

## Appliance Safety

Appliances are everywhere in our home, from styling our hair to making our breakfast and even recreational items, such as IPODs and phones. Because they make life so much easier, they are almost inescapable.

Using any appliance or electrical gadget doesn't necessarily bring to mind fears of destruction but there are a few things you should keep in mind when it comes to using the latest tool.

- Supervise children at all times when using an electrical appliance.
- Never leave anything that heats up alone, such as curling irons, hot plates, and electrical heaters.
- Keep all heating appliances away from anything combustible such as flammable liquids, curtains, loose clothing or oxygen.
- Never reach into the water when an electrical appliance has fallen into it such as a pool or bathtub.
- Never sleep while charging your phone on your bed.
- Do not use damaged electrical appliances or tools.

If you notice your appliance getting warn or has a damaged cord, take it to an authorized repair shop or safely dispose of the item. Also, only use the appliances in a manner consistent with their label, failure to do so could result in injury, death or damage to the appliance. For more information contact the Pueblo Fire Department at 719-553-2830 or consult an electrician for your electrical repair needs.