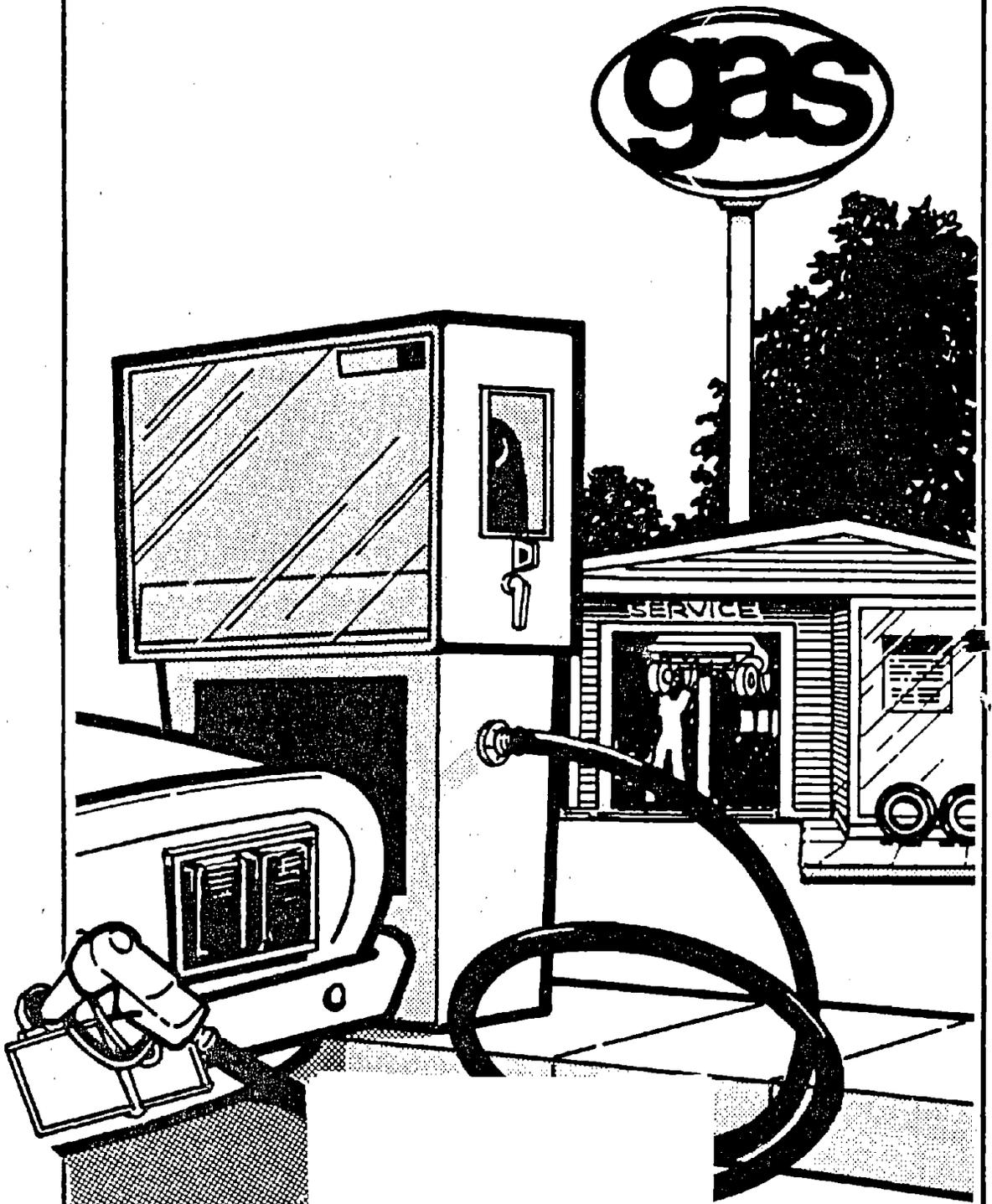


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## INTRODUCTION

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The Williams-Steiger "Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970" was passed into law "to assure safe and healthful working conditions for working men and women. . ." This Act established the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) under the Department of Health, Education and Welfare (DHEW) and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) under the Department of Labor (DOL). The Act provides for research, information, education and training in the field of occupational safety and health and authorizes enforcement of the standards. As part of these activities, surveys have been made by NIOSH to determine the most common health and safety problems. Guidelines and regulations pertaining to these problems are included in this Health and Safety Guide, which is being distributed throughout the industry.

