROPANE PORTABLE FORCED AIR HEATER STARTED ON FIRE WHILE IT WAS USED TO PROVIDE HEAT IN A RESIDENTIAL TWO CAR GARAGE. IT HAD BEEN IN USE FOR LESS THAN 1/2 HOUR WHEN THE INCIDENT OCCURRED. THE OWNER SHUT OFF THE FUEL, UNPLUGGED THE CORD, AND PUT OUT THE FIRE WITH FLOOR DRY COMPOUND. THERE WERE NO INJURIES AND THE ONLY DAMAGE WAS TO THE HEATER ITSELF.

Incident Date: 19970225 City: ORANGE State: MA

A HOUSEFIRE WHICH CAUSED APPROXIMATELY \$40,000 DAMAGE TO A TWO STORY WOODEN FRAME DWELLING HAS BEEN ATTRIBUTED TO THE IGNITION OF BEDDING BY FLAMES FROM THE CORD OF AN ELECTRIC BLANKET.

Incident Date: 19961214 City: MADISON State: FL

A 70 YEAR OLD FEMALE DIED OF THERMAL BURNS AND CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING IN A HOUSE FIRE WHEN AN EXTENSION CORD FROM THE INTERIOR OF THE HOME, LEADING TO EXTERIOR christmas LIGHTS, SHORTED OUT WHEN PINCHED IN THE WINDOW. THE VICTIM'S SPOUSE SURVIVED BY JUMPING OUT OF THE SECOND STORY WINDOW. THE VICTIM WAS UNABLE TO EXIT THE HOME AND DIED WITHIN THE HOUSE.

Incident Date: 19970304 City: BINGHAMTON State: NY

A HOUSE FIRE WAS CAUSED BY AN OVERHEATED ELECTRICAL EXTENSION CORD. THE CORD WAS LOCATED UNDER CARPET AND FURNITURE. NO INJURIES RESULTED.

Incident Date: 19970403 City: ETOWAH State: TN

A FEMALE RECEIVED TREATMENT AT THE EMERGENCY ROOM FOR BURNS IN SPOTS TO BOTH HANDS AND WAS HOSPITALIZED A FEW DAYS LATER FOR BREATHING AND HEART PROBLEMS SHE EXPERIENCED WHEN THE ELECTRIC BLANKET ON HER BED CAUGHT FIRE AT THE BOTTOM OF THE BLANKET WHERE THE ELECTRICAL CORD PLUGS INTO THE BLANKET. THE FIRE WAS MOSTLY CONFINED TO THE BEDROOM OF HER HOME.

Incident Date: 19961102 City: PHOENIX State: AZ

A 62 YEAR OLD MAN DIED FROM COMPLICATIONS OF SMOKE INHALATION CAUSED BY A HOUSE FIRE. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT INVESTIGATORS SPECULATED THAT THIS FIRE MAY HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY AN EXTENSION CORD WHICH WAS LOCATED UNDER A CHAIR.

Incident Date: 19970213 City: BUCKEYE State: AZ

A 45 YEAR OLD WOMAN AND A 63 YEAR OLD MAN DIED DURING A HOUSE FIRE. SEVERAL PEOPLE TOLD AUTHORITIES THAT BOTH VICTIMS WERE SMOKERS AND THAT THE HOUSE WAS A FIRE TRAP BECAUSE OF NUMEROUS EXTENSION CORDS AND SPACE HEATERS. DEPUTY FIRE MARSHAL SAID THAT THERE WAS INSUFFICIENT EVIDENCE TO IDENTIFY THE CAUSE OF THIS FIRE.

Incident Date: 19970309 City: CANAAN State: NY

A 75 YEAR OLD MAN DIED OF CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING WHICH RESULTED FROM A FIRE IN A SEVERELY CLUTTERED APARTMENT. THE FIRE WAS CAUSED BY AN OVERLOADED EXTENSION CORD.

Incident Date: 19970428 City: PHILADELPHIA State: PA

THREE CHILDREN, AGED 2, 3, AND 4, ALL MALES, DIED OF BURNS AND SMOKE INHALATION AS THE RESULTS OF A HOUSE FIRE. INVESTIGATION BY THE LOCAL FIRE MARSHAL REVEALED THAT THE MOST PROBABLE CAUSE OF THE FIRE WAS A FAULTY EXTENSION CORD, ATTACHED TO AN OUTLET IN THE FIRST FLOOR MIDDLE BEDROOM. NO FIRE ALARMS OR SMOKE DETECTORS WERE PRESENT IN THE HOME.

Incident Date: 19970125 City: TRUMBULL State: CT

THE FIRE MARSHAL'S INVESTIGATION DETERMINED THAT A GAS BASEBOARD HEATER LOCATED NEAR THE AREA OF ORIGIN WAS NOT THE IGNITION SOURCE OF THE FIRE. THE IGNITION SOURCE WAS NOT DETERMINED, ALTHOUGH ELECTRICAL WIRING, A HOMEMADE ELECTRICAL EXTENSION BUS AND AN EXTENSION CORD WERE FOUND IN THE AREA OF ORIGIN. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19970427 City: MONROE State: CT

ACCORDING TO THE FIRE CHIEF, A HOUSE FIRE WAS CAUSED BY A DAMAGED EXTENSION CORD. THE FIRE CHIEF STATED THAT THE EXTENSION CORD WAS POSITIONED UNDER THE VICTIM'S IN-HOME HOSPITAL BED AND APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN PINCHED UNDER ONE OF THE BED'S CASTERS. A 75 YEAR OLD MALE DIED OF SMOKE INHALATION IN THIS INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19970129 City: DWIGHT State: IL

ON A COLD WINTER NIGHT, A FIRE KILLED A FATHER AND SON WHILE THEY WERE IN THEIR 2ND FLOOR APARTMENT. THE OTHER FOUR UPSTAIRS APARTMENT RESIDENTS, WERE ABLE TO ESCAPE UNINJURED. THE FIRE WAS TRACED TO AN AREA WHERE MANY CORDS WERE PLUGGED INTO A POWER STRIP SURGE PROTECTOR, WHICH WAS DETERMINED TO BE THE PROBABLE CAUSE OF THE FIRE. THE UNIT WAS RECOVERED AND MAY BE MADE AVAILABLE TO CPSC FOR EVALUATION, IN THE NEAR FUTURE. THE 2ND FLOOR OF THIS BUILDING WAS DESTROYED. THE SMOKE DETECTORS, LOCATED IN THE OUTSIDE HALLWAY, REPORTEDLY WERE WORKING.

Incident Date: 19970622 City: FREEPORT State: NY

A 12 YEAR OLD FEMALE DIES OF SMOKE INHALATION WHEN SHE WAS TRAPPED IN A FIRE IN HER HOUSE WHEN A FIRE STARTED IN THE BASEMENT APARTMENT OF HER HOUSE. THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE WAS AN EXTENSION CORD WITH A SURGE PROTECTOR PLUGGED INTO THE OUTLET.

Incident Date: 19970529 City: SALISBURY State: NC

A HUSBAND, WIFE, AND THEIR FOUR CHILDREN ESCAPED INJURY IN THIS RESIDENTIAL FIRE. FIRE INVESTIGATORS BELIEVE THAT THE FIRE WAS STARTED BY THE MALFUNCTION OF THE ELECTRIC CORD TO A ELECTRIC CLOTHES DRYER.

Incident Date: 19970523 City: SOUTH NYACK State: NY

ACCORDING TO THE FIRE CHIEF, A HOUSE FIRE WAS CAUSED BY A DAMAGED, OVERLOADED EXTENSION CORD. THE FIRE CHIEF STATED THAT THE EXTENSION CORD WAS POSITIONED NEAR A BED IN AN UPSTAIRS BEDROOM. THE BED'S MATTRESS FUELED THE FIRE. THERE WERE NO INJURIES OR DEATHS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS FIRE.

Incident Date: 19970528 City: DENTON State: NE

ACCORDING TO OFFICIALS, ON 5/28/97 A 49 YEAR OLD MALE WAS FOUND DEAD IN HIS RESIDENCE OF SMOKE INHALATION AND EXTENSIVE THERMAL INJURIES. THE FIRE WAS BELIEED TO HAVE STARTED IN THE CORD OF A CLOCK-RADIO.

Incident Date: 19970530 City: PHILADELPHIA State: PA

TWO ADULTS AND TWO CHILDREN WERE ASLEEP IN SECOND FLOOR BEDROOMS. A REFRIGERATOR WAS IN THE FIRST FLOOR DINING ROOM, AGAINST THE WALL SEPARATING THE LIVING AND DINING ROOMS. THE ATTACHED APPLIANCE CORD WAS IN AN OUTLET IN THE LIVING ROOM. A SOFA WAS AGAINST THE RECEPTACLE. THE CORD OVERHEATED, IGNITING THE SOFA. THE FIRE SPREAD THROUGHOUT THE HOUSE. A 10 YEAR OLD BOY DIED OF SMOKE INHALATION.

Incident Date: 19970701 City: LEHIGH State: OK

THIS NON-INJURY FIRE ORIGINATED IN THE AREA OF A SPLICED POWER CORD OF A WINDOW AIR CONDITIONER UNIT. PROPERTY DAMAGE WAS ESTIMATED AT \$5,000.

Incident Date: 19970620 City: LONGVIEW State: TX

THIS NON-INJURY INCIDENT INVOLVED A HOUSE FIRE THAT CAUSED \$15,000 PROPERTY DAMAGE. INVESTIGATING OFFICIALS DETERMINED THE FIRE WAS CAUSED DUE TO A FAILURE IN THE AREA WHERE AN EXTENSION CORD WAS PLUGGED INTO A WINDOW AIR CONDITIONER'S POWER CORD.

Incident Date: 19970727 City: TRENTON State: NJ

AN UNOCCUPIED APARTMENT SUSTAINED FIRE AND SMOKE DAMAGE TO THE BEDROOM WHEN THE POWER CORD OF AN AIR CONDITIONER APPARENTLY OVERHEATED AND SET PAPER DIAPERS, BOXES AND CLOTHING LYING ON TOP OF THE POWER CORD ON FIRE. THE SOLE OCCUPANT OF THE APARTMENT HAD BEEN TAKEN TO THE HOSPITAL THE DAY PRIOR AND THE AIR CONDITIONER HAD APPARENTLY BEEN LEFT RUNNING.

Incident Date: 19970816 City: DEWITT State: IA

ON 8/16/97 FIREFIGHTERS RESPONDED TO AN ELECTRICAL FIRE THAT STARTED IN ONE APARTMENT OF A 27 UNIT APARTMENT BUILDING. THE FIRE IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN STARTED EITHER BY A MALFUNCTIONING POWER CORD ON A WINDOW AIR CONDITIONER OR THE AIR CONDITIONER ITSELF. THE BUILDING WAS HEAVILY DAMAGED BEFORE IT COULD BE EXTINGUISHED BY RESPONDING FIRE FIGHTERS. NONE OF THE APARTMENT RESIDENTS WERE INJURED. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT WAS UNABLE TO IDENTIFY THE MANUFACTURER OF THE AIR CONDITIONER; IT WAS DISCARDED IN THE FIRE CLEAN-UP.

Incident Date: 19970707 City: BRADLEY BEACH State: NJ

A FIRE IN THE SECOND FLOOR APARTMENT OF A 2 STORY DWELLING WAS ATTRIBUTED TO IMPROPER USE OF EXTENSION CORDS CONNECTED TO A WINDOW AIR CONDITIONER.

Incident Date: 19970626 City: ABERDEEN State: NJ

A 51 YEAR OLD FEMALE AND HER 3 YEAR OLD GRANDSON DIED OF ANOXIA WHEN AN UNKNOWN BRAND EXTENSION CORD CARRYING A HEAVY POWER LOAD WAS CONNECTED TO AN UNKNOWN A/C UNIT AND STARTED FLAMMING. THE FIRE IGNITED THE CARPET, AND THE FIRE EXTENDED TO THE FIRST AND SECOND FLOOR OF THE HOME. AN UNOFFICIAL FD STATEMENT ESTIMATES THE DAMAGES TO THE STRUCTURE OVER \$150,000.

Incident Date: 19970829 City: CINCINNATI State: OH

NO INJURY OCCURRED WHEN AN EXTENSION CORD TO A WINDOW AIR CONDITIONER OVERHEATED. THE RESULTING FIRE CAUSED \$10,000 DAMAGE TO THE HOME.

Incident Date: 19970822 City: PHILADELPHIA State: PA

TWO FEMALES, AGES 73 AND 9, WERE ASLEEP IN THEIR SECOND FLOOR BEDROOMS. AN EXTENSION CORD WAS DRAPED ACROSS THE SECOND FLOOR HALLWAY BANISTER. CLOTHING WAS LAYING ON TOP OF THE EXTENSION CORD. THE CORD SHORTED, IGNITING THE GARMENTS. THE 9 YEAR OLD FEMALE, UNABLE TO ESCAPE THE FIRE, DIED OF SMOKE INHALATION. THE 73 YEAR OLD FEMALE WAS UNINJURED.

