

## BRIEFCASE

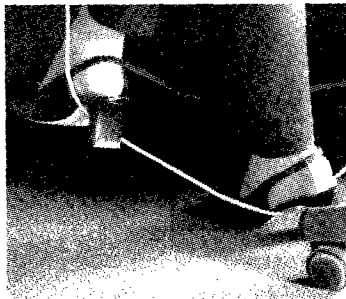
### 2 CENTS: ADVICE FROM THE EXPERTS

#### Cut cord clutter

Tired of kicking that mass of wires under your desk and shutting off your computer or disconnecting your phone for the umpteenth time? Sick of tripping over the printer cable on your way to the coffee-break room?

Here are a few tips to regulate those unruly and potentially dangerous lengths of cord, courtesy of [CableOrganizer.com](http://CableOrganizer.com), a Fort Lauderdale, Fla.-based vendor of wire-management tools:

**Cable ties and Velcro wraps are a quick, easy and cheap way to organize loose wires and outlets.** Try sticking Velcro to the back of a power-surge and affixing it to the side of your desk



**Stuck at your desk? Try these tips.**

to get it away from your feet and out of sight. Or bundle up those wires with a plastic cable tie. You can pick up both items in a hardware or office-supply store.

**Try a desk outlet.** It beats moving

furniture in an attempt to find an unused wall outlet. Pop-up desk outlets are great for the table in your conference room. They can be a little pricey, though. A quick search of the Web showed they sell for north of \$100.

**Wires that run several feet across the floor to a faraway outlet — common in small, home-based offices — are accidents waiting to happen.**

Flat-lying cord protectors can improve the look of your office while sparing you and your visitors from tripping on loose cables and cords. A 15-foot cord protector sells for between \$30 and \$35. A 5-foot protector can be had for as little as \$10.