While the aim of this Guide is to assist in providing a safe and healthful workplace by describing safe practices and helping to correct some of the more frequently encountered violations of the safety and health standards, it is not intended to provide total information in all areas of noncompliance. Additional information can be found in **general industry standards Title 29 Code of Federal Regulations Part 1910.**

Words such as "must", "required", "necessary", appearing in the text, denote direct applications from the Act. Procedures denoted by "should", "ought to", etc., constitute more indirect applications as well as generally-accepted, safe practices.

In some states, the federal government has delegated enforcement authority for occupational safety and health to the state government. Although, state standards sometimes differ from the federal standards, they must be at least as effective as federal regulations.

A listing of NIOSH and OSHA Regional Offices throughout the United States where additional information and materials can be obtained, is presented on the last few pages of the Guide. Consultation resulting from requests for assistance will not precipitate a compliance visit by OSHA.

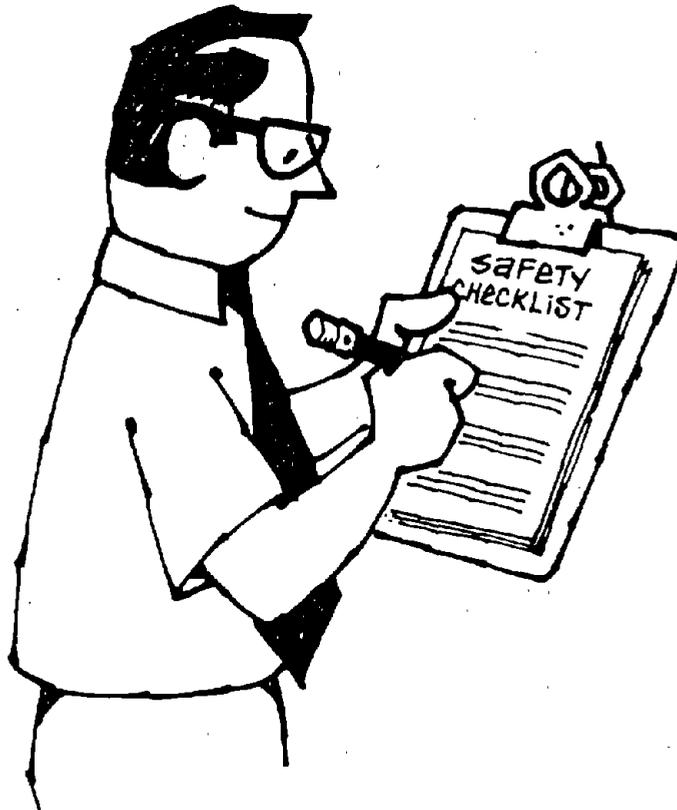


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### **GENERAL DUTY CLAUSE**

Hazardous conditions or practices not covered in the OSHA standards are covered under the general duty clause of the Act which states: "Each employer shall furnish to each of his employees employment and a place of employment which are free from recognized hazards that are causing or are likely to cause death or serious physical harm to his employees". The purpose of a job safety and health program is to protect the employee by the prevention and control of injuries and health hazards which are involved in the elements of production and the operation of any establishment. The elements are manpower, machinery, tools, material, equipment and time.

Unsafe and unhealthful working conditions can be discovered and corrected by examining the elements of production and implementing a safety and health program.



