



# SAFETY CORNER



## SAFETY DISCUSSION

### FIRE PREVENTION

#### How does good housekeeping prevent fires?

Good housekeeping minimizes the risk of causing a fire and preventing a fire from spreading. In most cases of fire prevention, it involves simple measures. Having knowledge of how fires start, allows you to take precautions.

### HOUSEKEEPING PRACTICES

- Prevent the buildup of combustible materials.
- Remove trash by emptying trash cans regularly.
- Do not allow trash cans to be over filled.
- Discard cardboard immediately and do not let pile up.
- Limit wooden pallet storage within buildings as pallets can catch fire quickly. **ALWAYS store wooden pallets outside.**
- Inspect desk/work areas for extension cord damage, overloaded outlets, and damaged surge protectors.
- Keep areas around machines clear of combustible and flammable materials.
- Never block fire sprinkler heads, sprinkler controls, or fire extinguishers.



# QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

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1. As the weather gets cooler, heaters will be used on job sites. How often should we inspect the heater and surrounding areas for combustible or flammable materials?

2. How can good housekeeping help in the event of an emergency and using exit routes?

3. Where and how should fuel be stored?



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