Incident Date: 19970818 City: DURHAM State: NC

AT APPROXIMATELY 10:30PM ON 8/18/97 A FIRE, CAUSED BY A SHORT IN AN AIR CONDITIONER POWER CORD, WAS FOUND IN A UNIVERSITY GYMNASIUM OFFICE OF A TRACK COACH. THE SHORT WAS CAUSED BY THE LEG OF A BOOKCASE SITTING ON THE POWER CORD FOR A LONG, UNDETERMINED PERIOD OF TIME. THERE WERE NO INJURIES. A SMOKE ALARM WAS PRESENT IN THE BUILDING. DAMAGE ESTIMATES RANGED FROM \$4,500 TO \$15,000.

Incident Date: 19970605 City: LEWISTOWN State: MD

A 36 YEAR OLD MALE DIED IN A HOUSE FIRE. THE FIRE ORIGINATED IN AN EXTENSION CORD LOCATED IN THE BASEMENT OF THE HOME. THERE WAS AN ESTIMATED \$110,000.00 IN DAMAGES TO THE STRUCTURE AND CONTENTS.

Incident Date: 19971001 City: BRONX State: NY

ACCORDING TO A FIRE INVESTIGATOR (COMPLAINANT), A SMALL FIRE, THAT STARTED IN AN APARTMENT, WAS CAUSED BY A SHORT CIRCUIT IN THE CORD OF A HALOGEN LAMP. THERE WERE NO INJURIES OR DEATHS AS A RESULT OF THIS INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19970902 City: TOPEKA State: KS

FIRE INVESTIGATOR STATED IMPROPER USE OF EXTENSION CORDS IN HOME AND OVERLOADING OF HOUSE CIRCUIT CAUSED THIS HOUSE FIRE. SIX EXTENSION CORDS IN A SERIES WERE PLUGGED INTO ONE OUTLET ON THE FIRST FLOOR, AND ONE MORE EXTENSION CORD WAS ATTACHED AND RAN UPSTAIRS TO SUPPLY POWER TO THE SECOND FLOOR OF THE HOME. THE CORD RAN UNDER CARPETING AND IT WAS PLUGGED INTO A BOX FAN. INVESTIGATOR THINKS WALKING ON THE CORD OVER SEVERAL YEARS ALSO HELP THE CORD TO FAIL.

Incident Date: 19970920 City: JACKSON State: MS

ON 9-20-97, AT APPROXIMATELY 1350 HOURS, AN APARTMENT FIRE ERUPTED WHEN A POWER CORD, REPLACED BY THE OWNER OF A SEVERAL YEAR OLD ELECTRIC FAN, OVERHEATED, BURNED, AND IGNITED A NEARBY SOFA. THERE WERE NO INJURIES. DAMAGE WAS ESTIMATED AT \$60,000.

Incident Date: 19971016 City: HONOLULU State: HI

FOUR MALES AND THREE FEMALES SUFFERED THERMAL BURNS AND ANOXIA FROM SMOKE INHALATION AND DIED WHEN A FIRE OCCURRED IN A MAKE-SHIFT ROOM BELOW THEIR TWO BEDROOM HOUSE INVOLVING AN EXTENSION CORD AND RADIO. THE INCIDENT HOUSE AND THREE VEHICLES PARKED IN FRONT OF THE HOUSE WERE COMPLETELY CONSUMED BEFORE FIRE OFFICIALS EXTINGUISHED THE FIRE. ADDITIONALLY, THERE WAS FIRE DAMAGE TO TWO ADJACENT HOUSES. FIRE INVESTIGATORS DETERMINED THAT THE POSSIBLE CAUSE OF THE FIRE WAS DUE TO A SHORT CIRCUIT IN AN EXTENSION CORD OR ELECTRIC RADIO WHICH IGNITED FLAMMABLE MATERIALS NEARBY.

Incident Date: 19971018 City: MASSILLON State: OH

COMPLAINANT RECHARGED BATTERY FOR 6 HOURS. BATTERY WAS THEN UNPLUGGED AND SET ON A TABLE. ABOUT 3 HOURS LATER, THE COMPLAINANT SAW SMOKE AND FIRE COMING FROM THE END OF THE BATTERIES WHERE THE ELECTRICAL CORD CONNECTS TO THE BATTERIES. COMPLAINANT PICKED UP BATTERIES WITH TOWEL AND THREW THEM OUTSIDE. NO INJURIES OCCURRED AND DAMAGE WAS LIMITED TO BATTERIES AND TABLE, WHICH WAS SCORCHED.

Incident Date: 19971107 City: CINCINNATI State: OH

TWO 4 YEAR OLD CHILDREN DIED FROM A FIRE CAUSED BY A MODIFIED EXTENSION CORD ON A HALOGEN LAMP OVERHEATING. THE FIRE IGNITED THE CARPETING. THE UNATTENDED CHILDREN DIED FROM BURNS AND SMOKE INHALATION.

Incident Date: 19971028 City: OAKLAND State: CA

FIRE INVESTIGATORS SUSPECT THE CORD OF A FULL-SIZED ELECTRIC HEATING PAD - THE TYPE THAT IS PLACED NEXT TO THE MATTRESS INSTEAD OF ON TOP OF THE BEDDING - TO HAVE BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR A FIRE THAT DID SOME \$125,000 DAMAGE TO A SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE.

Incident Date: 19971106 City: PORTLAND State: OR

A 61 YEAR OLD MALE DIED AS A RESULT OF BURNS AND SMOKE INHALATION 14 DAYS AFTER HE WAS INJURED IN A FIRE AT HIS HOME. FIRE OFFICIALS CONCLUDED THAT THE FIRE WAS CAUSED BY AN OVERHEATED EXTENSION CORD CONNECTED TO A PORTABLE ELECTRIC HEATER. OFFICIALS SAID THAT FIRE APPARENTLY STARTED AT THE POINT WHERE THE HEATER PLUG WAS CONNECTED TO THE EXTENSION CORD. THE FIRE STARTED WHILE THE VICTIM AND HIS WIFE WERE SLEEPING. THEY APPARENTLY DID NOT HEAR THEIR SMOKE DETECTOR ACTIVATE. THE HUSBAND AND WIFE WERE ADMITTED TO THE BURN CENTER WITH SERIOUS BURNS. THE WIFE IS RECOVERING FROM HER BURN INJURIES. THE FIRE CAUSED AN ESTIMATED \$25,000 PROPERTY DAMAGE.

Incident Date: 19970916 City: PLEASANT VIEW State: UT

A KEROSENE HEATER IN A GARAGE STARTED A FIRE. THE KEROSENE HEATER WAS OFF AND HAD NOT BEEN USED FOR THE PAST THREE WEEKS PRIOR TO THE INCIDENT. A DRIVER WHO SAW SMOKE COMING FROM THE DETACHED GARAGE CALLED THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. THE FIRE INVESTIGATOR DETERMINED THAT THE THERMOSTAT (ON THE POWER CORD) FAILED. THE POWER CORD WAS PLUGGED INTO A WALL RECEPTACLE. THE WIRE BETWEEN THE THERMOSTAT AND THE WALL RECEPTACLE OVERHEATED AND IGNITED PIECES OF WOOD ON A WOODEN SHELF. NO ONE WAS INJURED IN THIS INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19971013 City: SOUTH LAKE TAH State: CA

TENANT HAD LEFT HIS ELECTRIC BLANKET IN THE "ON" POSITION FOR AN UNKNOWN PERIOD OF TIME, THEN WENT TO WORK. A RESULTING FIRE WAS DETERMINED BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT TO BE CAUSED BY A SHORT CIRCUIT IN THE CORD OF THE CONTROL BOX, CAUSED BY THE DOGS CHEWING ON THE CORD OR A PIECE OF FURNITURE POSITIONED ON THE CORD. THERE WERE NO INJURIES, BUT 3 DOGS PERISHED IN THE FIRE.

Incident Date: 19970614 City: WINDSOR State: CA

NO ONE WAS HOME AND NO INJURIES IN THIS RESIDENTIAL FIRE INCIDENT. CONSUMER REPORTS THAT THE RECHARGEABLE BATTERY, FOR A HAND-HELD VACUUM CLEANER, WAS BEING RECHARGED. THE VACUUM CLEANER WAS SNAPPED INTO ITS RECHARGER UNIT AT ABOUT 9AM OR 9:30AM, AND THE POWER CORD WAS PLUGGED INTO AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET (SO THAT THE BATTERY COULD BE RECHARGED) AND LEFT ON A WOODEN CART. AT ABOUT 12:30PM EVERYONE LEFT THE HOUSE. AT ABOUT 2:14PM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONDED, ITS INVESTIGATOR DETERMINED THAT THE FIRE STARTED IN THE KITCHEN/DINING AREA (AT THE LOCATION OF THE WOODEN CART). FIRE DEPT'S REPORT LISTS THE CAUSE OF FIRE AS: SUSPECTED MALFUNCTION OF THE BATTERY CHARGER OF THE VACUUM CLEANER. FIRE DAMAGE TO THE HOME WAS ESTIMATED BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AT ABOUT \$20,000 -- TO STRUCTURE. CONSUMER

Incident Date: 19971124 City: LAKE LYNN State: PA

RESPONDENT WAS USING THE 2 YEAR OLD VACUUM CLEANER ON A LOW PILE CARPET WHEN IT STARTED TO SPARK AT THE AREA WHERE THE POWER CORD ENTERED THE VACUUM HOUSING. THE CORD CAUGHT FIRE AND THE FLAMES WERE ABOUT 2 INCHES HIGH. SHE UNPLUGGED VACUUM CLEANER AND FLAMES WENT OUT. NO ONE WAS INJURED. UPC: 073502

Incident Date: 19971224 City: ST. LOUIS State: MO

A RECHARGEABLE CORDLESS DRILL CAUGHT FIRE WHILE BEING RECHARGED. THE OWNER WAS IN THE ROOM AND WAS ABLE TO EXTINGUISH THE FIRE. THERE WAS NO INJURY OR OTHER PROPERTY DAMAGE.

Incident Date: 19971012 City: LAS VEGAS State: NV

A 50 GALLON FISH TANK IN A CONDOMINIUM WAS INVOLVED IN A FIRE. ACCORDING TO AN INSURANCE INVESTIGATOR THE FIRE STARTED WHEN ARCING OCCURRED WHERE TWO EXTENSION CORDS WERE ATTACHED. THE CONNECTION WAS DESCRIBED AS LOOSE OR WORN. THE CORDS WERE CONNECTED INSIDE A PLASTIC PEDESTAL THAT SUPPORTED THE TANK. THE TANK AND PEDESTAL WERE DESTROYED. THE DAMAGE ESTIMATE WAS \$125,000 DUE TO DAMAGE ART WORK. NO ONE WAS INJURED IN THE FIRE.

Incident Date: 19971230 City: LAKE OSWEGO State: OR

A CONSUMER REPORTED THAT A NEW EXTENSION CORD EMITTED A POP SOUND THE FIRST TIME THE CORD PLUGGED INTO A WALL RECEPTACLE. THE CONSUMER REMOVED THE CORD IMMEDIATELY AND REPLACED THE CORD WITH ANOTHER CORD. THE REPLACEMENT CORD FAILED IGNITING A PILLOW IN THE CONSUMER'S HOME ONE MONTH AFTER THE FIRST EVENT. THE CORD WAS SUPPLYING POWER TO A 75 WATT LAMP. THE CONSUMER WAS NEARBY AND EXTINGUISHED THE FIRE AT AN EARLY STAGE. THERE WERE NO INJURIES BUT THE FIRE CAUSED AN ESTIMATED \$1750 PROPERTY DAMAGE. THE CONSUMER ORIGINALLY BELIEVED THAT THE EXTENSION CORD INVOLVED IN THE FIRE WAS PURCHASED WITH THE CORD INVOLVED IN THE FIRST EVENT. THIS INVESTIGATION REVEALED THAT THE CORD INVOLVED IN THE FIRE WAS AN OLDER CORD WITH AN UNKNOWN HISTORY.

Incident Date: 19971220 City: HONOLULU State: HI

A 49 YEAR OLD MALE SUFFERED SECOND DEGREE BURNS WHEN A FIRE OCCURRED INVOLVING A christmas TREE-TOP LIGHT THAT WAS PLUGGED INTO AN EXTENSION CORD IN HIS THREE STORY TOWNHOUSE LIVING ROOM. HE ALSO RECEIVED SEVERE CUTS TO HIS HANDS AND HEAD WHEN HE JUMPED FROM THE THIRD LEVEL WINDOW OF HIS HOME TO ESCAPE THE FIRE. FIRE OFFICIALS EXTINGUISHED THE FIRE, AND DETERMINED THAT THE FIRE WAS CAUSED BY AN ELECTRICAL SHORT CIRCUIT IN THE PLUG OF THE TREE-TOP LIGHT.

