

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, in recent years, more than 200 workers die annually as a result of fires and explosions. Workers need to recognize potential fire hazards and take every safety precaution to avoid potentially deadly situations on their job sites.

OSHA Standard 1926.152(g)(8) says that *there shall be no smoking or open flames in the areas used for fueling, servicing fuel systems for internal combustion engines, receiving or dispensing of flammable liquids.* And **1926.152(g)(9)** says that *conspicuous and legible signs prohibiting smoking shall be posted.*

- Fire prevention is each worker's responsibility!
- Be alert to your activities and avoid creating fire hazards.
- Only smoke in designated areas.

OSHA Standard 1926.150(a)(1) *The employer shall be responsible for the development of a fire protection program to be followed throughout all phases of the construction and demolition work, and he shall provide for the firefighting equipment as specified in this subpart. As fire hazards occur, there shall be no delay in providing the necessary equipment.*

- Know where fire extinguishers are located at your work site.
- Report any missing, damaged, or spent fire extinguishers immediately.
- Be familiar with the parts of a fire extinguisher and how to tell if it has been discharged.
- Never attempt to use a fire extinguisher unless you have been trained to do so!
- Always use the correct containers for using, storing, or transporting fuel.
- Report any fires or possible fires immediately!