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## WORKPLACE FIRE SAFETY

### Are your customers prepared?

Fire is a serious threat in the workplace. Fires not only endanger the lives and well-being of employees, but the time and cost of rebuilding can put the survival of a business at stake.

In 2012, there were more than 99,000 non-residential fires, resulting in 65 deaths, 1,525 injuries, and total damages of \$2.6 billion. Of course, unlike other statistics, the time and costs of rebuilding a business cannot be easily quantified.

Remarkably, carelessness and malfunctioning electrical equipment and installations were responsible for many of these fires. In 2011, more than 5,000 fires, about 12%, were found to be the result of faulty electrical equipment and installation. That same year, about 19% of all fires were the result of carelessness.

Smoke alarms, the first line of defense against fire, were not present in 52% of fires in occupied nonresidential buildings.

We can all help businesses better prepare for workplace fires. Make sure your customers understand that proper training, maintenance, and equipment can help save lives and businesses in the event of a fire.





## TIPS FOR FIRE PREVENTION & PROTECTION

Provide your customers with this OSHA-approved checklist to make sure they are prepared for workplace fires.

- Is your local fire department familiar with your facility, its location and specific hazards?
- If you have a fire alarm system, is it certified as required and tested annually?
- If you have interior standpipes and valves, are they inspected regularly?
- If you have outside private fire hydrants, are they flushed at least once a year and on a routine preventive maintenance schedule?
- Are fire doors and shutters in good operating condition?
- Are fire doors and shutters unobstructed and protected against obstructions, including their counterweights?
- Are fire door and shutter fusible links in place?
- Are automatic sprinkler system water control valves, air, and water pressure checked periodically as required?
- Is the maintenance of automatic sprinkler systems assigned to responsible persons or to a sprinkler contractor?
- Are sprinkler heads protected by metal guards if exposed to potential physical damage?
- Is proper clearance maintained below sprinkler heads?
- Are portable fire extinguishers provided in adequate number and type and mounted in readily accessible locations?
- Are fire extinguishers recharged regularly with this noted on the inspection tag?
- Are employees periodically instructed in the use of fire extinguishers and fire protection procedures?





## KEEP IMPORTANT DEVICES POWERED

Below is a list of devices that could be helpful if a fire occurs. These devices can help keep a business running smoothly and may help it survive and rebuild after a fire. A device is only as reliable as the battery inside. Make sure your customers always have extra batteries on hand to keep these essential devices powered, so they're never unprepared.

**Flashlight:** AA, AAA, C, D

**Weather Radio:** AA, AAA, C, D  
(NOAA radio if possible)

**2-Way Radios:** AA, AAA  
(for communication)

**Battery-Powered Generator**  
(to charge small devices)

**Battery Powered Tools:** AA, AAA,  
C, D, 9V (for minor repairs)

**Lanterns:** 9V

**Digital Cameras:** AA, 123  
(to document damage)

**Security Cameras:** AA, AAA

**Air Monitors:** D, C, 9V

**Smoke Detectors:** 9V

**Security Safe:** AA, AAA

**Blood Pressure Kit:** AA, AAA

**Timing is everything.** Don't be caught unprepared.

For more information about these important steps to preparing your organization for hazardous weather and other disasters, including access to the Ready Rating Self-Assessment that you can use to measure your organization's current level of preparedness, join the free Ready Rating Program at [readyrating.org](http://readyrating.org).

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