

## Untangling cables, cords makes desk safer

Are you spending more time navigating through cables and cords than working at your desk? **A desk of tangled wires** not only hampers your work output, but also can be dangerous.

"Whether in a home or a workplace setting, getting your office organized and under control is not only aesthetically pleasing, but also makes the environment safer and often helps people increase their productivity," said Paul Holstein, co-founder and chief operating officer of [CableOrganizer.com](http://CableOrganizer.com).

Holstein offers a few tips to untangle the mess at your desk:

► **Cable control:** Bundle cables and cords using translucent split tubes under your desk. Cable ties or Velcro also can gather unruly wires and cords behind computers and under tables.

► **Outlets out-of-the-way:** Keep power strips and surge protectors off the floor by using Velcro to attach them to the wall. Or, add a pop-up outlet to your desk to avoid stretching cables across the floor.

► **Label liberally:** Labels are most often used for storage containers, folders and drawers. But labels on cords and cables can keep them from getting mixed up and can save time when you uncoil them.

## Some working mothers say they welcome return

Parenting asked working mothers how they felt about returning to their jobs after the family vacation.

Some 79 percent said, "it's back to the daily grind." The rest said: "I look forward to the break from all that mom work!"

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