

Safe Use of Coffee Makers

Coffee Makers should:

- Be Underwriters Laboratory (UL) Approved
- Be plugged directly into a permanent electrical outlet.
- Not be connected to extension cords.
- Be removed from service immediately when there is any sign of damage to the appliance.
- Be located where they will not block any portion of an exit way such as on tables in corridors.
- Be operated and used according to the manufacturer's instructions.
- Have automatic shut off features.
- Be located in a central area, and placed on a non-combustible surface (Laminated or metal).
- Not be located in closets, on shelves or in confined areas.
- Be turned off or unplugged when not in use.
- Be checked at the end of the workday to insure it is turned off.

Combustible materials should not be located above the coffee maker or in close proximity to the burner element.

The automatic startup feature for coffee makers should not be used. The coffee maker should only be manually turned on when the work area is occupied.

Coffee makers should have a limiting thermostat feature that will automatically shut the coffee maker off if it overheats.

When purchasing or replacing a coffee maker consideration should be given to purchase a commercial grade coffee maker. Commercial grade coffee makers are designed for extended use and have the limiting thermostats installed.

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