

TOOLBOX TALKS

FIRE PREVENTION & EXTINGUISHING

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GENERAL PRECAUTIONS

- Keep firefighting equipment where it is easy to find and access
- Keep all machinery and equipment clean
- Immediately clean up all trash and any oil spills

FLAMMABLE LIQUIDS

- Take care to prevent vapors from flammable liquids, such as solvents, from coming into contact with heat or flames
- Store flammable liquids in appropriate, approved containers
- Always observe no smoking signs
- Never use gasoline as a cleaning agent

FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

- Use fire extinguishers on small fires only
- Aim at the base of the fire and use a sweeping motion
- Never block your passage of escape when fighting a fire
- Always use the proper type of extinguisher for the type of fire you are fighting
- Make sure all personnel are properly training in the correct use of fire extinguishers
- Use the P.A.S.S. method:
 - Pull the pin
 - Aim the extinguisher at the base of the fire
 - Squeeze the extinguisher handle
 - Sweep from side to side

Discussion Date:

Employee Participants:

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