

Power Bar Safety at the U of S



Power bars are designed to be used with low electrical load appliances (computers, desk lamps, etc.) and to be replaced periodically (as per manufacturer's guidelines). Improper usage of power bars creates the potential for an electrical hazard and / or a fire hazard.

Employees shall ensure that all power-bars on campus:

- 1) Be **certified** (have a **cUL** or **CSA** label)



- 2) Be plugged **directly into wall**
- 3) Be **temporarily mounted and visible**
 - Mount easily disassembled (without special tools) if quick removal is required
- 4) Be **restricted to low-powered loads**
 - Computers, audio/video devices, basic lighting, etc.
- 5) Be **checked on a regular basis**
 - See that indicating lights are functioning as per manufacturer instructions protecting the equipment connected
- 6) Be **replaced every five years** or as per manufacturer's instructions

The user/installer should read and understand the manufacturer's instructions, and adhere to recommendations for their unit.

