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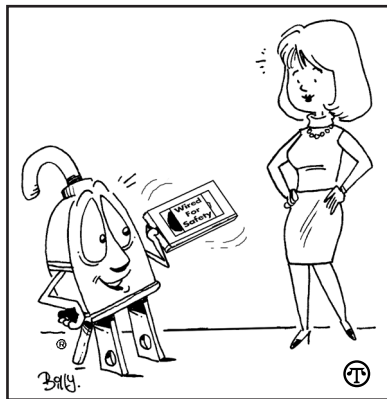
Video Increases Awareness Of Home Electrical Hazards

(NAPSA)—Making sure your home is “Wired for Safety” could prevent a costly and potentially lethal fire, according to the Electrical Safety Foundation International (ESFI).

To help increase awareness of electrical safety, ESFI offers the “Wired for Safety” electrical safety video and companion guide, developed by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), on its Web site.

“Electrical fires cause thousands of needless fires each year, resulting in deaths, injuries and more than \$1.6 billion property damage,” noted Michael G. Clendenin, ESFI’s executive director. Communities and organizations can use this package to help consumers identify electrical hazards and prevent fires in the home, school and workplace.

“Increasing homeowner education and the use of electrical safety technology are two of the best ways to drive down the number of electrocutions and electrical fires that occur each year,” said Leonardo Alcivar, CPSC’s director of Information and Public Affairs. “With help from the U.S. Fire Administration and ESFI, this



A new video is designed to help prevent home electrical fires and the deaths they cause.

video has been updated and is now a more effective tool in educating kids and parents about electrical safety.”

The eleven-minute video and companion guide cover causes and prevention of residential electrical fires. It includes steps consumers can take to replace old wiring, a major cause of deadly electrical fires.

“Wired for Safety” is available from both ESFI’s and CPSC’s web sites, www.electrical-safety.org and www.cpsc.gov.