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Heed these precautions during flash floods to avoid a nasty shock

SAFETY TIPS

THE public especially those using electrical appliances should be extra careful in the aftermath of flash floods. It is advisable that after floodwaters subside, a licensed electrical contractor should be called in to examine all wiring and electrical appliances in the house.

The public should also avoid being in close proximity to electrical equipment including electrical cables. People who are preparing to be evacuated because of the threat of floods, for example, are advised to shut down the main switches and unplugging all power supply.

They must avoid touching electrical poles or stray wires and going near electrical installations.

While it is understood that electrical accidents can happen, we should take note of TNB's advice for the safety of oneself and family. In that sense, these are some pointers for the public to be aware of on electrical safety.

Never touch anything electrical with wet hands or while standing in water. Wear rubber shoes in wet areas. If you get a tingle or shock when touching a sink, tub or other wet area, turn off the power at the main panel after making sure it's safe to do so and immediately call an electrician.

They should also ensure that they don't use frayed or broken cords. Cover all unused outlets. Keep metal objects such as silverware away from outlets.

Don't overload sockets. Use a power board with a safety switch and only use one per wall outlet.

Furthermore, don't run cords under rugs or furniture. Keep them away from pets that like to chew and never touch a downed power line or climb a utility pole.

Another precaution is to always clean the lint filter of your dryer. If an item says "do not put in dryer", we should heed the warning! Do test all the switches for safety each year. Lastly, make children understand why they should not fly kites near power lines as they can conduct electricity.

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One needs to be careful about shutting off the electricity mains when cleaning the house in the aftermath of floods. FILE PIC