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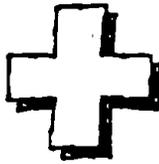
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### HEALTH AND SAFETY PROGRAM BUILT-IN HAZARDS

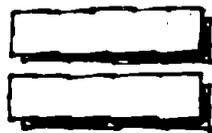
There are many processes in this industry where accidents may occur. A worker is subject to a variety of hazards and must constantly exercise caution to prevent accidents.



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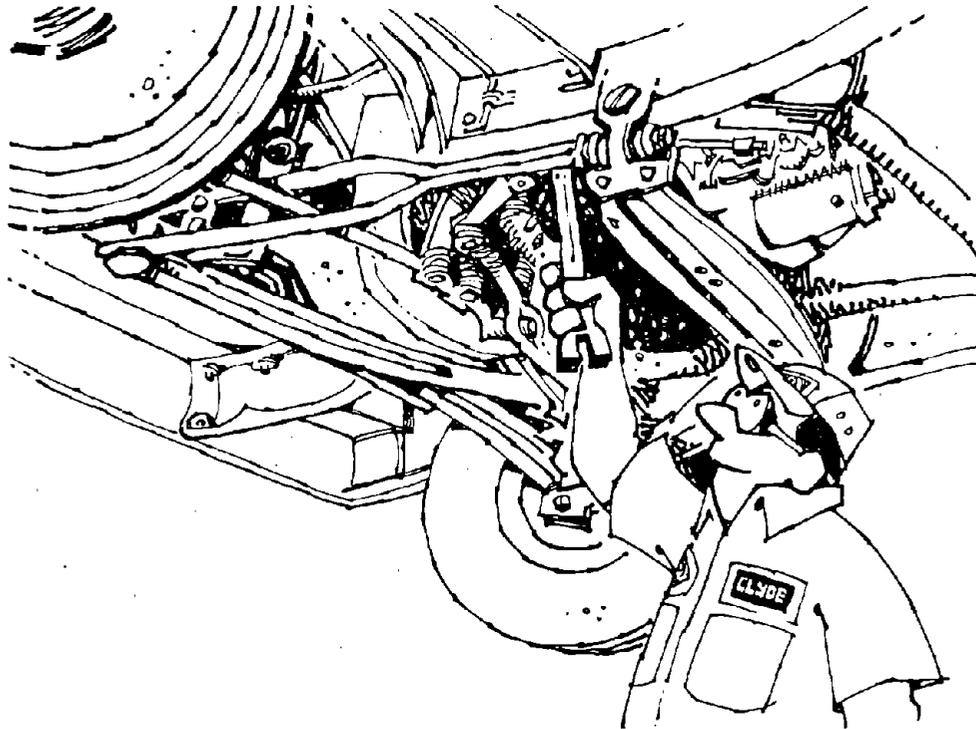


A consistent effort to develop a safe and healthful workplace will lead to fewer injuries, illnesses, and better operating efficiency. As an aid in making this effort, this Guide is designed to assist the owner or manager to recognize, evaluate, and control real or potential conditions which may cause injuries or illnesses to his employees. It includes a CHECK-LIST in the back which will be helpful when making a hazards-review.

To recognize and evaluate unsafe and unhealthful conditions on the premises, it will be useful to first note the sources of injury and illness which tend to occur most frequently or to cause the most severe problems in the industry as a whole. Some of these sources are: improper lifting; unguarded machinery; slips, trips, and falls; cuts and lacerations; electric malfunction; fire hazards (combustible materials and electrical sources of ignition); improper use of tools and equipment; unsafe equipment or hazardous working conditions; toxins (taken in by inhalation or skin contact).

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**EYE PROTECTION IS NEEDED WHEN WORKING UNDER CARS.**

### **PLANNING THE HEALTH AND SAFETY PROGRAM**

A health and safety program is a proven way to minimize problems. All information sources available to the manager should be used in planning such a program, including: employee suggestions, complaints, self-inspections of the premises using a customized checklist, accident and injury records, information in this Guide, etc.

