Electrical Safety Alert:

YOUR HOME MAY HAVE BEEN AFFECTED BY A POWER SURGE

Learn about the risks and what you should do. ▶

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What you should know:

When more than the normal amount of electricity flows through the powerlines that connect your house to the electricity grid, this can cause damage to any electrical device in your home.

Damage to this life safety equipment can create serious safety hazards:

- Ground Fault Circuit Interrupters (GFCIs): Electrical outlets, or circuit breakers located in your electrical panel, are designed to protect you from shock in wet environments like the bathroom, kitchen or outdoors.
- Arc Fault Circuit Interrupters (AFCIs): Electrical outlets, or circuit breakers located in your electrical panel, are designed to sense problems in your wiring and shut power off to help prevent a fire.
- Smoke and carbon monoxide alarms: If this equipment is connected to your home's wiring, it may not operate to warn you of smoke or poisonous gases in your home.

What you should do:

- Test all life safety devices by looking for the 'test' and 'reset' buttons and following the manufacturers' instructions.
- If you don't have the instructions or feel unsure about doing the testing yourself, contact a Licensed Electrical Contractor. You can find one near you at esasafe.com
- Remember, if you hire someone to repair or replace any electrical equipment in your home, you must hire a Licensed Electrical Contractor. It's the law.

For more information and safety tips or to find a Licensed Electrical Contractor near you please visit **esasafe.com** or call 1-877-372-7233.

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