Incident Date: 19980108 City: DELRAY BEACH State: FL

AN OVERHEATED POWER CORD ON A WATER HEATER, CAUSED BY CLOTHING BEING PILED ON TOP OF IT, LEAVING IT IN A BENT POSITION, WAS BELIEVED RESPONSIBLE FOR A SHORT CIRCUIT IN THE APPLIANCE. THE CLOTHES IGNITED CAUSING SPREAD OF THE FIRE TO THE CLOSET IT WAS LOCATED IN, THE BEDROOM, AND THE STRUCTURE OF THE RESIDENTIAL SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING. NO INJURIES WERE SUSTAINED.

Incident Date: 19971214 City: NEAR AMADO State: AZ

A MOBILE HOME WAS DESTROYED BY FIRE. IT BEGAN IN THE AREA OF AN ELECTRICAL WALL OUTLET WHICH CONTAINED ALUMINUM WIRING. AN EXTENSION CORD WITH AN ELECTRICAL SPACE HEATER WAS ATTACHED TO THE WALL OUTLET.

Incident Date: 19971211 City: QUANAH State: TX

THIS CASE INVOLVED A 82 YEAR OLD MALE, A 29 YEAR OLD MALE, A 19 YEAR OLD FEMALE AND A ONE YEAR OLD FEMALE, WHO DIED IN A FIRE CAUSED BY A THIN EXTENSION CORD AND A WINDOW AIR CONDITIONER. THE THREE ADULT VICTIMS DIED OF SMOKE INHALATION. THE ONE YEAR OLD DIED OF SMOKE INHALATION AND THERMAL BURNS.

Incident Date: 19971230 City: NORTH NAPLES State: FL

A POSSIBLE SHORT CIRCUIT IN A STRING OF christmas LIGHTS, ATTACHED TO AN INDOOR TREE, OR IN A LIGHT DUTY EXTENSION CORD, POSSIBLY CAUSED BY POWER SURGES IN THE AREA, WAS BELIEVED TO BE THE CAUSE OF A FIRE THAT DESTROYED A ONE FAMILY DWELLING. RESIDENTS EVACUATED THE STRUCTURE AND NO INJURIES WERE SUSTAINED.

Incident Date: 19971224 City: GARRETT State: IN

THREE FEMALES, AGES 21 YEARS, 3 YEARS AND 13 MONTHS, DIED OF ANOXIA DURING A FIRE AT THEIR HOME WHICH MAY HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY INTERNAL FAILURE OF THE SERVICE CORD OF A HALOGEN LAMP.

Incident Date: 19971212 City: OVERTON State: TX

THIS INCIDENT OCCURRED IN A SINGLE FAMILY HOME. IT INVOLVED THE DEATH OF A 75 YEAR OLD MALE AS THE RESULT OF ANOXIA, SMOKE INHALATION DUE TO AN OVERHEATED ELECTRICAL OUTLET THAT CAUGHT ON FIRE. TWO ELECTRICAL SPACE HEATERS WERE CONNECTED TO A 50-FOOT EXTENSION CORD THAT WAS PLUGGED INTO THE OUTLET. THE OUTLET OVERHEATED, CAUSING THE FIRE. THE OUTLET HAD COPPER WIRING.

Incident Date: 19980210 City: WHITEHALL State: OH

A SURGE SUPPRESSOR EXTENSION CORD SHORTED INTERNALLY. THE UNIT EMITTED SPARKS BUT DID NOT CATCH FIRE. THE CONSUMER NOTED THE PROBLEM AND USED A FIRE EXTINGUISHER AS A PRECAUTION. NO INJURIES RESULTED. DAMAGE WAS LIMITED TO THE DEVICE.

Incident Date: 19980206 City: MADISON State: WI

ON 2/6/98 A 5 YEAR OLD BOY PLAYING WITH A DISPOSABLE CIGARETTE LIGHTER STARTED A LAMP CORD ON FIRE. DAMAGE WAS LIMITED TO THE LAMP CORD. NO ONE WAS INJURED. THE LIGHTER HAD A CHILD RESISTANT FEATURE; DESPITE THIS, THE BOY TOLD FIRE INVESTIGATORS IT TOOK HIM TWO ATTEMPTS TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO LIGHT THE LIGHTER.

Incident Date: 19980130 City: NORTH BRADDOCK State: PA

A 17 YEAR OLD FEMALE RECEIVED A MINOR BURN TO THE FOOT WHEN A FIRE OCCURRED WHILE USING A 2 YEAR OLD ELECTRIC BLANKET. SHE SAW 1 FOOT FLAMES AT FOOT OF BED WHERE BLANKET CORD MEETS BLANKET. SHE HAS SINCE RECOVERED.

Incident Date: 19980219 City: MCCOOK State: NE

THIS INVESTIGATION WAS INITIATED THROUGH A NEWSPAPER ACCOUNT OF A HOUSE FIRE WHICH ALLEGEDLY STARTED BY AN OVERHEATED EXTENSION CORD. THE HOMEOWNER HAD AN EXTENSION CORD PLUGGED INTO A SURGE PROTECTOR STRIP. HE THEN PLUGGED A STEREO, COMPUTER, PRINTER AND TELEPHONE INTO THE EXTENSION CORD USING A PIGGYBACK CONNECTOR. THE STRIP, WHICH WAS PLUGGED INTO THE WALL OUTLET WAS FOUND NOT TO BE IN THE AREA OF THE FIRE. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19980113 City: LONGS State: SC

A MOBILE HOME WAS DESTROYED BY FIRE REPORTEDLY STARTED IN AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET TO A FREEZER. ELECTRICAL POWER TO THE MOBILE HOME WAS BEING PROVIDED BY 2 EXTENSIONS CORDS SPLICED TOGETHER AND WIRED DIRECTLY INTO THE BREAKER BOX.

Incident Date: 19971231 City: MIAMI State: FL

ON 12/31/97 A 68-YEAR OLD MALE VICTIM (VICTIM #1) SUFFERED 2ND AND 3RD DEGREE THERMAL BURNS OVER 33% OF HIS BODY ON HIS FACE, NECK, UPPER TORSO AND ARMS AS A RESULT OF A HOUSE FIRE THAT STARTED WHEN THE LIVE christmas TREE CAUGHT FIRE IN THE LIVING ROOM/DEN AREA AT HIS RESIDENCE. THE TREE WAS REPORTEDLY VERY DRY AND THERE WERE ELECTRIC christmas STRING LIGHTS AND EXTENSION CORDS PRESENT. VICTIM #1 DIED ON 1/14/98 AS A RESULT OF COMPLICATIONS AT A NON-NEISS HOSPITAL. AT LEAST TWO OTHER ADULT OCCUPANTS SUFFERED POSSIBLE SMOKE INHALATION.

Incident Date: 19980403 City: BELLEVILLE State: MI

ON 4/3/98, THE COMPLAINANT AND HIS WIFE RETURNED HOME AND DETECTED THE ODOR OF SOMETHING BURNING IN THEIR HOUSE. UPON INVESTIGATION, THE COMPLAINANT FOUND THAT THE CORD TO A PAPER SHREDDER, WHERE IT CONNECTED TO THE PAPER SHREDDER ITSELF HAD SEPARATED; EXPOSING BARE WIRES. THE COMPLAINANT ADVISED THAT THE WASTEPAPER BASKET BENEATH THE SHREDDER WAS FULL OF PAPER. HE BELIEVES THAT A FIRE WOULD HAVE RESULTED HAD THE ODOR NOT BEEN DETECTED.

Incident Date: 19990406 City: PENSACOLA State: FL

FIRE OFFICIALS ARE OF THE OPINION THIS HOUSE FIRE ORIGINATED AT AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET AS A RESULT OF AN OVERLOADED AND POSSIBLY DAMAGED EXTENSION CORD. AN 80 YEAR OLD MALE LOST HIS LIFE IN THIS FIRE. THE CAUSE OF DAATH IS REPORTED AS CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING WITH A BLOOD SATURATION LEVEL OF 75.6%. THE MANNER OF DEATH IS CONSIDERED ACCIDENTAL.

Incident Date: 19980226 City: NAPERVILLE State: IL

AN UNATTENDED AND RUNNING, 13 1/2 YEAR OLD DRYER, STARTED A FIRE AFTER THE POWER CORD, COMING OUT OF THE TOP REAR OF THE DRYER, SHORTED AND IT IGNITED THE LINT ACCUMULATION BEHIND THE DRYER AND SPREAD TO THE MATERIALS ON TOP OF THE DRYER. THE FIRE SELF EXTINGUISHED. THE FIRE WAS DISCOVERED BY A VISITOR TO THE HOME. SHE OBSERVED HEAVY SMOKE AND ENTERED THE HOME, CALLED 911 AND SAVED THE FAMILY DOG. NO ONE WAS INJURED AND THE HOME SUFFERED HEAVY SMOKE DAMAGE. THE WASHER, PURCHASED AT THE SAME TIME AS THE DRYER IN 1984, BROKE DOWN ONE WEEK PRIOR TO THIS INCIDENT. ONE YEAR EARLIER, THE WASHER HAD A BROKEN WATER HOSE THAT SPRAYED WATER ONTO THE DRYER AND THROUGHOUT THE LAUNDRY ROOM. THE MORNING OF THE FIRE, THE VICTIM REPORTED THE CLOTHES WERE NOT DRYING VERY WELL IN THE

Incident Date: 19980129 City: HARRISON State: NY

AN APARTMENT FIRE WAS CAUSED BY A SHORT CIRCUIT IN AN ELECTRICAL (EXTENSION CORD). THERE WERE NO INJURIES OR DEATHS AS A RESULT OF THIS INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19980215 City: DALLASTOWN State: PA

A 38 YEAR OLD MAN SUFFERED FROM SMOKE INHALATION AND BURNS TO HIS BODY, WHEN THE ELECTRIC CORD OF HIS MICROWAVE OVEN SPARKED A HOME FIRE. HE REMAINS HOSPITALIZED. NO PRODUCT INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE.

Incident Date: 19980206 City: SPARTA State: WI

A HOUSE FIRE BELIEVED TO BE CAUSED BY A TABLE TOP, OR SHELF READING LAMP, ELECTRICAL CORD OVERHEATING RESULTED IN 3 FATALITIES INCLUDING A 4 MONTH OLD MALE, A 2 YEAR OLD MALE, AND A 35 YEAR OLD MALE, THE ONLY OCCUPANTS IN THE HOME AT THE TIME OF THE FIRE. THIS WAS THE DETERMINATION OF AN INSURANCE COMPANY INVESTIGATOR WHO EXAMINED THE FIRE SCENE. A STATE OF WISCONSIN FIRE MARSHALL'S OFFICE SPECIAL AGENT, WHO EXAMINED THE FIRE SCENE, BELIEVES THE FIRE WAS CAUSED BY THE CARELESS USE OF SMOKING MATERIALS.

Incident Date: 19980304 City: CARMICHAEL State: CA

ON THE DAY OF THIS INCIDENT, THE CONSUMER HAD BEEN AWAY FROM HOME FOR AWHILE, AND UPON RETURNING HOME SHE SOON HEARD A VERY LOUD HUMMING NOISE COMING FROM THE KITCHEN. SHE THEN WENT THERE AND FOUND THE TOASTER OVEN HUMMING, SMOKING AND WITH THE ELEMENT RED HOT. SHE UNPLUGGED THE TOASTER OVEN'S POWER CORD FROM THE NEARBY OUTLET AND THEN VENTILATED THE HOME. THE CONSUMER REPORTS THAT THE TOASTER OVEN'S CONTROLS WERE "OFF", BUT THE TOASTER OVEN SOMEHOW TURNED ITSELF "ON". THE CONSUMER CLAIMS NO SMOKE OR FIRE DAMAGE AND SHE REPORTS THAT NO ONE WAS INJURED.

Incident Date: 19980224 City: CLEVELAND State: OH

A 70 YEAR OLD MALE DIED FROM INJURIES HE RECEIVED FROM A FIRE IN HIS APARTMENT. THE VICTIM LIVED ON THE 18TH FLOOR OF A GOVERNMENT SUBSIDIZED APARTMENT BUILDING. THE FIRE IS THOUGHT TO HAVE STARTED FROM A CORD ON A TELEVISION SET THAT SET SOME CURTAINS ON FIRE.

Incident Date: 19980706 City: MIDDLETON State: ID

A RESIDENTIAL FIRE WAS SUSPECTED OF BEING IGNITED BY AN OVERHEATED EXTENSION CORD. THE RESIDENT WAS TREATED FOR SMOKE INHALATION AND RELEASED FRO THE HOSPITAL AFTER 5 DAYS.

