Toolbox Talks – Don’t Give Fire a Chance

There’s plenty of air, plenty of fuel, and plenty of ignition sources around construction sites – so we’ve all got to be on our toes to prevent fire. Here are some ways to keep the job from going up in smoke:

- Help keep the site clean. Store combustible materials away from ignition sources.

- Report any possible fire hazards that you notice: open flames, sparks, and electrical equipment that appears to need repairs.

- On hot-work jobs, be sure combustibles are safe from ignition. Have a fire extinguisher handy for welding and cutting operations, or when open flame equipment is used.

- Help protect temporary electric wiring from possible damage. In case of a fire in or near live electrical equipment, use a dry chemical extinguisher, not water.

- Don’t smoke near flammables, in “No Smoking” areas, or while refueling equipment. Make sure cigarettes and matches are out.

- Always use approved safety cans or the original manufacturer’s container to store flammable liquids. Keep these containers closed when not in use, and never store them near exits or passageways.

- Clean up any spills as soon as they occur. Put saturated rags into closed metal containers.

- Watch to see that canvas tarps, plastic sheeting or other ignitables don’t get too close to space heaters. Take care to see that heaters aren’t accidentally tipped over.

- Know where the closest fire-protection equipment is located, and how to use it. Check to see that fire-fighting equipment is in the clear, in proper condition, and ready for instant use.

Be observant of new employees or other employees and visitors on the job to make sure they are aware of these practices.
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