

Improve Home Safety with AFCIs and GFCIs

In 2011, an estimated 47,700 home fires reported to U.S. fire departments involved an electrical failure/malfunction contributing to ignition.

RESULTS:



1,570 civilian injuries

Home electrical distribution or lighting equipment fires declined by about one-third from 1980 to 1998.*

418

civilian deaths

Wiring and related equipment accounted for the largest share (63%) of these fires involving electrical distribution or lighting equipment





\$1.4 billion

in direct property damage

In 2007-2011, home electrical fires represented 13% of total home structure fires*

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Electrical Safety Foundation International (ESFi) Findings:



Over 25% of consumers don't know that GFCIs can help prevent electrocution 25% of U.S. consumers don't understand the purpose of their GFCIs

50%

of U.S. families never test their GFCIs; among those who do, none follow safety recommendations at least once a month and after storms



Landscaping/ gardening equipment were responsible for 7%