

DON'T GIVE FIRE A CHANCE

There's plenty of air, plenty of fuel, and plenty of ignition sources around construction sites— fire sprinkler installers must be on the alert to prevent fire. Did you know the probability of a building catching fire is greatest while it's under construction? Here are some good practices in fire prevention that will help keep the job from going up in smoke:

BEFORE THE FIRE

- Keep the site clean.
- Store combustible materials away from ignition sources.
- Report any possible fire hazards that you notice, such as: open flames, sparks, and electrical equipment that appears to need repair.
- Know where the closest fire protection equipment is located, and how to use it.
- Check to see that firefighting equipment is accessible, in proper condition, and ready for instant use.
- Know where all exit routes are located.

HOT WORK OR OPEN FLAMES

- Move combustibles at least 35 ft. away.

- Appoint a “fire watch” to keep an eye out during the work, and at least a half hour after hot work is performed.
- Be sure the fire watch can call for help in the event of an emergency.
- Have a fire extinguisher immediately available.

OTHER IGNITION SOURCES

- Help protect temporary electric wiring from possible damage.
- Don't smoke near flammables, in “No Smoking” areas, or while refueling.
- Make sure cigarettes and matches are out.
- Watch to see that canvas tarps, plastic sheeting and other flammable/combustible items don't get close to space heaters. Take care to see that heaters aren't accidentally tipped over.



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FLAMMABLE LIQUIDS

- Always use approved safety cans or the original manufacturer's container to store flammable liquids. Keep these containers closed when not in use, and never store them near exit routes or stairs.
- Clean up any spills as soon as they occur. Put saturated rags into closed metal containers.



IN CASE OF FIRE

- Call the fire department first. Delayed alarms often result in more damage and injuries.
- Alert other workers.
- If you are trained, and the fire is small enough, use the proper fire extinguisher for the type of fire.
- Evacuate while you still have time.
- Meet the responding firefighters and report conditions

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