

KCA TOOL BOX TALK: Fire Safety

Fires and burns are the fifth most common cause of accidental injury deaths in the United States. Workers need to be aware of the variety of potential fire hazards at the work site.

Fire Safety:

- Make sure that there is a ventilation system, especially where paints, solvents, or other flammable materials are being applied.
- Ensure working smoke detectors are provided in building areas.
- Make sure that there is at least one fire extinguisher on all construction sites. All extinguishers should be easy to find and everyone should know where they are.
- Clean up all flammable liquid leaks or spills immediately.
- Never put water on an electrical fire.
- Use a CO2 fire extinguisher only if the fire is small.
- Don't overload circuits or bypass the circuit protection.
- Inspect all electric devices and their cords. Replace frayed insulation at once. Most electric devices are subject to internal wiring failures, faulty power cords, and switches that add to fire risk.

For more information visit OSHA REGULATIONS: 1926.150

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