From this information, hazardous locations and processes on the premises can be identified and listed.

Assignment of responsibility to individuals for program development or final implementation can be made. These responsibilities might include encouragement of suggestions; provision of the latest information on safe working methods; investigation of injuries and illnesses, including "close calls"; motivation of worker's interest; purchase of safety equipment; etc.

Hazards on the premises are then evaluated in terms of the information or data collected. Next, corrective action is planned to correct all real or potential hazards and priorities established.

## **JOB HEALTH AND SAFETY GUIDELINES (Cont.)**

### **IMPLEMENTATION AND PROGRESS OF THE HEALTH AND SAFETY PROGRAM**

Once (1) information has been gathered, (2) hazards on the premises identified and listed, (3) responsibilities assigned and hazards evaluated, and (4) a corrective plan developed, the manager implements the health and safety program.

In terms of the success and progress of the program, two elements should be considered. They are:

**1. Management Leadership.** Management leadership is necessary for the complete acceptance of the program because the person assigned responsibility, for instance the foreman, must be delegated the authority and have management support to carry out the program part assigned.

**2. Communication.** Everyone in the establishment should be aware of the activities of the program. If a program operates in an obscure manner, employees cannot take an interest simply because they are unaware of what is going on. Conversely, well-informed personnel will likely show interest and a desire to participate.

## **JOB HEALTH AND SAFETY GUIDELINES (Cont.)**

### **REDUCING UNSAFE ACTS AND PRACTICES**

#### **Employee Training**

A safe operation largely depends upon good management and employees who are properly informed and aware of potential hazards.

Training needs will vary according to the complexity of the operation. At the very least, all personnel should be thoroughly indoctrinated regarding possible hazards.

A good start would be to:

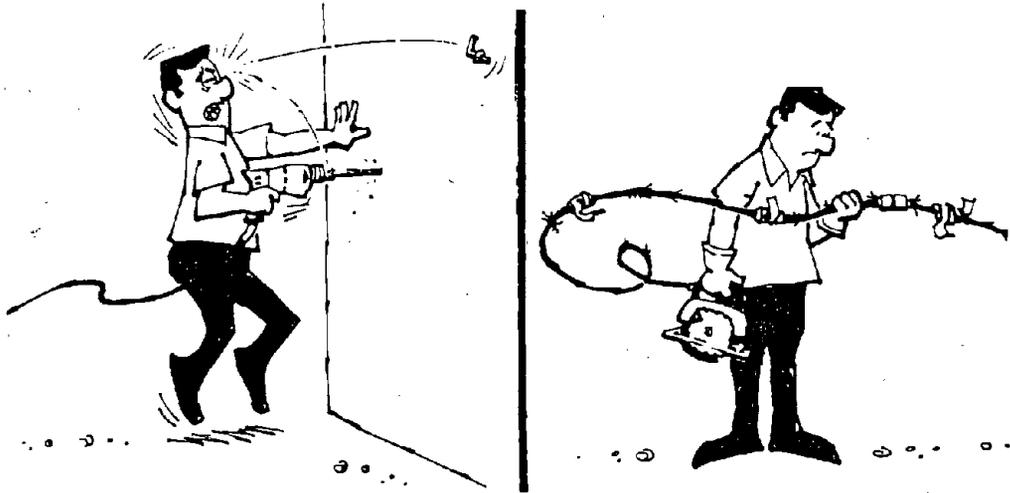
1. Impress upon the worker the need for constant awareness—even during automatically controlled operations.
2. Be sure all employees (both old and new) know how to use appropriate personal protective equipment.
3. Develop and maintain check points to be observed (as part of the routine) during each shift.
4. Be sure all employees have available a printed list of standard procedures and emergency procedures.
5. Post appropriate warning signs.
6. Instruct employees in the use of portable fire extinguishers. (Refer to fold-out chart in this Guide and post in a conspicuous place.)
7. Have at least one person trained in first aid on each shift.
8. Be sure that employees who are authorized to use motorized equipment are thoroughly instructed in its operation and potential hazards.
9. Develop a "good housekeeping" awareness and assign someone responsibility for removing clutter from the work area on a regular basis.
10. Instruct employees to clean hands and arms frequently if they are exposed to used oil and grease to prevent skin irritation. Never use gasoline for this purpose.
11. When filling new batteries, employees should be instructed to pour acid into water to avoid splattering.
12. Be sure all materials are stored in a secure manner.
13. Instruct your employees in safe lifting practices which may prevent many injuries. An easily understood chart, *How to Lift Safely* is included in the back of this book. We suggest that you remove this chart and post it where it will be seen by your employees.

