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In addition note the following safety recommendations:

 If someone is working with electricity near you try to keep as much distance between you and the electrician working on the electrical item.

Stay away from all temporary electrical equipment while it is being installed.

 As for live electrical parts, stay as far away as possible—sometimes you might even forget that even the smallest openings to energized electrical parts can hurt you.

Tools and equipment should be closely inspected before each use.

 Cord-connected tools should never be lifted or handled by their power cord. If the tool must be lifted, a rope should be attached to assist with the lifting of tool.

 Grounded tools and equipment must have a continuous metallic connection from the tool ground to the supply ground.

If a grounded supply is not available, double-insulated tools should be used.

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