Incident Date: 19980722 City: OMAHA State: NE

AN ELECTRIC RADIO LOCATED IN THE KITCHEN OF AN APARTMENT STARTED A FIRE WHICH CAUSED \$20,000 TO THE STRUCTURE AND \$5,000 TO THE CONTENTS. NO INJURIES OCCURRED. THE CORD TO THE RADIO WAS PINCHED BY A CHAIR OR TABLE LEG RESTING ON IT CAUSING IT TO MALFUNCTION.

Incident Date: 19980503 City: CERESCO State: NE

THE POWER CORD OF AN ELECTRIC KITCHEN RANGE, STARTED A \$13,000 FIRE IN A MOBILE HOME ACCORDING TO AN INVESTIGATOR FROM THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL.

Incident Date: 19981005 City: REDDING State: CA

AN ELECTRICAL FAN LEFT ON IN A GARAGE FOR ONE WEEK FAILED. THE FAN WAS PLUGGED INTO AN EXTENSION CORD. THIS CAUSED THE EXTENSION CORD TO OVERHEAT, WHICH IN TURN IGNITED PAPER AND OTHER COMBUSTIBLE MATERIALS UNDER THE FAN AND EXTENSION CORD. THE FIRE THEN SPREAD THROUGHOUT THE GARAGE AND HOUSE. THE TOTAL FIRE DAMAGE TO THE SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING IS ESTIMATED AT \$140,000. NO ONE WAS INJURED IN THIS INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19971206 City: SEATTLE State: WA

TWO MALES (81 AND 5) DIED AS A RESULT OF A RESIDENTIAL FIRE WHICH WAS SUSPECTED OF BEING IGNITED BY AN ELECTRIC CORD ON A MICROWAVE OVEN.

Incident Date: 19980130 City: DELANO State: CA

A BOOMBOX RADIO, WITH A LOOSE CONNECTION IN ITS ELECTRICAL POWER CORD, WAS INSIDE A WALK-IN CLOSET OF A BEDROOM OF A RESIDENTIAL HOUSE. THE FAMILY MEMBERS WERE AWAY FROM HOME. A FIRE STARTED, FROM A PROBABLE ELECTRICAL SHORT, IN THE RADIO WHICH WAS PLAYING MUSIC. THE FIRE SPREAD INTO THE CLOSET AND ADJACENT BEDROOM. THE FAMILY RETURNED AND REPORTED THE FIRE WHICH DESTROYED THE CLOSET AND THE BEDROOM. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19971217 City: NEW YORK State: NY

TWO ADULT FEMALES DIED WHEN THEY LEAPED FROM THE THIRD FLOOR BALCONY OF A BURNING BUILDING. THE FIRE STARTED WHEN A BENT EXTENSION CORD THAT LED FROM THE INTERIO TO THE EXTERIOR OF THE BUILDING WHERE THEY CONNECTED WITH christmas TREE LIGHTS OVERHEATED AND IGNITED COTTON LACE CURTAINS. SMOKE DETECTORS FUNCTIONED BUT THE SPRINKLER SYSTEM DID NOT.

Incident Date: 19980219 City: BROWNWOOD State: TX

THIS CASE INVOLVED AN ELECTRIC BLANKET WHICH WAS LEFT ON HIGH AND THE CORDS SANDWICHED BETWEEN THE MATTRESS AND BOX SPRINGS. THE CORDS SHORTED OUT AND IGNITED THE MATTRESS OR BOX SPRINGS. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT PUT OUT THE FIRE BEFORE THE FIRE SPREAD BEYOND THE BED. NO INJURIES WERE SUSTAINED.

Incident Date: 19980217 City: OLYMPIA State: WA

NEIGHBORS SAW SMOKE AND FLAMES COMING FROM A WINDOW OF THE HOME AND THEY ALERTED THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. THEY ALSO WERE ABLE TO EVACUATE THE OWNER FROM THE BURNING HOME. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT PUT OUT THE FIRE AND THE FIRE WAS CONFINED TO A SECOND STORY BEDROOM. NO ONE WAS INJURED IN THIS FIRE. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT IDENTIFIED THE AREA UNDER A SOFA COUCH'S ARM AS BEING WHERE THE FIRE STARTED. THE IGNITION SOURCE IS UNKNOWN. A SHORT CIRCUIT IN THE POWER CORD OF A CLOCK RADIO WAS MENTIONED AS A POSSIBLE IGNITION SOURCE OF THIS FIRE.

Incident Date: 19980324 City: WYOMING State: OH

AN EXTENSION CORD SHORTED OUT AND CAUGHT FIRE. THE FIRE EXTENDED TO THE ATTACHED ELECTRIC HEATER AND SURROUNDING AREA. NO INJURIES OCCURRED.

Incident Date: 19980219 City: NORTH ADAMS State: MA

A HOUSE FIRE WHICH RESULTED IN THE DEATH OF A 67 YEAR OLD MALE HAS BEEN ATTRIBUTED TO IMPROPER ATTACHMENT OF THE APPLIANCE CORD TO AN ELECTRIC DRYER.

Incident Date: 19980225 City: SELAH State: WA

THE CONSUMER DISCOVERED THAT HER HOUSE WAS FULL OF SMOKE AND SHE ALERTED THE LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENT TO THIS SITUATION. THEY RESPONDED TO THE SCENE TO FIND THE ELECTRIC TOASTER (ON THE KITCHEN COUNTER) SMOKING AND MELTING; ALSO THE TOASTER'S HEATING ELEMENTS WERE GLOWING RED HOT. THE POWER CORD OF THIS TOASTER WAS LEFT PLUGGED INTO ITS ELECTRICAL OUTLET AND THE CONSUMER SAID THAT THE TOASTER MUST HAVE TURNED "ON" BY ITSELF. THE CONSUMER BELIEVES THAT SHE LAST USED THIS ELECTRIC TOASTER TO MAKE TOAST ABOUT 12 HOURS EARLIER.

Incident Date: 19980402 City: EUGENE State: OR

A 34 YEAR OLD MOTHER AND HER DAUGHTERS, AGES 6 YEARS AND 8 YEARS OLD DIED OF FIRE RELATED INJURIES WHEN A 2:30 A.M. FIRE BURNED THEIR MOBILE HOME. THE 34 YEAR OLD FATHER AND 10 YEAR OLD SON ESCAPED FROM THE FIRE. THE VICTIMS WERE SLEEPING AT THE TIME OF THE FIRE & THERE WAS NO BATTERY IN THE SMOKE DETECTOR. THE INVESTIGATING OFFICIALS CONCLUDED THAT THE FIRE WAS CAUSED BY AN ELECTRICAL FAULT IN THE POWER CORD FOR A 1963 ELECTRIC CLOTHES DRYER. THE VICTIM'S FAMILY APPARENTLY FELL ASLEEP WITH THE DRYER OPERATING.

Incident Date: 19980215 City: INTERLAKEN State: NJ

A FIRE IN A PRIVATE HOME CAUSED PROPERTY DAMAGE ONLY. A SUBSEQUENT INVESTIGATION REVEALED THAT THE FIRE WAS APPARENTLY CAUSED BY AN EXTENSION CORD BEHIND A DRESSER THAT WAS ATTACHED TO CHARGING UNITS FOR A CELL PHONE AND AN ELECTRIC RAZOR.

Incident Date: 19980221 City: ARCHDALE State: NC

A FIRE INCIDENT OCCURRED AT APPROXIMATELY 8:00 AM ON 2/21/98 IN A SMALL FOUR-ROOM RENTED HOUSE, ACCIDENTALLY CAUSED BY A SHORT IN AN UNATTACHED ELECTRIC BLANKET CONTROL CORD CONNECTED TO AN ELECTRICAL WALL OUTLET. TWO DOGS DIED DURING THE FIRE. THERE WERE NO OTHER INJURIES. THE HOUSE AND CONTENTS WERE DESTROYED. ESTIMATED DAMAGE WAS \$24,500.

Incident Date: 19980401 City: CHATTANOOGA State: TN

AN ELECTRIC CORDLESS TELEPHONE LEFT ON ITS BASE OVERHEATED, CAUGHT FIRE AND CAUSED \$65,000 DAMAGE TO A HOUSE AND ITS CONTENTS. NO INJURIES WERE INCURRED.

Incident Date: 19971120 City: BETHEL PARK State: PA

UPC 022319 HOMEOWNERS WERE AWAKENED BY SMOKE IN HOME. FIRE WAS CONFINED TO BEDROOM WHERE ELECTRIC BLANKET WAS BEING USED. FIRE WAS OBSERVED IN AREA OF BLANKET WHERE POWER CORD IS PLUGGED INTO BLANKET. NO ONE WAS INJURED.

Incident Date: 19980414 City: CASTELLA State: CA

A 62 YEAR OLD MALE LIVING IN A TRAVEL TRAILER WOKE UP TO A SMOKE FILLED TRAILER. HE SAW 2' -3' HIGH FLAMES COMING FROM AN ELECTRIC PORTABLE HEATER. HE UNPLUGGED THE POWER CORD, BUT FLAMES STILL CAME OUT OF THE HEATER. HE TRIPPED OVER THE KITCHEN CHAIR AND HE MANAGED TO CRAWL OUT OF THE TRAILER. THE FIRE DESTROYED THE TRAILER AND HEATER. THE ONLY THING LEFT OF THE HEATER IS THE BURNOUT 4 BLADE FAN, METAL MOTOR, AND THERMOSTAT. THE ACTUAL CAUSE OF THE FIRE HAD NOT BEEN DETERMINED. THE VICTIM SUFFERED SMOKE INHALATION AND REFUSED TREATMENT. DAMAGES WERE ESTIMATED AT BETWEEN \$60,000 TO \$80,000.

Incident Date: 19980425 City: PEORIA State: IL

A CONSUMER WAS WATCHING TELEVISION BENEATH AN ELECTRIC THROW BLANKET WHEN SHE SAW SMOKE COMING FROM THE BLANKET'S POWER CORD. SHE UNPLUGGED THE CORD BEFORE A FIRE COULD OCCUR.

Incident Date: 19980313 City: WOODRIDGE State: IL

SHORTLY AFTER TURNING ON HER DISHWASHER THE VICTIM WAS ALERTED BY HER DOG TO A FIRE. THE FIRE WAS CAUSED BY ARCING WHERE THE DISHWASHER WAS PLUGGED INTO AN EXTENSION CORD. SHE ESCAPED UNHARMED AND THE HOME HAD ABOUT \$10,000 IN DAMAGE.

Incident Date: 19980408 City: LAKE WORTH State: FL

A SHORT CIRCUIT IN AN OVERLOADED, UNDERSIZED EXTENSION CORD, WAS BELIEVED RESPONSIBLE FOR A HOUSE FIRE THAT DESTROYED AN UPHOLSTERED SOFA AND OTHER HOUSEHOLD ITEMS. NO INJURIES WERE SUSTAINED.

Incident Date: 19980406 City: BLACK CREEK State: NY

NO INJURY OCCURRED WHEN A FIRE STARTED FROM AN EXTENSION CORD THAT RAN FROM INSIDE A HOUSE TO THE OUTSIDE. IT HAD BEEN POWERING A WATER PUMP.

Incident Date: 19980508 City: SACRAMENTO State: CA

STATE AGENCY COLLECTED AN ELECTRIC COFFEE MASSAGE CHAIR FOR FLAMMABILITY TESTING OF ITS FABRIC, AND THEY FOUND THAT A POSSIBLE SHOCK AND FIRE HAZARD EXISTS DUE TO THE SMALL DIAMETER OF THE INSULATION WIRING IN THE AC ADAPTOR, AND THE PLACEMENT OF THE AC ADAPTOR AND REMOTE CONTROL CORDS BETWEEN THE SEAT AND BACK CUSHIONS. THE REMAINS OF THE LAB TESTED CHAIR WAS COLLECTED FOR CPSC EVALUATION.

Incident Date: 19971225 City: MEEKER State: OK

THE VICTIM, A 23 YEAR OLD MALE, DIED IN A MOBILE HOME FIRE DUE TO SMOKE INHALATION. AN ELECTRIC BLANKET PLUGGED INTO AN OVERLOAD EXTENSION CORD WAS THE SUSPECTED CAUSE.

Incident Date: 19980513 City: CLARKSVILLE State: TN

TWO FEMALES, AGES 35 AND 5 YEARS OLD DIED OF SMOKE INHALATION IN A TRAILER FIRE THAT WAS REPORTEDLY CAUSED BY SHORTS IN AN ELECTRICAL LAMP AND EXTENSION CORD. THE INVESTIGATING OFFICIALS ALSO REPORTED THAT THE ELECTRICITY WAS SUPPLIED TO THE TRAILER BY AN EXTENSION CORD THAT RAN FROM THE ADJACENT TRAILER.

