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Electrical Safety: Preparation Must Be Priority

A hurricane, tornado, flood, fire or lightning accident can occur in a blink-of-an-eye. The Electrical Safety Foundation International (ESFI) urges consumers to become more knowledgeable about electrical safety during and after weather disasters by offering free tips on what you can do to protect your family from electrical dangers.

To help keep you and your family safe from electrocution and electrical fires, ESFI has created a free, downloadable *Electrical Safety Precautions During Disasters* brochure, available in both English and Spanish at www.electrical-safety.org. This booklet includes basic information to help consumers identify safety precautions before a disaster hits.

"After severe weather is gone, electrical hazards can still cause deaths and injuries," noted Brett Brenner, ESFI president. ESFI warns consumers to beware of electrical dangers associated with downed power lines, portable electric generators and electrical wiring or appliances that have been wet. Brenner recommends that people in areas struck by such storms or disasters can help prevent loss of life and property by following some simple safety precautions.

ESFI's *Electrical Safety Precautions During Disasters* brochure is available for downloading from the ESFI Library on ESFI's website, www.electrical-safety.org. Print copies can also be ordered through ESFI's website, or call ESFI at 703-841-3329.

Electricity is a powerful tool. It can also be a lethal hazard. Better safety standards have reduced electrical hazards that cause deaths, injuries and property damage. But good safety habits are still the best prevention against electrical hazards. Visit www.electrical-safety.org for more information on electrical hazards and precautions.

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Founded in 1994 through a joint effort between Underwriters Laboratories Inc. (UL), the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and the National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA), the Electrical Safety Foundation International (ESFI) is North America's only non-profit organization dedicated exclusively to promoting electrical safety in the home and workplace.

For additional electrical safety information, visit the Foundation's Web site at www.electrical-safety.org or call 703-841-3229.