Fire Protection and Control

Most fires are a result of inattention to the job site operations and surrounding conditions. This lack of attention or protection can result in the loss of life and property. All fires can be easily extinguished if caught soon enough and the proper extinguishing tools are handy.

Guide for Discussion
Steps to Remember When a Fire Starts:
- Sound an alarm - yell if necessary.
- Warn those near the fire.
- If possible and the fire is small, try to extinguish it.
- Call the Fire Department if the fire can't be easily and quickly extinguished.
- Evacuate the area if the fire can't be quickly extinguished.
- Direct the Fire Department to the area of the fire.
- Stand by to help, but only if asked by a Fire Department official.

Be Sure to Know the Following:
- The Fire Department phone number.
- Be sure you know the location of the nearest cross street to give the Fire Department directions.
- Where the fire extinguishers are and how to use them.
- How to evacuate the work area.
- Steps to Prevent Fires Regularly inspect all fire extinguishers.
- Keep the work area free of debris and trash.
- Designate high risk areas as "no smoking" areas.
- Enforce no smoking rules.
- Store flammable fuels and materials only in approved safety containers.
- Check temporary wiring and electrical tools for defects.

Additional Discussion Notes:
The emergency numbers and job site location (including nearest cross streets) are posted where on the job? If welding equipment is on the job, when is it regularly inspected?
Remember: Knowing how to recognize, react to, or eliminate fire hazards can greatly decrease the chances of being exposed to a fire.

Attendees:

NOTE: Always promote a discussion on any of the topics covered in the Tool Box Talks. Should any question arise that you cannot answer, don't hesitate to contact your Employer.