

# SAFETY FIRST

## If you have a generator, know how to Use Generators Safely



### Tips for Safe Generator Operation:

Read and follow all manufacturer operating instructions.

- ✓ **Never** connect a standby generator into your home's electrical system.
  - 1) For a stationary generator – A professional should have installed an approved generator transfer switch, which keeps your house circuits separate from the utility.
  - 2) For a portable generator – Plug your appliances directly into the outlet provided on the generator.
- ✓ Set up and run your generator in a **well-ventilated area outside the home**—out and away from your garage—away from doors, windows, and vents into your home. The carbon monoxide the generator produces is **DEADLY**.
- ✓ **Start the generator first**—BEFORE connecting appliances.
- ✓ **Use a heavy-duty extension cord** to connect electric appliances to the outlet on the generator.

For more on safety, visit:

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