



TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS OF ILLINOIS RISK MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION

RISK REMINDER

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PREVENTING FIRES *ON CONSTRUCTION SITES*

Most fires start small and spread fast if not extinguished quickly. The following are tips to prevent fires on jobsites:

- Keep your work area free from scrap and combustible materials.
- Make sure matches and cigarettes are extinguished before discarding them.
- Keep only necessary flammables on the site.
- Never use gasoline as a cleaning solvent.
- Don't smoke during refueling operations.
- Let small engines cool off before filling them with gasoline.
- Avoid overloading electrical circuits.
- Look for and remove defective cords and wiring.
- Provide a fire watch to check for fires during and after hot work and welding operations.
- Keep a fully charged fire extinguisher available at all times.

If there is a fire:

- CALL THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.
- Assist co-workers who are in danger.
- Close off the affected area.
- Extinguish the fire, but only if it is safe to do so.
- Move to the predetermined assembly area so a head count can be taken.

REMEMBER: IT IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY TO KNOW WHERE THE FIRE EXTINGUISHERS ARE LOCATED AND HOW TO USE THEM!

NATIONAL FIRE PREVENTION WEEK
OCTOBER 3 - 9

National Fire Prevention Week has its roots in the Great Chicago Fire, which occurred on October 9, 1871. This massive fire burned more than 2,000 acres in 27 hours, killed 300 people, left 100,000 homeless and destroyed 17,000 structures.



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