Incident Date: 19980514 City: FAIRFIELD State: CT

A 79 YEAR OLD FEMALE WAS RUSHED TO THE HOSPITAL, SUFFERING FROM CHEST PAINS, AFTER AND ELECTRICAL SHORT IN A LAMP CORD SPARKED A FIRE IN THE BATHROOM OF HER WOOD FRAME HOME. THE VICTIM WAS TREATED AND RELEASED FROM A LOCAL HOSPITAL.

Incident Date: 19980601 City: WEATHERFORD State: TX

A MOBILE HOME WAS ON FIRE. APPARENTLY THE MALE VICTIM (14 YEAR OLD) HAD AWAKENED HIS MOTHER WHO WENT NEXT DOOR TO A NEIGHBOR TO CALL 911. THE MALE VICTIM THEN TOLD HIS MOTHER THAT HE WAS GOING BACK TO GET HIS SISTER (10 YEAR OLD). BOTH CHILDREN PERISHED IN THE FIRE. THE VICTIM'S MOTHER TOLD FIRE INVESTIGATORS THAT THEY WERE HAVING A LOT OF ELECTRICAL PROBLEMS IN THE MOBILE HOME & THAT WHEN BOTH WINDOW A/C WERE TURNED ON THE BREAKER WOULD TRIP. BECAUSE OF THIS, THE A/C IN THE LIVING ROOM WAS CONNECTED TO A WALL RECEPTACLE. AN APPROX. 100 FT. OUTDOOR EXTENSION CORD WAS USED.

Incident Date: 19980618 City: MARRERO State: LA

A 3 YEAR OLD MALE PERISHED IN A HOUSE FIRE. THE FIRE ORIGINATED IN HIS BEDROOM IN THE AREA OF AN APNEA MONITOR WHICH WAS CONNECTED TO AN EXTENSION CORD. THIS EXTENSION CORD, AND OTHERS, WERE UNDERNEATH PLASTIC BAGS OF CLOTHES.

Incident Date: 19970418 City: MULBERRY State: FL

A 60 YEAR OLD MALE DIED FROM INHALATION OF SUPERHEATED AIR FROM A HOUSEFIRE THAT WAS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN STARTED BY EITHER A WASHING MACHINE OR THE NEGLIGENT INSTALLATION OF A DRYER CORD. THE VICTIM'S WIFE (59 YEAR OLD FEMALE) SUFFERED SERIOUS BURNS AND DIED 4 MONTHS LATER. ESTIMATED DAMAGE TO THE HOME WAS APPROXIMATELY \$30,000.

Incident Date: 19980608 City: LONGBOAT KEY State: FL

AN EXTENSION CORD LEFT PLUGGED INTO A RECEPTACLE UNDERNEATH A WOODEN DECK AND WRAPPED AROUND A WOODEN POST WAS BELIEVED TO HAVE STARTED A HOUSE FIRE. THERE WERE NO INJURIES. EXTENT OF DAMAGES WAS ESTIMATED TO BE \$400,000.

Incident Date: 19980527 City: BISMARK State: ND

THIS INVESTIGATION INVOLVED AN APARTMENT FIRE THAT CAUSED ABOUT \$10,000 DAMAGE. FIRE OFFICIALS SAID THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE WAS THE APPLIANCE CORD FOR A WINDOW FAN WHICH WAS SITTING IN THE WINDOW. THE APPLIANCE CORD RAN BENEATH THE BODY OF THE FAN AND SHORTED OUT.

Incident Date: 19980613 City: NASHVILLE State: NC

OVER \$250,000 DAMAGE OCCURRED TO A DENTIST'S OFFICE BUILDING AND ITS EQUIPMENT/FURNISHINGS WHEN THE ELECTRIC POWER CORD OF A 20+ YEAR OLD COMPACT REFRIGERATOR SHORTED, OVERHEATED AND SET FIRE TO A CARDBOARD BOX OF PLASTIC TOYS AND OTHER PAPER FILES CLOSE-BY. FIRE SPREAD TO THE ATTIC AND THROUGH THE ROOF OF THE BUILDING. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19980602 City: EAST PEORIA State: IL

AN AIR CONDITIONER FIRE OCCURRED IN AN APARTMENT. THE WINDOW UNIT WAS PLUGGED INTO AN OUTLET DIRECTLY BELOW THE WINDOW WITHOUT THE USE OF AN EXTENSION CORD. NO INJURIES OCCURRED.

Incident Date: 19980616 City: GRANGER TWP. State: OH

A HOUSE FIRE IS ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN STARTED BY A BAD CORD ON AN ELECTROSTATIC AIR CLEANER. NO INJURIES OCCURRED. DAMAGE WAS ESTIMATED TO BE ABOUT \$5,000.

Incident Date: 19980529 City: WACO State: TX

A 19 YEAR OLD MALE DIED IN A HOUSE FIRE FROM BURNS AND SMOKE INHALATION. THE FIRE ORIGINATED IN THE ELECTRICAL CORD SUPPLYING AN EVAPORATIVE COOLER. A 10 YEAR OLD FEMALE WHO RECEIVED BURNS TO HER LEGS WAS TREATED AND RELEASED. PROPERTY DAMAGE WAS ESTIMATED AT \$35,000.

Incident Date: 19980612 City: ELKTON State: MD

A HOUSE FIRE WAS CAUSED BY OVERLOADING IN A LARGE AMOUNT OF ELECTRICAL WIRES AND EXTENSION CORDS ATTACHED TO AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET. THE WIRES OR EXTENSION CORDS ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN FRAYED AND OTHERWISE DAMAGED, WHICH STARTED THE FIRE. NO INJURIES OR DEATH OCCURRED FROM THIS FIRE BUT HERE WAS ABOUT \$10,000 WORTH OF DAMAGE.

Incident Date: 19980713 City: THOMASVILLE State: NC

THIS INVESTIGATION INVOLVED A RESIDENTIAL FIRE THAT STARTED WHEN THE FAMILY WAS AWAY FORM THE RESIDENCE. FIRE OFFICIALS BELIEVE THAT THE FIRE WAS STARTED BY THE CORD TO AN ELECTRIC TABLE LAMP IN THE MASTER BEDROOM.

Incident Date: 19980630 City: CARBORO State: NC

A FIRE CAUSED BY A FLOOR FAN'S DAMAGED ELECTRIC POWER CORD RESULTED IN APPROXIMATELY \$10,000 DAMAGE TO A RESTAURANT. THE POWER CORD WAS APPARENTLY DAMAGED BY STEPPING ON IT OR BY CARDBOARD BOXES SITTING ON. IT APPARENTLY OVERHEATED AND IGNITED THE CARDBOARD BOXES SITTING ON IT. THERE WERE NO INJURIES. NO SMOKE DETECTORS OR SPRINKLER SYSTEMS WERE PRESENT.

Incident Date: 19980712 City: MONROE State: OH

AN ELECTRICAL CORD TO A WINDOW AIR CONDITIONER WAS WORN, HAD BEEN SPLICED BY OCCUPANT, AND COVERED WITH ALUMINUM FOIL. THE CORD SHORTED OUT CAUSING A FIRE THAT RESULTED IN \$35,000 DAMAGE TO A SINGLE FAMILY WOOD FRAME HOUSE. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19980714 City: MINDEN State: NE

A FIRE IN A SINGLE FAMILY HOME IS BELIEVED TO HAVE RESULTED FROM THE FAULTING OF A POWER CORD OF AN OPERATING OSCILLATING FAN. FIRE OFFICIALS BELIEVE OVER FUSING OF THE CIRCUIT WAS A CONTRIBUTING FACTOR TO THE FIRE. NO INJURIES OCCURRED.

Incident Date: 19980629 City: LAPLACE State: LA

A VERY OLD HOME WAS DESTROYED BY FIRE. THE FIRE WAS THE RESULT OF THE OWNER LENGTHENING A WINDOW AIR CONDITIONER CORD BY SPLICING TWO CORDS TOGETHER. THE WIRES WERE TWISTED TOGETHER THEN THE SPLICE COVERED WITH TAPE. THE WIRES OVERHEATED AND THE FIRE RESULTED. THE HOUSE WAS DESTROYED BUT THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19980718 City: CHARLEROI State: PA

A 75 YEAR OLD WOMAN SUFFERED SMOKE INHALATION WHEN THE CORD AND CONTROLLER ON HER 12+ YEAR OLD, FULL SIZE ELECTRIC BLANKET CAUGHT FIRE. SHE TRIED PUTTING THE FIRE OUT BUT IT SPREAD TOO RAPIDLY. THE ELECTRIC BLANKET WAS DESTROYED IN THE FIRE.

Incident Date: 19980710 City: VINELAND State: NJ

A FIRE CAUSED BY A MALFUNCTION OF AN EXTENSION CORD CAUSED SMOKE AND FIRE DAMAGE TO THE BEDROOM OF A RESIDENCE.

Incident Date: 19980724 City: CHARLOTTE State: NC

A FAMILY WAS ALERTED TO A FIRE BY A SMOKE ALARM. THE FIRE STARTED IN A THIRD FLOOR APARTMENT LIVING ROOM. FIRE INVESTIGATORS BELIEVE THAT A SHORT IN AN AIR-CONDITIONER CORD CAUSED THE FIRE. NO INJURIES OCCURRED.

Incident Date: 19980616 City: PROVIDENCE State: RI

A FIRE WHICH CAUSED APPROXIMATELY \$10,000 DAMAGE TO A ROOMING HOUSE HAS BEEN ATTRIBUTED TO THE IGNITION OF COMBUSTIBLES BY AN ELECTRIC POWER STRIP WHICH WAS CONNECTED TO AN ELECTRICAL RECEPTACLE BY AN EXTENSION CORD.

Incident Date: 19980710 City: CLEVELAND State: MS

ON 7/10/98 AT APPROXIMATELY 1235 HOURS (12:35 PM), A HOUSE FIRE ERUPTED WHEN AN EXTENSION CORD CONNECTED TO A 110 VOLT WINDOW AIR CONDITIONER SHORTED OUT, AND IGNITED NEARBY COMBUSTIBLES. THERE WERE NO INJURIES. DAMAGE WAS ESTIMATED IN EXCESS OF \$15,000.

Incident Date: 19980717 City: SAN MARCOS State: TX

A HOUSE FIRE WAS CAUSED BY A NAIL THAT HAD BEEN NAILED THROUGH AN ELECTRICAL EXTENSION CORD. THE HOMEOWNER HAD SECURED THE EXTENSION CORD WITH NAILS ALONG A WALL AND HAD INADVERTENTLY PUT A NAIL THROUGH THE CORD. NO INJURIES WERE SUSTAINED AND PROPERTY DAMAGE WAS ESTIMATED AT \$50,000.

Incident Date: 19980728 City: FREMONT State: OH

A FIRE CAUSED AN ESTIMATED \$40,000 DAMAGE TO A HOME. INITIAL REPORTS INDICATED THE FIRE WAS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY AN ELECTRICAL SHORT IN A LAMP. LATER REPORTS INDICATE THAT THE FIRE MAY HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY AN EXTENSION CORD. NO ONE WAS INJURED IN THE FIRE.

Incident Date: 19980729 City: CANONSBURG State: PA

THE POWER CORD ON A 10 YEAR OLD BOX FAN DEVELOPED A SHORT IN IT AND CAUGHT FIRE. THE FIRE SPREAD TO A CARPET IN THE BEDROOM. NO ONE WAS INJURED IN THE FIRE. FIRE DAMAGE AMOUNT \$20,000.

Incident Date: 19980802 City: SCHUYLER State: NY

NO INJURY OCCURRED WHEN A FIRE STARTED FROM AN EXTENSION CORD THAT WAS LEFT UNDERNEATH A CARPET. A CLOTHES DRYER WAS PLUGGED INTO THE CORD.

Incident Date: 19980812 City: JACKSON State: MS

ON 8/21/98 AT APPROXIMATELY 0236 HOURS (2:36AM), A HOUSE FIRE ERUPTED WHEN AN EXTENSION CORD, USED TO POWER A WINDOW AIR CONDITIONER, OVERHEATED. A 64 YEAR OLD WOMAN DIED IN THE BLAZE.

Incident Date: 19980810 City: SPOKANE State: WA

A HOMEOWNER BORROWED A POOL/FILTER FROM A NEIGHBOR. THE PUMP/FILTER WAS SET UP AND RUN OVERNIGHT. THE NEXT DAY A FIRE WAS IGNITED ON THE LAWN. AN ELECTRICAL ENGINEER EXAMINED THE PUMP/FILTER AND DETERMINED ARCING OCCURRED IN ITS ELECTRIC CORD.

