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**Product Safety Alert  
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**The Electrical Safety Authority Warns Consumers about  
Unsafe 6-foot, 9-foot and 12-foot Household Extension Cords**

Toronto, ON – The Electrical Safety Authority (ESA) is notifying consumers about electrical safety issues associated with non-certified 6-foot, 9-foot and 12-foot indoor extension cords being sold at various local discount and “dollar” stores in Ontario.

These extension cords are sold with a green paper sleeve (wrap) and identified as “6 ft, 9 ft and 12 ft household extension cord”. The cords are white and the sleeve is marked with the rating 10A-125V-1625W 16/2 SPT-2.

ESA’s investigation identified that the rating on the packaging of the extension cords misrepresents the load-capacity of the cord. The wire used in these products is undersized and may overheat, presenting a potential fire hazard. The extension cords are also wired with incorrect (reverse) polarity, presenting a potential shock hazard. These products have not been tested by a recognized certification agency and do not bear a certification mark.

**Electrical Safety Authority encourages consumers to stop using this product immediately.**

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