

FIRE SAFETY

Fires are a serious risk for businesses of all types. It's up to you to take the proper precautions to keep yourself, your co-workers and others safe from fire hazards.

Keep Safety in Mind

Fire can be deadly. Become familiar with fire safety practices and eliminate fire safety risks. Every day you're on the job, take note of potential fire hazards and report them immediately to your supervisor.

Always put safety first!

Here are the top 5 things you need to know about fire safety:

1. Lower the risk

Always comply with regulations.
Obey "No Smoking" signs.
Dispose of cigarettes and matches properly.
Watch for frayed electrical cords and overloaded circuits.
Dispose of flammable wastes properly.

2. Combustible storage

Always store combustible materials in a safe area.
Fumes can travel a considerable distance and become ignited.
Do not pour combustibles down the drain. Educate yourself on the proper method of disposal.

3. Inspect equipment

If you use electrical equipment or tools, inspect them regularly to make sure they are working correctly. Keep mechanical equipment properly lubricated to avoid excessive friction. Keep spark arrestors on exhaust systems.

4. Be prepared

Become familiar with the location and operation of firefighting equipment.
Learn where fire extinguishers are located.
Participate in periodic fire drills to practice fire response procedures.
Establish an employee meeting place.

5. If there is a fire

If the fire alarm rings, always treat it as a true emergency.
Always use the stairs instead of the elevator.
If the room fills with smoke, stay low to the ground and get out as safely and fast as you can.

Discussion

- 1. Where is our meeting place?**
- 2. Do you know where the exits and extinguishers are located in your area?**
- 2. Can anyone share an experience?**

