

## Important Safety Notice



To: All faculty, staff, and students  
From: U of S Occupational Health Committee  
Date: March 9, 2017  
Re: **Power-Bar Failure on Campus**

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The power-bar in the photo above recently failed on campus, and was detected by noise and a burning smell. It occurred during campus hours, and was immediately attended to, but could have **easily started a fire** after-hours.

Follow up investigation by FMD Electrical found this unit to be ~16 years old (from August 2001).

It is recommended 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
- 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.