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How To Remove A Broken Light Bulb

If the cat knocks the lamp from the table, or if your kids love to kick field goals in your living room, chances are good for a light bulb shattering in its socket. We offer this cautious and unique procedure for its swift and safe removal.

Utensils

Pocketknife Hammer

Ingredients

Newspaper Light bulb

6" to 8" inch piece of wood, 1/2" inch square

Approximate Time: 15 Minutes

Simple Procedure

1. **Turn off current.**
2. Using a folded section of newspaper for protection, grasp the broken bulb (Fig. 60A) and turn from socket in counterclockwise direction.
3. Replace with new light bulb.

Note: The above procedure is normally sufficient. Often, however, there is nothing left of the broken bulb that can be grasped. If this is the case, follow these alternate directions.

Surmounting Complications

1. Carve a point at the end of the stick with pocketknife.
2. Insert stick into broken bulb (Fig. 60B) and wedge it there by gently tapping blunt end of stick with hammer.
3. When stick is secure, turn it in a counterclockwise direction. This will remove what remains of the broken bulb.
4. Install new bulb.

Note: Before you start, turn off power for the light fixture at fuse box.

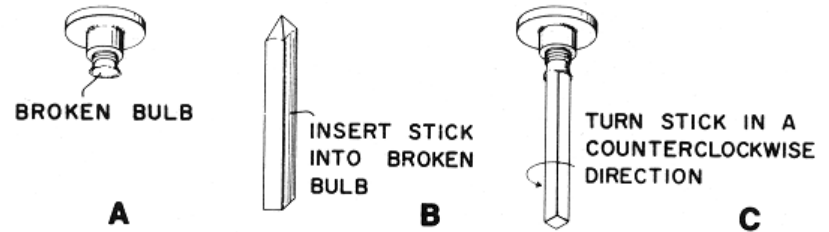


Figure 60.
How To Change a Broken Bulb