

Listen to your heart for survival

It can strike suddenly and when it does your life or the life of a loved one can be saved or lost in a matter of minutes. Heart attack. If you think it can never happen to you, think again.

Most of us wouldn't consider ourselves a candidate for a heart attack, but we're all potential victims in today's fast-paced high-stress lifestyles. It can, and does happen, to both sexes and all ages. Heart disease, which can result in heart attack, is the

leading cause of death in Canada. Over 100,000 Canadians suffer heart attacks; 40% of those are under 65 years old.

How do you know if you're suffering a heart attack? Be alert to the body's alarm system. Denial can cost minutes... precious minutes, so be familiar with the warning signs. The early stages of a heart attack are characterized by shortness of breath, pain or tight feeling in the chest often accompanied by sweating, nausea

and feeling of weakness.

If you or any one you know experience some of the above symptoms, call Emergency 911. Getting to the hospital fast is your best chance for survival. And now it's even better, thanks to thrombolytic therapy.

Thousands of lives have already been saved by administering thrombolytic or clot dissolving drugs. 80% of heart attacks are caused by blood clots. When the clot interrupts the flow

of blood to the heart, it's a heart attack.

Drugs used to dissolve blood clots ("thrombolytic" drugs such as streptokinase) and drugs used to prevent clots (anticoagulants such as aspirin or heparin) have been available for years, but it is only recently that the medical profession has been provided with solid evidence supporting their effectiveness and safety in heart attacks.

Time is the key to the efficacy

of thrombolytic treatment. "A heart attack patient who receives emergency medical treatment within one to three hours after the onset of symptoms has the optimum chance of survival," confirms Dr. Graham Turpie, internist at Hamilton General Hospital and advocator of thrombolytic therapy. Thrombolytic therapy has been shown to reduce mortality by 25% and when combined with aspirin mortality is reduced by 45%.

The ISIS 3 study compared the effects of three clot-dissolving drugs, streptokinase (SK), tPA and APSAC, on acute heart attack victims and assessed the benefits and risks. The ISIS 3 found no difference in mortality reduction between the three agents and concluded that thrombolytic therapy was safe, but as with any medical treatment the potential side effects have to be considered.

The major risk of thrombolytic therapy is bleeding, due to the thrombolytic agent's inability to distinguish between "good" and "bad" clots. However, in the ISIS 3 study, SK was found to be safer since both tPA and APSAC cause significantly more strokes from bleeding to the brain.

Dr. Turpie states that the results of this study are important. "The efficacy and safety of thrombolytic therapy have been well documented. In ISIS 3, the strengths and weaknesses of each type of thrombolytic drug has been examined. "If SK and aspirin are administered soon after the start of a heart attack, we could save many lives... and save millions of dollars."

Continuing developments in cardiac science are constantly improving the odds of surviving a heart attack. You can help increase the odds by leading a healthy lifestyle, visiting the doctor regularly, knowing the symptoms of heart attack and getting emergency treatment as soon as possible.

Listen to your heart. Your life depends on it!

