

WEEKLY SAFETY MEETING

FOR THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY

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FIRE SAFETY

This week is National Fire Prevention Week. First, look around, think, and do something that will prevent a fire. Second, take steps today to reduce the risks and losses that a fire would cause.

At work you might start by checking to see that flammable liquids such as gasoline, oil paints, thinners, degreasers, etc., are stored properly. Whenever you are burning, welding, or performing any work that produces flames or sparks, make sure there aren't flammable materials in the area. Know where fire extinguishers are located; once a fire breaks out, it is too late to go searching for an extinguisher. The key to using all fire extinguishers is knowing when and how to use them; using the wrong extinguisher may be worse than not using one at all. Finally, inspect fire-fighting equipment, and make sure that emergency phone numbers are posted at all jobsite telephones.

At home, deadly fires frequently occur when we are least prepared to deal with them, often in the middle of the night. Smoking in bed is responsible for more than 2,000 house fires each year. If you smoke, make it a rule to **never** smoke in bed and to **never** leave a lit cigarette unattended. Wood stoves and fireplaces are another leading cause of house fires. If you use either of these to supply most of your heat, you may put a strain on your chimney or flue that it wasn't designed for. To help prevent house fires use the following checklist before you "fire up" for cold weather.

1. Have the chimney or flue professionally inspected before you use it.
2. Make sure that the flue is fully open before starting a fire and while it is burning.
3. Have a fire extinguisher in your kitchen — but don't store it in a cabinet above the range or oven.
4. Install smoke detectors on every level of your house and check them monthly to ensure that they work.
5. Replace the batteries in your smoke detectors at least twice a year with new batteries.

 st fires could have been prevented; this makes the losses even more tragic. This is the week to resolve to do a better job of preventing fires. Start today by checking both your jobsite and your home for fire hazards. The next challenge is to maintain your resolve to practice fire prevention every day; don't drop the ball at the end of the week. It's much easier to prevent a fire than it is to stop one! More information on fire prevention is available on our website at www.safetymeetingoutlines.com.

SAFETY REMINDER The 'Assured Equipment Grounding Conductor Program' color code for October, November, and December is orange. If you use this program, test and color code all electrical cords and power tools.

Special Topics For Your Project _____

Employee Safety Recommendations _____

Reviewed MSDS # _____ Subject _____

Meeting Attended By _____

Supervisor's Signature _____