Incident Date: 19980810 City: RUTHERFORD State: NJ

A FIRE OCCURRED IN A PRIVATE HOME. THERE WERE NO INJURIES. A FIRE INVESTIGATION FOUND THAT THE FIRE BEGAN IN POWER CORDS LEADING TO AN AIR CONDITIONER. THE CONSUMER HAD CUT THE POWER CORD AND INSTALLED A ROCKER SWITCH.

Incident Date: 19980911 City: HOWLAND State: OH

A MICROWAVE OVEN CAUGHT ON FIRE AND CAUSED \$4,000 DAMAGE TO A HOUSE. NO ONE WAS INJURED. INSURANCE COMPANY INVESTIGATORS DETERMINED THAT THE FIRE WAS CAUSED BY THE MICROWAVE OVEN'S CORD BEING PINCHED WHEN THE MICROWAVE WAS INSTALLED.

Incident Date: 19980914 City: TRENTON State: NJ

THE POWER CORD TO AN OVERLOAD ELECTRICAL POWER STRIP OVERHEATED SETTING NEARBY COMBUSTIBLES ON FIRE. TWO OCCUPANTS ESCAPED THE DWELLING BUT SUFFERED SMOKE INHALATION. THE DWELLING SUSTAINED EXTENSIVE FIRE, SMOKE AND WATER DAMAGE.

Incident Date: 19980929 City: ROCHESTER State: NY

A FIRE WAS STARTED WHEN AN ELECTRICAL CORD WAS DRAPED OVER A LIT BURNER OF AN ELECTRIC STOVE. THERE WERE NOT INJURIES NOR DEATH.

Incident Date: 19981011 City: PITTSBURG State: CA

THE VICTIM, A 3 YEAR OLD BOY, WAS APPARENTLY PLAYING ON A BED IN A SECOND-STORY APARTMENT, WHEN HE FELL THROUGH A MESH WINDOW SCREEN. HE FELL OUT OF THE WINDOW TO THE GROUND (OR GARDEN) BELOW. FIREFIGHTERS RESPONDED TO THE SCENE OF THIS INCIDENT. THEY SUSPECT THAT THE VICTIM MAY HAVE SUFFERED EITHER A BROKEN SHOULDER OR COLLARBONE, AND DID NOT SUSPECT ANY SERIOUS SPINAL CORD INJURY. THE BOY WAS TAKEN TO A HOSPITAL AND HE RECOVERED.

Incident Date: 19980906 City: CALDWELL State: ID

THE POWER CORD ON AN AIR CONDITIONING UNIT SHORTED-OUT AND IGNITED THE CARPET. THE FIRE THEN SPREAD TO THE REST OF THE ROOM AND HOUSE. THE POWER CORD HAD BEEN SPLICED AT ONE TIME, ONE WIRE WAS NOT CONNECTED AND THE OTHER TWO WIRES WERE TWISTED TOGETHER. THE POWER CORD WAS PLUGGED INTO A 6-OUTLET POWER STRIP. THE POWER STRIP FAILED BY NOT TRIPPING WHEN THE AC POWER CORD SHORTED-OUT. NO ONE WAS HOME AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT.

Incident Date: 19981001 City: NIAGARA FALLS State: NY

A MINOR APARTMENT FIRE STARTED WHEN THE POWER CORD OF AN ELECTRIC RADIO APPARENTLY SHORT CIRCUITED. THE RESULTING ARCING CAUSED A FIRE TO START ON A NEARBY COMBUSTIBLE WALL. NO INJURIES WERE SUSTAINED AS A RESULT OF THIS INCIDENT AND FLAME DAMAGE WAS CONFINED TO THE ROOM OF ORIGIN, THE BATHROOM. PROPERTY DAMAGE WAS \$5,500.

Incident Date: 19981022 City: LATHROP State: CA

THE FIRE MARSHAL REPORTS THAT THIS APT FIRE STARTED IN THE SW BEDROOM OF THE HOME, WHERE A CURLING IRON (WITH THE SWITCH LEFT "ON" AND ITS POWER CORD LEFT PLUGGED INTO A WALL OUTLET) HAD FALLEN DOWN OFF OF A DRESSER. HE SAID THAT THE CURLING IRON IGNITED DEBRIS, BETWEEN THE DRESSER AND THE BED. TWO TENANTS (26 YEAR OLD WOMAN AND HER 4 YEAR OLD SON) SAW THE SMOKE AND ESCAPED. FIRE DAMAGE TO THE HOME AND ITS CONTENTS IS ESTIMATED AT ABOUT \$25,000.

Incident Date: 19981025 City: BOLIVAR State: MO

A FIRE STARTED FROM A DAMAGED LAMP CORD IN AN APARTMENT. THE 79 YEAR OLD OCCUPANT HAD PLACED HER BED AGAINST A WALL PUSHING ON A LAMP CORD IN THE OUTLET. IT IS BELIEVED THAT OVER A LONG PERIOD OF TIME, THE PINCHED CORD CAUGHT FIRE AND SPREAD TO HER MATTRESS. THE VICTIM DIED FROM SMOKE INHALATION.

Incident Date: 19981112 City: BETHAL PARK State: PA

A 39 YEAR OLD FEMALE WAS USING A HAND-HELD ELECTRIC HAIRDRYER, IN HER HOME, WHEN IT SPARKED AND CAUGHT ON FIRE. FLAMES WERE VISIBLE AND THEY SELF-EXTINGUISHED WHEN THE HAIRDRYER'S POWER CORD WAS UNPLUGGED FROM THE RECEPTACLE. NO INJURIES OCCURRED. UPC 074108

Incident Date: 19981210 City: VISALIA State: CA

THE CONSUMER REPORTS THAT HE LEFT THE PORTABLE ELECTRIC SPACE HEATER OPERATING, UNATTENDED, FOR ABOUT 3 HOURS IN HIS MOBILE HOME. WHEN HE RETURNED TO HIS MOBILE HOME, HE DISCOVERED A FIRE HAD STARTED. THE FIRE DAMAGE WAS LIMITED TO THE IMMEDIATE AREA ABOUT: THIS PORTABLE ELECTRIC SPACE HEATER; ITS POWER CORD; AND THE WALL OUTLET INTO WHICH THIS HEATER'S POWER CORD WAS PLUGGED. NO ONE WAS INJURED. FIRE DAMAGE IS ABOUT \$10,000.

Incident Date: 19981119 City: ZEBULON State: NC

THIS INVESTIGATION INVOLVED A RESIDENTIAL FIRE THAT WAS STARTED WHEN THE CORD TO AN ELECTRIC PORTABLE SPACE HEATER IN A BEDROOM OVERHEATED AND IGNITED THE WOOD FLOOR. BOTH ADULT MALE OCCUPANTS WERE ABLE TO FLEE WITHOUT INJURY. THE CORD HAD BEEN SPLICED WHERE IT OVERHEATED.

Incident Date: 19981215 City: ROXTON State: TX

THIS CASE INVOLVED A 20 MONTH OLD FEMALE VICTIM, WHO WHILE SLEEPING IN A ROOM WITH AN OPERATING ELECTRIC SPACE HEATER WAS OVERCOME BY SMOKE WHEN THE UNIT'S POWER CORD OVERHEATED AND STARTED A FIRE. THE VICTIM DIED AS A RESULT OF SMOKE INHALATION.

Incident Date: 19990106 City: NEW LONDON State: CT

A FIRE BEGAN IN THE CONSUMER'S CAMPER WHEN HE SPLICED THE CORD OF A PORTABLE ELECTRIC HEATER TO ANOTHER POWER CORD. EVIDENCE INDICATED THAT THE FIRE ORIGINATED AT THE SPLICE. THE WRONG SIZE WIRE (TOO SMALL) WAS USED IN THE SPLICE, AND THE FAILURE OF THE SPLICE WAS THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE. THE CONSUMER WAS TREATED FOR MINOR BURNS AND SMOKE INHALATION.

Incident Date: 19981228 City: TURNERSVILLE State: NJ

THE LEG OF AN UPHOLSTERED SOFA WAS PLACED ON THE CORD OF AN ELASTIC, OIL FILLED SPACE HEATER. AS A RESULT, A PINCH IN THE WIRING CAUSED A FIRE THAT DESTROYED THE HOME. THE 47 YEAR OLD MALE HOMEOWNER ESCAPED UNHARMED. HIS PETS DIED.

Incident Date: 19981228 City: WAYNESBORO State: VA

AN UNATTENDED GAS HEATER IN THE URBAN APARTMENT OF AN ADULT FEMALE IS BELIEVED TO HAVE CAUSED A RESIDENCE FIRE. THE ELECTRIC CORD FROM THE HEATER FAN, WHICH WAS BENEATH A BED RAILING, APPARENTLY OVERHEATED. PROPERTY DAMAGE \$10,000. NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19990118 City: LAWRENCE TWP State: NJ

THE PLUG END OF THE POWER CORD TO AN OLD PORTABLE ELECTRIC HEATER APPARENTLY OVERHEATED AND IGNITED COMBUSTIBLE MATERIALS ON A NEARBY BOOKSHELF IN A BEDROOM. THE RESULTING FIRE HEAVILY DAMAGED THE BEDROOM BUT NO INJURIES WERE SUSTAINED.

Incident Date: 19990107 City: WINSTON-SALEM State: NC

A 53 YEAR OLD MALE DIED OF CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING/SMOKE OF SOOT INHALATION AND TWO OTHER INDIVIDUALS WERE INJURED IN A FIRE INVOLVING AN OIL FILLED, PORTABLE ELECTRIC HEATER. THE LINE CORD OF THE APPLIANCE WAS FOUND TO BE SPLICED INTO A LIGHT GAUGED EXTENSION CORD FOR INCREASED DISTANCE FROM THE OUTLET.

Incident Date: 19990301 City: ELGIN State: IL

A 35 YEAR OLD FEMALE TURNED ON HER HAIR DRYER AND IT IMMEDIATELY CAUGHT ON FIRE. SHE UNPLUGGED THE CORD AND SMOTHERED THE DRYER IN A WET TOWEL EXTINGUISHING THE FLAME. THE VICTIM WAS UNINJURED AND DAMAGE WAS LIMITED TO THE DRYER. UPC: 074108325396

Incident Date: 19981201 City: OLATHE State: KS

A PROGRAMMABLE APPLIANCE OUTLET, ON AN ELECTRIC AM/FM RADIO AND CASSETTE PLAYER, MAY HAVE MALFUNCTIONED. THE POWER CORD, ON A PLUGGED IN COFFEE MAKER, ALLEGEDLY BECAME "HOT" TO THE TOUCH. NO FIRE OCCURRED AND NO ONE WAS INJURED.

Incident Date: 19990311 City: ELMIRA State: NY

AN ELECTRIC LAMP LOCATED ON A WOOD CONSTRUCTED DRESSER WAS DETERMINED TO BE THE CAUSE AND ORIGIN OF AN APARTMENT FIRE. THE LOCAL ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR DETERMINED THE LAMP'S POWER CORD EXHIBITED SIGNS OF SHORT CIRCUITING AND OVERHEATING. THE TENANT WAS AT HOME AT THE TIME OF INCIDENT AND WHEN SHE NOTICED SMOKE, SHE CALLED 911 AND LEFT THE BUILDING. NO INJURIES RESULTED. DAMAGE WAS ESTIMATED AT BETWEEN \$1,000 AND \$10,000.

Incident Date: 19981212 City: MIDLAND State: TX

THIS INVESTIGATION INVOLVES A HOUSE FIRE THAT STARTED FROM AN ELECTRIC SPACE HEATER CORD THAT HAD BEEN SPLICED INTO ANOTHER ELECTRICAL LINE AND IT WAS PLUGGED INTO AN OUTLET BEHIND THE COUCH. THE LINE HAD A KNOT IN IT. THE KNOT CREATED A HIGH RESISTANCE ALONG WITH THE SPLICE CAUSING OVERHEATING WHICH CAUSED THE FIRE.

Incident Date: 19990223 City: SIOUX FALLS State: SD

A 78 YEAR OLD MALE DIED OF HEART FAILURE WHILE ATTEMPTING TO LEAVE THE SCENE OF AN ELECTRIC BLANKET FIRE. THE APPROXIMATELY 30 YEAR OLD ELECTRIC BLANKET CORD IS BELIEVED TO HAVE SHORTED AND IGNITED THE BEDDING. THE BLANKET MANUFACTURER COULD NOT BE IDENTIFIED.

Incident Date: 19990201 City: RUSSELLVILLE State: AR

A FIRE STARTED BY AN ELECTRIC BLANKET CAUSED APPROXIMATELY \$15,000 PROPERTY DAMAGES. THE FIRE OFFICIALS BELIEVED THE BLANKET FIRE OCCURRED FROM THE CORDS BEING PINCHED BETWEEN THE BEDS SLATS AND BOX SPRINGS.