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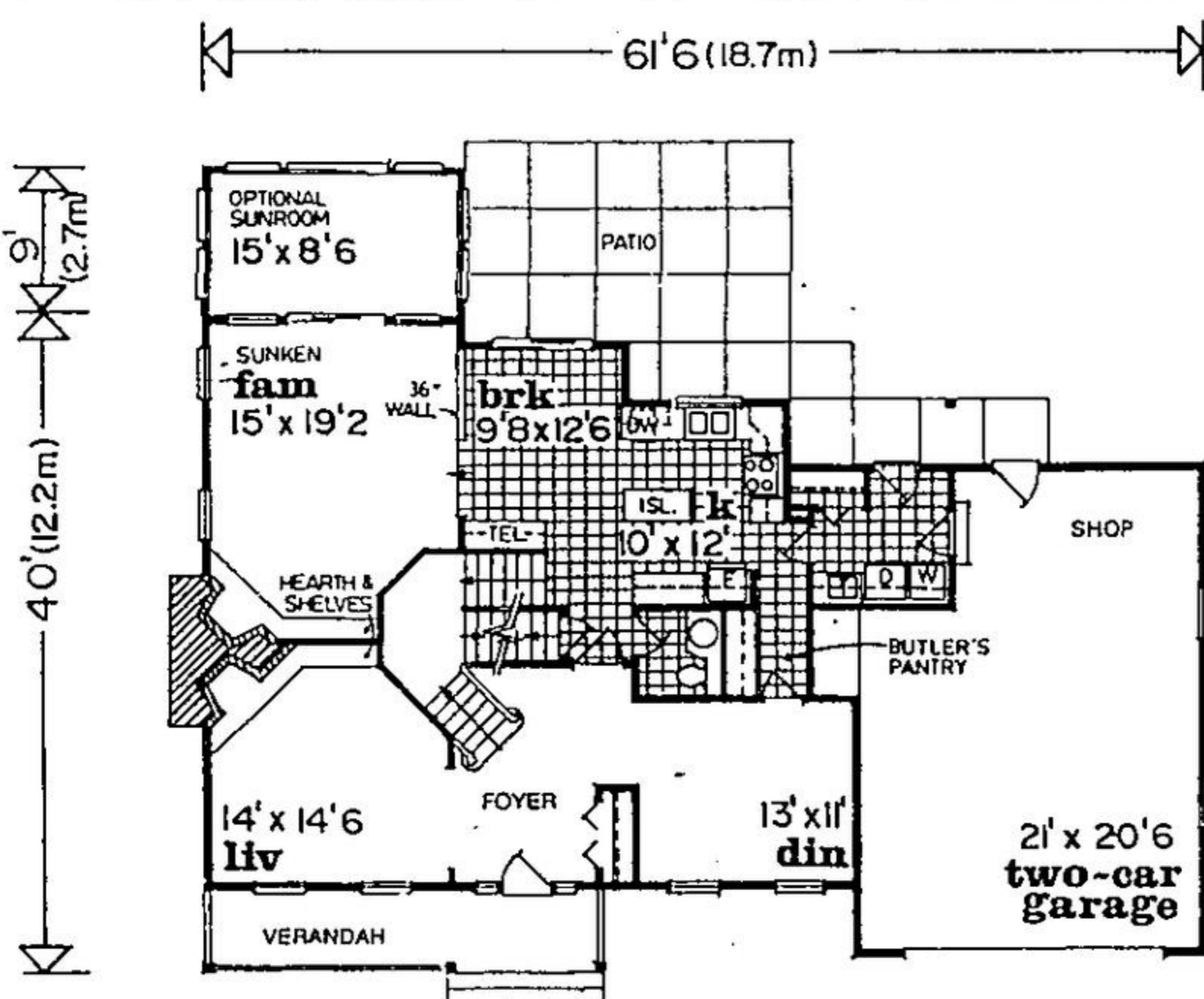
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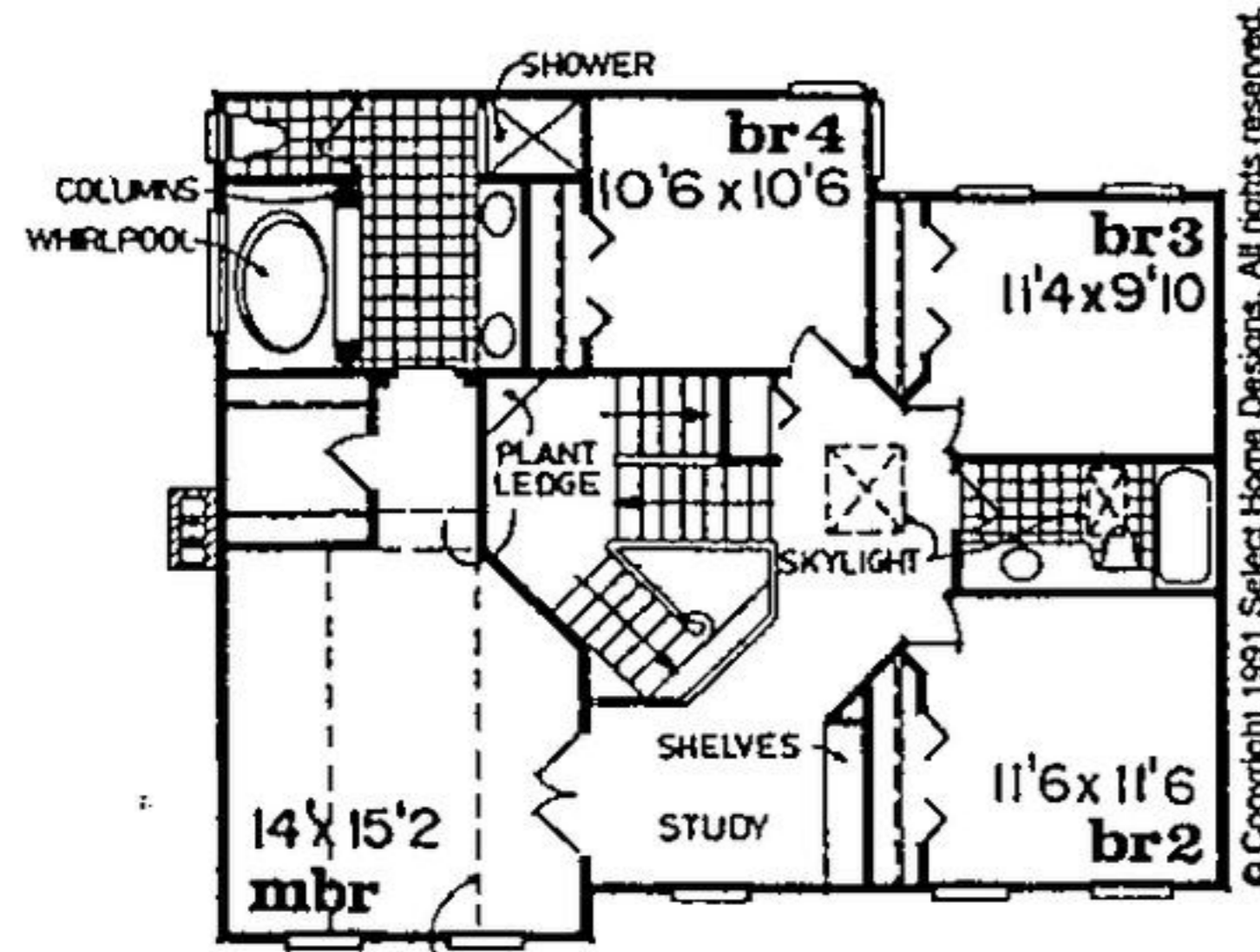
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Consumer warning

