

Alabama Department of Public Health, Technical Services Unit

Adapters for Electrical Wall Receptacles

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Limited use of adapters (typically 6-port receptacle) that plug into 2-port (duplex) electrical receptacles in a health care facility shall be permitted by the Alabama Department of Public Health. Facilities are cautioned that frequent tripping of circuit breakers on circuits where these adapters are installed is an indication that the circuit is overloaded. In such cases, the adapters must be removed.

Adapters shall meet these requirements:

1. Adapters must screw attach to the wall receptacle.
2. Adapters must contain circuit breakers or fuses to provide overcurrent protection.
Do not confuse overcurrent protection with surge protection.
3. No extension cords or power strips of any type may be plugged into an adapter.
4. No laundry, refrigeration, heating, air conditioning or cooking appliances may be plugged into an adapter.