

ELECTRICAL SAFETY

Electricity is critical to running our business. However, it can also be dangerous if we are not aware of the hazards it presents.

In the general workplace, be aware of hazards such as:

- Exposed electrical parts or wires
- Inadequate wiring or outlets
- Damaged wires
- Equipment or cords running hot
- Equipment or electrical sockets not working

If you have any of these conditions, **do not try to repair the problem yourself**. Open a Service Channel work order requesting an Electrician. Store Maintenance will hire a licensed electrician to support your needs.

Lab locations:

In locations with labs, electrical hazards are even greater due to lab equipment. Not only is there a risk of shocks or burns, but powered equipment that malfunctions may suddenly move and pinch or otherwise hurt you.

Before investigating equipment that is not working correctly, you should power it off using lock-out tag-out (LOTO). If you have not been formally trained in LOTO, contact your ROM immediately.

If you work in a location with a full lab, the lab manager or lead lab technician may be electrically certified. Associates that have gone through the electrical certification trainings are qualified to work on “live” equipment, but only under the instruction of the diagnostics team and when using electrical safety gloves. They may not complete regular electrical repairs around the workplace.

