

Cracked, Missing or Broken Outlet Covers

If you think that cracked, non-working or missing covers don't pose a hazard in your home or business. Think again.

Cracked outlet plates will likely become a dust trap and, ultimately, a fire hazard. This is also the



case for gaps created by undersized wall plates (gaps above 4.5mm also increase the chances of a short-circuit). Lint, dust and hair act as kindling when they accumulate, and electrical outlets are primo accumulation spots. In addition to fires, under the right conditions dust can actually straight up cause explosions (This is especially true in industrial settings. According to a 2006 study by the U.S. Chemical Safety Board (CSB), there were 281 combustible dust incidents between 1980 and 2005 that killed 119 workers and injured another 718).

Dust can also clog up the outlet. You know how when too much hair gets in the shower drain, it leaves you standing in ankle deep scummy water? Imagine that, but with more hazardous outcome – your house burning down! It's hard to overstate the danger that dust and other household items can cause when too much accumulates in one place, especially when that place is next to a bunch of electrical wires.



And, if you have children in your home those cracked outlet plates or missing plates are an open invitation for disaster.

This outlet was replaced...it was hot to the touch and could have caused a fire at any moment! Don't take chances on safety.