## Pointers For Parents

## Baby Safety Program Helps Homes Avoid Electrical Hazards

(NAPSA)—Electricity and children don't mix. That is the message of a baby safety program created by the National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA). The program, called Born for Safety, is designed to increase awareness of the importance of electrical safety in the home. Working with their local hospitals, participating NECA chapters are donating packages of electrical outlet safety caps to be given to families of newborn babies during the month of May, which is National Electrical Safety Month. Overall, nearly four million safety outlet caps will be donated to American families. A part of its 100th anniversary celebration, the BORN FOR SAFETY program is NECA's way of giving something back to the country.

The program encourages families to check their homes every six months to make sure their homes are free of electrical hazards. Here's an NECA checklist to keep in mind:

- Cover all unused electrical outlets with safety caps.
  - · Replace any frayed or dam-



BORN FOR SAFETY—A baby safety program is helping new parents keep home safe for newborns.

aged electrical cords.

- Never place electrical cords under rugs or carpets.
- Make sure light bulbs are of the proper wattage.
- Don't overload electrical outlets or extension cords.
- Make sure all plugs fit securely in the outlets.
- Never place small appliances near a source of water.
- Use proper surge protectors with computer and electronic equipment.

More information about the Born For Safety program is available by visiting the Web site at www.necanet.org.