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Standby Generator Safety

Portable standby generators, when used properly, can provide an alternative power source until conventional power is restored. What to Consider if You Are planning to Buy a Portable Standby Generator

Clearly understand your electricity requirements to ensure the unit is the correct size and voltage for your application.

Purchase the appropriate generator accessories, including:

- 1. an approved transfer device or switch.
- 2. a properly sized connector cord and plugs.

Note: some manufacturers offer complete generator packages.

Standby Generator Safety Checklist

Research your purchase carefully; consult a licensed and knowledgeable electrical contractor if you are not sure of your home's requirements.

Ensure all components of the generators carry approval labels.

Check to be sure you have the following components in addition to the generator itself: A transfer device or transfer panel and proper connection cords and receptacles.

Retain the services of a licensed and knowledgeable electrical contractor to install your

unit.

Ask about measures you should take to ensure proper grounding and bonding of the unit. Read and follow the instructions in your owner's manual.

Contact the Electrical Safety Authority to arrange for an inspection of the installation.

Remember the generator is a fuel-driven device that requires proper ventilation to guard against carbon monoxide poisoning.

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