

# Fire and Electrical Housekeeping – Schools

## Picture This



This image shows a teacher improperly handling an overloaded power strip with frayed electrical cords, visible sparks, and actual flames igniting near stacks of paper and

books. A space heater is also present nearby, increasing the risk of fire. This setup demonstrates multiple violations of fire and electrical safety: overloaded circuits, exposed wiring, proximity of flammable materials, and unmonitored heat sources, all of which can quickly lead to fire emergencies and injuries.

Electrical equipment in schools must be routinely inspected for damage, and frayed or sparking cords should be immediately removed from use. Avoid daisy-chaining power strips and ensure devices like space heaters are used away from combustibles. Fire prevention protocols must include clear desk surfaces, safe cable management, and fire extinguisher access. Staff should be trained in electrical safety and emergency shutdown procedures to maintain a hazard-free environment.