Milwaukee Electric Tool Corporation is warning users of certain electric power tools to stop using them because they pose a possible electric shock hazard.

Investigation has revealed that a number of 8 ft. long "Quick-Lok" power supply cord sets, supplied to Milwaukee Electric by Belden Electrical Wire Products for use with Milwaukee power tools, were miswired. The line or neutral conductors were connected to the ground terminal causing the tool enclosure to be energized.

The cord sets may be identified by the name "Belden" printed on a "CSA Cord Set" label attached to each cord set and a stylized B logo moulded on the plug cap.

The cord set is used on the following Milwaukee power tools:

- Magnum Drills: Models 0124-1, 0224-1, 0234-1, 3300-1.
- D-Handle Drills: Models 1007-1, 1107-1.
- Magnum Hammer Drills: Models 5370-1, 5372-1, 5374-1.
- Sawzalls: Models 6527, 6507.
- Magnum Screwdrivers: Models 6749-1, 6754-1, 6793-1, 6794-1.

Although there have not been any reported incidents, Milwaukee Electric is asking owners to check their power tools and if a Belden cord set is provided, return the cord set only to the following address for replacement: Milwaukee Electric Tool (Canada) Ltd., 755 Progress Road, Scarborough, Ontario M1H 2W7.

If you have any questions on this recall action, please call Milwaukee Electric Tool (Canada) Ltd. at (416) 439-4181.