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## ELECTRICAL SAFETY MONTH

Make electrical safety a priority  
this month, and every month.

# CNMEC

## Newsletter

Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative



## Prioritize Safety Year-Round

May, 2022

*Alena Brandenberger, General Manager/CEO*

At CNMEC, we recognize Electrical Safety Month every May, but we also know the importance of practicing safety year-round. From our co-op crews to you, the consumer-members we serve, we recognize that everyone has a part to play in prioritizing safety.

According to the Electrical Safety Foundation International, thousands of people in the U.S. are critically injured or electrocuted as a result of electrical fires and accidents in their own homes. Many of these accidents are preventable. Electricity is a necessity, and it powers our daily lives. But we know first-hand how dangerous electricity can be because we work with it 365 days a year.

To me, safety is more than a catchphrase. As General Manager, it's my responsibility to keep co-op employees safe. Additionally, we want to help keep you and all members of our community safe. That's why you'll see CNMEC hosting safety demonstrations at community events and in schools throughout the year, to demonstrate the dangers of electricity. We discuss emergency scenarios, such as what to do in a car accident involving a utility pole and downed power lines. We caution students on the dangers of pad-mounted transformers and overloading circuits with too many electronic devices.

Electricity is an integral part of modern life. Given the prevalence of electrical devices, tools and appliances, I'd like to pass along a few practical electrical safety tips.

**Frayed wires pose a serious safety hazard.** Power cords can become damaged or frayed from age, heavy use or excessive current flow through the wiring. If cords become frayed or cut, replace them, as they could cause a shock when handled.

**Avoid overloading circuits.** Circuits can only cope with a limited amount of electricity. Overload happens when you draw more electricity than a circuit can safely handle—by having too many devices running on one circuit.

**Label circuit breakers to understand the circuits in your home.** Contact a qualified electrician if your home is more than 40 years old and you need to install multiple large appliances that consume large amounts of electricity.

**Use extension cords properly.** Never plug an extension cord into another extension cord. If you “daisy chain” them together, it could lead to overheating, creating a potential fire hazard. Don't exceed the wattage of the cord. Doing so also creates a risk of overloading the cord and creating a fire hazard. Extension cords should not be used as permanent solutions. If you need additional outlets, contact a licensed electrician to help.

I encourage you to talk with your kids about playing it safe and smart around electricity. Help them be aware of overhead power lines near where they play outdoors.

Our top priority is providing an uninterrupted energy supply 24/7, 365 days per year. But equally important is keeping our community safe around electricity.

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Over the years, the Central New Mexico Electric Education Foundation has been privileged to award scholarships to local high school graduates looking to attend an accredited vocational school, technical school, college, or university.

In addition, CNMEC participates in the Tri-State and Basin Electric scholarship programs offering additional scholarships to outstanding students within our local communities.

## The following are the 2022 CNMEC scholarship recipients.

Norely Breceda Mendoza	\$1,000 Tri-State G&T
	\$2,000 CNMEC
Olivia Chavez	\$1,000 Basin Electric
	\$2,000 CNMEC
Cassandra Anicito	\$2,000 CNMEC
Michael Anicito	\$2,000 CNMEC
Ty Arnold	\$2,000 CNMEC
Zoey Brazil	\$2,000 CNMEC
Adalay Bustios	\$2,000 CNMEC
Jacqueline Carreon	\$2,000 CNMEC
Jason Kirkbride Jr.	\$2,000 CNMEC
Kirsten Massey	\$2,000 CNMEC
Nathaniel Montoya	\$2,000 CNMEC
LeeAnne Padilla	\$2,000 CNMEC
Rian Plant	\$2,000 CNMEC
Joaquin Quintana	\$2,000 CNMEC
Johnathan Sanchez	\$2,000 CNMEC
Sophia Sedillo	\$2,000 CNMEC
Kaydence Sisneroz	\$2,000 CNMEC
Aliya Trujillo	\$2,000 CNMEC
David Vaquera	\$2,000 CNMEC
Gianni Warren	\$2,000 CNMEC



## 2022 \$2,000 Scholarship Renewals

Jason Anicito	Caelan Dick	Nan Enan O'Neill
Jared Anicito	Mia Encinias	Rebekah Page
Kassandra Aucker	Dylan Greene	Kimber Perkins
Avelina Archuleta	Jonah Haven	Aniston Roberts
Lane Baldonado	Olivia Lucero	Shannon Urquhart
Koelle Brandenberger	Andrew Lujan	Samantha Valencia
Florian Chavez III	Jean Shelly Massey	

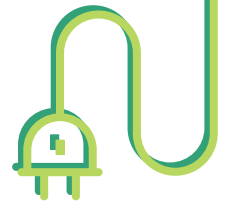
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## Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Avoid placing items like lamps and televisions near your thermostat.

The thermostat senses heat from these appliances, which can cause your air conditioner to run longer than necessary.

Source:  
[www.energy.gov](http://www.energy.gov)



## PLUG INTO SAFETY



Making the switch to an electric vehicle? Have a qualified electrician inspect your home's electrical system to ensure safe charging.