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Subject: Re: Electrical Outlets

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It depends on how it gets wet, and how much water. A little moisture might cause it to short circuit, but would probably not cause any circuit breaker/fuses to blow. While on the other hand, a immerse it in water and it is very likely.

A socket on it's own should not cause a fire/explode or anything spectacular when it is short circuited as the fuse/breaker should kick in before any of the electrical components supplying the socket would fail. Anything after the socket IE: Christmas lights, could cause a fire if it isn't fused properly.

If you are lucky enough to be grounded (touching neutral or a computer case for example) it is quite likely a wet socket will shock you. If you are not grounded, it will probably just tingle.

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