Incident Date: 19990228 City: WILSONVILLE State: OR

A RESIDENTIAL FIRE STARTED IN THE AREA OF THE POWER CORDS FOR A HOME ENTERTAINMENT CENTER. FIRE OFFICIALS FOUND THE REMAINS OF A SURGE SUPPRESSOR IN THE AREA OF ORIGIN. SMOKE ALARMS IN THE APARTMENT COMPLEX FAILED TO OPERATE. THERE WERE NO INJURIES. THE FIRE CAUSED AN ESTIMATED \$55,000 PROPERTY DAMAGE.

Incident Date: 19990220 City: PROVIDENCE State: RI

UPC 027045035750 THE VICTIM SUFFERED MODERATE BURNS TO HIS FEET, WHEN THE CORD OF HIS ELECTRIC BLANKET CAUGHT FIRE WHILE HE WAS SLEEPING. THE CORD SCORCHED HIS MATTRESS WHICH SMOLDERED AND EVENTUALLY BURST INTO FLAME. THE OTHER 12 OCCUPANTS OF THE THREE-FAMILY HOUSE WERE NOT INJURED IN THE INCIDENT, BUT ALL WERE LEFT HOMELESS DUE TO SUBSTANTIAL SMOKE AND WATER DAMAGE IN THE BUILDING.

Incident Date: 19990213 City: CLARKFIELD State: MN

INDIVIDUAL WAS USING AN ELECTRIC BLANKET TO WARM HER BED. DURING THE NIGHT, SHE HEARD A POPPING SOUND. THE ELECTRIC BLANKET SHORTED OUT AT THE POINT WHERE THE ELECTRICAL CORD CONNECTED TO THE BLANKET CAUSING A FIRE.

Incident Date: 19990104 City: MOREHEAD CITY State: NC

AN 88 YEAR OLD MALE DIED FROM BURNS TO OVER 80% OF HIS BODY AS A RESULT OF A HOUSE FIRE CAUSED BY AN ELECTRICAL FAILURE OF EITHER AN ELECTRIC BLANKET, A DROP CORD, A RADIO OR LAMP (EXACT IGNITION SOURCE UNDETERMINED). VICTIM'S WIFE (AGE UNKNOWN) ESCAPED WITHOUT INJURY. FIRE CAUSED BETWEEN \$1,000 & \$9,999 OF DAMAGE.

Incident Date: 19990315 City: KELSEYVILLE State: CA

NO ONE WAS INJURED IN THIS HOUSE FIRE. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT'S FIRE INVESTIGATOR CONCLUDED THAT THE FIRE STARTED IN THE HOME'S MASTER BEDROOM, DUE TO A FAULTY PLUG ON THE POWER CORD OF A PORTABLE ELECTRIC SPACE HEATER. IT ALSO SAYS THAT THE SPARKING POWER CORD DID IGNITE NEARBY BEDDING. THE FIRE DAMAGE IS ESTIMATED \$70,000 TO THE STRUCTURE AND ABOUT \$8,000 TO THE CONTENTS.

Incident Date: 19980204 City: N. AUGUSTA State: SC

A 17 YEAR OLD FEMALE DIED FROM SMOKE INHALATION AND HER 12 YEAR OLD SISTER SUSTAINED EXTENSIVE BODY BURNS DURING A MOBILE HOME FIRE. THE FIRE WAS CAUSED WHEN AN ELECTRICAL EXTENSION CORD SHORTED, AND IGNITED CARPETING AND FOAM-FILLED, UPHOLSTERED FURNITURE. THERE WERE 2 SMOKE DETECTORS PRESENT IN THE RESIDENCE THAT WERE NOT OPERATIONAL.

Incident Date: 19990320 City: WEST MIFFLIN State: PA

UPC 752851 A STANDARD-SIZE ELECTRIC REFRIGERATOR IGNITED INSIDE THE CABINET AT THE UNIT'S TEMPERATURE CONTROL DIALS. THE HOMEOWNER DISCOVERED THE BLAZE, UNPLUGGED THE POWER CORD FROM THE WALL OUTLET AND THE FIRE SELF-EXTINGUISHED. THERE WERE NO INJURIES OR PROPERTY DAMAGES SUSTAINED.

Incident Date: 19990312 City: BRIDGEPORT State: CT

A SHORT CIRCUIT IN A SPLICED WIRE TO A QUARTZ HEATER CAUSED A FIRE IN THE CONSUMER'S APARTMENT. SHE RECEIVED THE USED ELECTRIC HEATER, WITH A PATCH ON THE CORD, FROM A FRIEND. THERE WERE TWO INJURIES IN THE INCIDENT: THE CONSUMER'S 4 YEAR OLD SON, WHO SUFFERED BURNS ON 75% OF HIS BODY; AND THE CONSUMER'S 33 YEAR OLD HUSBAND, WHO WAS TREATED FOR SMOKE INHALATION.

Incident Date: 19990510 City: WALDORF State: MD

THE BURNER FLAME FROM A GAS RANGE WITH OVEN WOUND NOT EXTINGUISH WHEN THE OVEN'S THERMOSTAT CONTROL KNOB WAS TURNED TO THE "OFF" POSITION. FIRE PERSONNEL WERE CALLED TO THE SCENE. THEY UNPLUGGED THE OVEN'S ELECTRICAL CORD AND TURNED OFF THE GAS VALVE TO STOP THE FLAME. THERE WERE NO INJURIES OR PROPERTY DAMAGE.

Incident Date: 19990331 City: ROANOKE State: VA

A RESIDENCE FIRE THAT STARTED WHILE THE HOMEOWNERS WERE AWAY WAS ORIGINALLY ATTRIBUTED TO HAVING BEEN CAUSED BY A CORDLESS TELEPHONE. NO INJURIES WERE INCURRED. PROPERTY DAMAGES ESTIMATED AT \$55,000. FIRE DEPARTMENT AND INSURANCE COMPANY CONCLUDED THAT THE FIRE PROBABLY STARTED WHERE THE EXTENSION CORD RAN UNDER THE RUG.

Incident Date: 19990502 City: OWASSO State: OK

THIS CASE INVOLVED A RECHARGEABLE CORDLESS LAWN MOWER. THE OWNER HAD JUST FINISHED MOWING THE LAWN AND PLUGGED IT IN TO RECHARGE. HE ENTERED THE GARAGE LATER AND SMELLED SMOKE AND FOUND SMOKE POURING FROM THE REAR OF THE UNIT. NO INJURY OR FIRE RESULTED BUT LEFT UNATTENDED THE UNIT MAY HAVE CAUSED A SERIOUS HOUSE FIRE.

Incident Date: 19990601 City: CHEVY CHASE State: MD

UPC 010942 A 4 -SLICE, WIDE SLOT TOASTER BEING USED TO TOAST A BAGEL, ERUPTED IN FLAMES FOR NO APPARENT REASON. THE FIRE SELF-EXTINGUISHED WHEN THE POWER CORD WAS UNPLUGGED. THERE WERE NO INJURIES AND NO PROPERTY DAMAGE SUSTAINED.

Incident Date: 19990611 City: SPRINGFIELD State: VA

IT IS THOUGHT THAT THE BATTERIES FROM A CORDLESS DRILL CAUSED A FIRE DUE TO SPONTANEOUS COMBUSTION. THE BATTERY CHARGER WAS UNPLUGGED AND THE BATTERIES WERE LOCATED IN THE DRILL'S HOUSING WHEN THE INCIDENT OCCURRED. ALTHOUGH PROPERTY DAMAGE WAS ESTIMATED AT \$30,000 TO \$50,000, NO INJURIES WERE INCURRED.

Incident Date: 19990623 City: WASHOUGAL State: WA

ON 6/23/99, A 20 YEAR OLD FEMALE AND HER 16 MONTH OLD DAUGHTER DIED AS A RESULT OF SMOKE INHALATION DURING A FIRE IN THEIR HOME. AN ELECTRICAL FAULT IN AN EXTENSION CORD IN THE LIVING ROOM STARTED THE FIRE. THE VICTIM'S WERE TRAPPED IN A SECOND FLOOR BEDROOM. FOUR OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS ESCAPED WITHOUT INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19990706 City: WASHINGTON State: DC

A 59-YEAR-OLD FEMALE STARTED HER HOME'S SMOKE DETECTOR ACTIVATED. SUBSEQUENTLY, SHE NOTICE SMOKE COMING FROM HER SON'S BEDROOM. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT WAS CALLED TO THE SCENE. THE FIRE PERSONNEL DETERMINED THAT AN AIR CONDITIONER'S CORD SOMEHOW BECAME OVERLOADED AND STARTED THE FIRE. NO INJURIES WERE INCURRED.

Incident Date: 19990706 City: WASHINGTON State: DC

A 63-YEAR-OLD FEMALE NOTICE SMOKE COMING FROM HER APARTMENT'S BEDROOM WHILE SHE WAS PHYSICALLY LOCATED IN THE LIVING ROOM. THE APARTMENT MANAGER CALLED THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. IT WAS DETERMINED THE EXTENSION CORD THAT WAS ATTACHED TO HER AIR CONDITIONER WAS OVERLOADED AND BEGAN THE FIRE. NO INJURIES WERE INCURRED.

Incident Date: 19990705 City: NEW HOPE State: MN

A 70 YEAR OLD FEMALE WAS USING A PERCOLATOR COFFEE MAKER IN HER HOME WHEN IT STARTED ON FIRE. CONSUMER HEARD A LOUD POPPING SOUND AND SAW A FLASH COMING FROM THE BASE OF THE COFFEE MAKER WHERE THE ELECTRICAL CORD WAS ATTACHED. CONSUMER PUT OUT THE FIRE. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19981221 City: AURORA State: NE

AN ANTIQUE LAMP CORD MALFUNCTIONED AND CAUSED A HOUSE FIRE. THE INITIAL FIRE CAUGHT THE ADJACENT WALLPAPER ON FIRE ALSO. MANUFACTURER OF THE 13 YEAR-OLD PAPER WAS NOT DETERMINED. NO INJURY OCCURRED. \$60,000 IN STRUCTURE AND CONTENT WAS SUSTAINED.

Incident Date: 19990730 City: WALLINGFORD State: CT

THERE WERE NO INJURIES WHEN THE 45-YEAR OLD CONSUMER'S EXTENSION CORD OVERHEATED AND CAUSED A FIRE IN THE CONSUMER'S BEDROOM. AN AIR CONDITIONER WITH A 3 PRONG PLUG WAS PLUGGED INTO THE 2 PRONGED, 18 GAUGE EXTENSION CORD, WHICH HAD BEEN RUN THROUGH A HOLE IN A CLOSET WALL. THE CLOSET WAS FILLED WITH COMBUSTIBLES.

Incident Date: 19990706 City: HELTONVILLE State: IN

THIS INVESTIGATION INVOLVED AN ELECTRIC CLOTHES DRYER WHICH STARTED A FIRE IN A LOG HOME. THE DRYER WAS INSTALLED UTILIZING PVC PIPING BETWEEN THE BACK OF THE DRYER AND THE VENT PIPE. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT FELT THAT LINT BUILD UP IN THIS AREA WAS THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE. THE FIRE MARSHALL WHO ALSO INVESTIGATED THE FIRE FELT THAT IT WAS DUE TO THE ELECTRIC POWER SUPPLY CORD BEING CRIMPED.

Incident Date: 19990804 City: FORESTVILLE State: NY

NO INJURIES WERE REPORTED AND DAMAGE WAS MINIMAL WHEN A 240 V ELECTRICAL OUTLET MALFUNCTIONED, CAUSING A SMALL FIRE. THE FIRE DESTROYED THE OUTLET AND DAMAGED THE ELECTRIC CLOTHES DRYER CORD THAT WAS ATTACHED.

Incident Date: 19990808 City: STAYTON State: OR

FIRE OFFICIALS IDENTIFIED A SURGE PROTECTOR AS THE CAUSE OF A RESIDENTIAL FIRE WHICH CAUSED \$250,000 PROPERTY DAMAGE. A FORENSIC ENGINEER EXAMINED THE SURGE PROTECTOR AND CONCLUDED THAT THE SURGE PROTECTOR AND ITS POWER CORD DID NOT CAUSE THE FIRE. THE ENGINEER IS INVESTIGATING A VCR AS A POSSIBLE CAUSE OF THE FIRE.

Incident Date: 19990604 City: ESTACADA State: OR

FIRE OFFICIALS IDENTIFIED THE POWER CORD FOR A SURGE PROTECTOR AS THE CAUSE OF A RESIDENTIAL FIRE THAT CAUSED \$40,000 PROPERTY DAMAGE. THE FIRE OCCURRED INSIDE A MOBILE HOME WHILE THE OCCUPANTS WERE AWAY. NO INJURIES OCCURRED.

