

## GUIDELINE 10. SURGE PROTECTION

### 1.0 PURPOSE

**1.1** To standardize the use safe and proper use of surge protectors used on campus.

### 2.0 DEFINITIONS

**2.1** **Surge Protector** – Is a multi plug appliance that is designed to protect electrical devices from voltage spikes.

### 3.0 RESPONSIBILITY

**3.1** Any one who uses a surge protector on the University of Pennsylvania's campuses

### 4.0 PROCEDURES

#### 4.1 Surge Protector Requirements

**4.1.1** Only surge protectors are listed and certified by Underwriters Laboratory and FM Global may be used.

**4.1.2** Surge protectors must have built in circuit breakers.

**4.1.3** Surge protectors must have a secure ground prong.

**4.1.4** The ampere & voltage capacity of the device must be clearly indicated on the surge protector.

#### 4.2 Surge Protector Use

**4.2.1** All surge protectors' use must be consistent with the listing/labeling conditions and the manufacturers' instructions.

**4.2.2** Surge protector must be connected directly to a wall outlet and never be connected to one or another extension cord.

**4.2.3** Surge protectors must not extend through walls, ceilings, floors, under doors, under floor coverings, or be subject to environmental or physical damage.

**4.2.4** Applied load of the surge protector must be within the acceptable range listed on the device. Light-duty household-type devices are not appropriate for use in University facilities.

### 5.0 GENERAL REFERENCES

**5.1** **Philadelphia Fire Code, Chapter 605.4**  
**5.2** **University of Pennsylvania, EHRS Electrical Safety Fact Sheet.**  
[http://www.ehrs.upenn.edu/media\\_files/docs/electricalsafetyfactsheet.pdf](http://www.ehrs.upenn.edu/media_files/docs/electricalsafetyfactsheet.pdf)

## 6.0 CONTACT INFORMATION

- 6.1** For emergencies, contact PennComm at 215-573-3333.
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