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Hint and Tip Number 41: Child Proof Outlets

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## Childproof Your Home

Everyone knows that children are curious which can lead to fingers or objects being inserted into electrical outlets. Because outlets are found in every room of your home, it is important to install child proof outlets in every room.

- You can install common plastic outlet covers that you can purchase at any retail outlet but the trick is to remember to put them back in after you have removed them to recharge a smart phone or tablet or plug in another electrical appliance. Your best bet for your child's safety is Tamper Resistant Receptacles
- Tamper Resistant Receptacles (TRR): These receptacles are designed to prevent little fingers from jamming objects into the receptacles, featuring spring-loaded shutters that close receptacle slots when they are not in use. With these outlets, even pressure on both springs simultaneously is required to open shutters and allow for the flow of electricity. If you move into a new home, don't assume that each outlet has a TRR. You can verify if each outlets has a child proof outlet by looking at the outlets and seeing if they bear the letters "TR" or the words "tamper-resistant" on the receptacle surface. You'll also see the plastic shutter plate behind the outlet slots. If you discover you don't have this TRR's and need them, Contact a qualified electrician like Thomas Edison Electric to install these Temper Resistant Receptacles.



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