Incident Date: 19990716 City: TUNICA State: MS

A 20-YEAR OLD MALE AND HIS 19-YEAR OLD SIBLING DIED OF SMOKE INHALATION IN A HOUSE FIRE THAT WAS REPORTEDLY CAUSED BY A FAULTY WINDOW AIR CONDITIONER UNIT WITH A POWER CORD THAT HAD BEEN SPLICED TOGETHER SOME WEEKS EARLIER. TWO OTHER VICTIMS SUSTAINED BURN INJURIES IN THE FIRE AND WERE TRANSPORTED TO A LOCAL HOSPITAL FOR TREATMENT.

Incident Date: 19990820 City: FREMONT State: CA

NO ONE WAS INJURED IN THIS RESIDENTIAL FIRE, WHICH RESULTED IN \$1,000. - TO \$50,000. - OF SMOKE/FIRE DAMAGE. THE MOTHER AND HER 3 CHILDREN HEARD A SMOKE ALARM SOUND AND THEY ALL ESCAPED THIS FIRE THROUGH A BEDROOM WINDOW. A NEIGHBOR EXTINGUISHED THE FIRE WITH A GARDEN HOSE. FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS LIST THE CAUSE OF THIS FIRE AS EITHER OVERHEATING OR A SHORT CIRCUIT IN A V.C.R.'S ELECTRICAL CORD, WHICH IGNITED THE DRAPES IN THE LIVINGROOM.

Incident Date: 19990830 City: MIDDLETOWN State: RI

THE 42 YEAR OLD FEMALE CONSUMER, AND HER 16 YEAR OLD DAUGHTER, RECEIVED SMOKE INHALATION INJURIES, WHEN AN APPARENT SHORT CIRCUIT IN THE CORD OF HER PORTABLE OSCILLATING FAN CAUSED A FIRE IN HER APARTMENT. THE FOUR-FAMILY APARTMENT BUILDING RECEIVED EXTENSIVE SMOKE AND FIRE DAMAGE. DAMAGE ESTIMATE IS UNKNOWN.

Incident Date: 19990801 City: CHANDLER State: AZ

DURING AUGUST 1999 A FAMILY COOKED TWO ROASTS IN AN ELECTRIC ROTISSERIE WITH ITS PLUG CONNECTED TO THE APPLIANCE OUTLET LOCATED ON AN UNDER-THE-COUNTER RADIO. THE ROTISSERIE CORD AND PLUG BECAME VERY HOT & THE PLUG MELTED INTO THE APPLIANCE OUTLET ON THE RADIO. THE POWER WAS DISCONNECTED BEFORE A FIRE STARTED. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19990819 City: LAWRENCE State: NJ

A BASEMENT FIRE WAS ATTRIBUTED TO AN ELECTRICAL MALFUNCTION AT THE JUNCTURE WHERE A DEHUMIDIFIER WAS PLUGGED INTO AN EXTENSION CORD. NO ONE WAS HOME AT THE TIME IN THE SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING AND NO INJURIES RESULTED. PRELIMINARY DAMAGE ESTIMATES ARE AT \$107,000 TO THE STRUCTURE AND OVER \$100,000 TO CONTENTS, MOSTLY STAR WARS MEMORABILIA STORED IN THE BASEMENT.

Incident Date: 19990902 City: BOSTON HARBOR State: MI

FIRE FIGHTERS RESPONDED TO A REPORT OF A HOUSE FIRE. THE HOMEOWNER HAD 2 OSCILLATING FANS AND A TELEVISION SET PLUGGED INTO AN EXTENSION CORD. THE EXTENSION CORD WAS OVERLOADED, RESULTING IN OVERHEATING. THE OWNER WAS ABLE TO ESCAPE BUT HER DOG PERISHED. ESTIMATED PROPERTY AND CONTENT DAMAGES AT \$15,000.

Incident Date: 19990803 City: CHICAGO State: IL

A LAMP CORD TYPE EXTENSION CORD USED WITH A WINDOW AIR CONDITIONER IN AN APARTMENT OVERHEATED AND STARTED A FIRE. FAMILY OF 5 ESCAPED WITH FATHER SUFFERING SLIGHT BURNS AND AN INFANT SMOKE INHALATION.

Incident Date: 19990812 City: MAPLEWOOD State: MN

A 3 YEAR OLD FEMALE WAS KILLED WHEN A FIRE STARTED IN HER FAMILY'S MOBILE HOME. AN EXTENSION CORD PLUGGED INTO AN AIR CONDITIONER WAS LISTED AS A POSSIBLE CAUSE OF THE FIRE. THE VICTIM'S GRANDMOTHER AND 4 YEAR OLD BROTHER WERE ABLE TO ESCAPE. THE VICTIM DIED FROM CO POISONING.

Incident Date: 19990727 City: SPRING LAKE State: MI

FIRE FIGHTERS RESPONDED TO A REPORT OF A MOBILE HOME FIRE. THE HOMEOWNERS HAD AN AIR CONDITIONER PLUGGED INTO A 50' EXTENSION CORD. THIS CORD WAS RATED BELOW THE AMPERAGE OF THE AIRCONDITIONING UNIT, RESULTING IN OVERHEATING. THE FIRE SPREAD TO THE COUCH AND THROUGHOUT THE HOME. NO INJURIES OCCURRED.

Incident Date: 19990815 City: SAINT MARY'S State: PA

A RESIDENTIAL FIRE ORIGINATED WHEN AN EXTENSION CORD USED TO POWER TWO ELECTRICAL FISH AQUARIUM ACCESSORIES, SHORT CIRCUITED. THE ELECTRICAL CORD BURST AND CAUGHT FIRE AT THE "RECEPTACLE END" OF THE CORD. NO INJURIES OCCURRED AS A RESULT OF THE FIRE AND DAMAGES WERE ESTIMATED TO BE \$3,000.

Incident Date: 19990805 City: MANOR State: PA

A SINGLE-WIDE TRAILER WAS DESTROYED FROM A FIRE THAT ORIGINATED WHEN AN EXTENSION CORD SHORT CIRCUITED. THE ELECTRICAL CORD SPARKED AND CAUGHT FIRE IN THE FRONT BEDROOM. ESTIMATED DAMAGES: \$6,000/STRUCTURE AND \$4,500/CONTENTS AND THE FAMILY HAD NO INSURANCE COVERAGE. NO ONE WAS HOME AT THE TIME AND NO INJURIES RESULTED.

Incident Date: 19990801 City: NEW CASTLE State: DE

AN ELECTRICAL EXTENSION CORD AND AN ELECTRICAL PLUG STRIP WERE DETERMINED BY FIRE INVESTIGATORS TO BE THE CAUSE OF A HOUSE FIRE, IN WHICH THE DAMAGE IS ESTIMATED AT \$10,000. THE ELECTRIC CORD RATED AT 10 AMPS WAS PLUGGED INTO AN OUTLET RATED AT 25 AMPS ON THE BREAKER. NO DEATH OR INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19991109 City: FT. LAUDERDALE State: FL

A 37 YEAR OLD MALE FIREFIGHTER SUFFERED 2ND AND 3RD DEGREE THERMAL BURNS ON HIS RIGHT FOREARM WHILE FIGHTING AN APARTMENT FIRE THAT STARTED IN THE AREA OF A LAMP PLUGGED INTO A HOUSEHOLD EXTENSION CORD CONNECTED TO A 120-VOLT AC RECEPTACLE. THE FIVE OCCUPANTS IN THE APARTMENT AS WELL AS TEN OR MORE OCCUPANTS IN THE BUILDING ESCAPED WITHOUT INJURY. FIRE DAMAGE WERE ESTIMATED AT \$7,000 TO CONTENTS AND \$65,000 FOR THE APARTMENT BUILDING STRUCTURE.

Incident Date: 19990803 City: DIXON State: IA

A 49 YEAR OLD MALE DIED OF SMOKE INHALATION IN A FIRE AT HIS HOME WHICH MAY HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY FAILURE OF A LAMP CORD.

Incident Date: 19991122 City: PECK State: MI

A FIRE OCCURRED IN A RESTAURANT CAUSING \$140,000 IN DAMAGES. CAUSE HAS BEEN TRACED TO A TELEVISION SET WHICH WAS PLUGGED INTO AN EXTENSION CORD. UNIT WAS ON FOR 8 HRS, TURNED OFF & LEFT UNATTENDED. 3 HRS LATER, A NEIGHBOR NOTICED SMOKE & CALLED THE FIRE DEPT. NO INJURIES REPORTED. EXACT CAUSE W/IN UNIT PENDING.

Incident Date: 19991201 City: LAKELAND State: FL

A 13 MONTH OLD MALE AND A 15 MONTH OLD FEMALE, WHO WERE BOTH WEARING FLAME RESISTANT SLEEPERS, SUFFERED 2ND & 3RD DEGREE BURNS ON THEIR FACE, EARS, HAND AND, WRISTS FROM A HOUSE FIRE THAT STARTED IN THEIR BEDROOM. THE FIRE OFFICIALS BELIEVE THE CORD OF AN ELECTRIC SPACE HEATER, THAT WAS TURNED ON AT THE TIME, OVERHEATED AND IGNITED NEARBY COMBUSTIBLES.

Incident Date: 19991007 City: PORTAGE State: IN

A FIRE ON A 4 UNIT, SINGLE STORY APARTMENT BUILDING MAY HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY METAL STAPLES' HAVING PENETRATED THE SERVICE CORD OF AN EXTERIOR, ELECTRIC LIGHTED, HALLOWEEN DECORATION.

Incident Date: 19990826 City: KANSAS CITY State: MO

A HOUSE FIRE RESULTED IN THE DEATH OF A 37 YEAR OLD MALE. LOCAL INVESTIGATORS DETERMINED THE FIRE WAS CAUSED BY A SHORT IN A WORN OUT EXTENSION CORD.

Incident Date: 19991117 City: PATERSON State: NJ

A FIRE OCCURRED IN A FOUR STORY APARTMENT BUILDING WHICH DISPLACED 70 PEOPLE. THERE WERE NO INJURIES. THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE IS BELIEVED TO BE AN EXTENSION CORD THAT HAD BEEN DAMAGED AND REPAIRED BY A TENANT IN THE BUILDING.

Incident Date: 19991028 City: PEORIA State: IL

A FIRE WAS IGNITED BY A PINCED CORD OF AN ELECTRIC BLANKET, UNDER A TABLE LEG, NEAR A BED. TWO OCCUPANTS ESCAPED UNHARMED. OVER \$130,000 IN PROPERTY DAMAGE WAS CAUSED.

Incident Date: 19991025 City: HARTSBURG State: IL

IT IS NOT CERTAIN, HOWEVER, IT IS SUSPECTED THAT AN EXTENSION CORD MAY HAVE CAUSED OR CONTRIBUTED TO A HOUSE FIRE. THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE STRUCTURAL DAMAGE TO THE HOUSE. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19990820 City: DALLAS State: TX

THE VICTIMS, A 60 YEAR OLD FEMALE AND 6 YEAR OLD MALE, BOTH DIED OF SMOKE INHALATION IN A HOUSE FIRE. THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE WAS DETERMINED TO HAVE BEEN AN UNSPECIFIED ELECTRICAL SHORT IN THE VICINITY OF THE AIR CONDITIONER AND THE EXTENSION CORD THAT WAS PLUGGED INTO IT. PROPERTY DAMAGE WAS ESTIMATED AT \$30,000.

Incident Date: 19991108 City: ALBION State: IN

IT WAS AT FIRST BELIVED THAT AN EXTENSION CORD UNDER A BEDROOM CARPET STARTED THE FIRE WHICH GUTTED THE CONSUMERS' HOME. HOWEVER, THERE WERE SO MANY ELECTRICAL CORDS IN THE AREA OF ORGIN (BEDROOM) THAT THE SPECIFIC CAUSE COULD NOT BE DETERMINED. DAMAGE WAS ESTIMATED AT \$50,000. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

Incident Date: 19991128 City: CINCINNATI State: OH

A 75 YEAR OLD MALE AND HIS 70 YEAR OLD WIFE DIED FROM A FIRE IN THEIR SECOND FLOOR APARTMENT. A HOMEMADE ELECTRICAL CORD WAS OVERLOADED AND CAUSED THE FIRE.

Incident Date: 19991226 City: SUITLAND State: MD

A 64 YEAR OLD FEMALE HAD AN ELECTRIC SPACE HEATER PLUGGED INTO AN OUTDOOR EXTENSION CORD, WHICH WAS PLUGGED INTO A SURGE PROTECTOR AND A POWER STRIP. THE EXTENSION CORD OVERHEATED IGNITING THE BED COVERINGS. VICTIM WAS TRANSPORTED TO THE HOSPITAL WHERE SHE DIED. FIRE WAS CINFINED TO THE FIRST FLOOR BEDROOM.