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### SAFETY RULES FOR OPERATING POWER TOOLS

Employees should be instructed to:

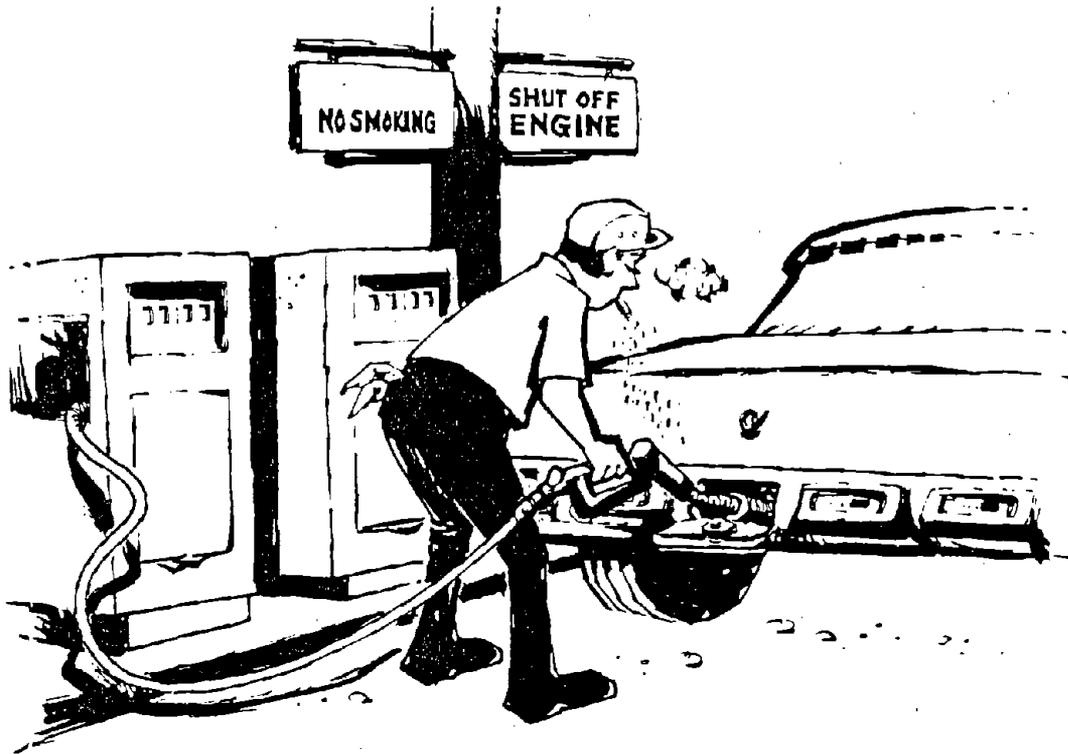
1. Know the application, limitations and potential hazards of the tool used.
2. Select the proper tool for the job.
3. Remove adjusting keys and wrenches before turning on tools.



4. Not use tools with frayed cords.
5. Keep guards in place and in working order and have ground lugs in place.
6. Maintain working areas free of clutter.
7. Keep alert to potential hazards in the working environment such as damp locations or the presence of highly combustible materials.
8. Dress properly to avoid loose clothing catching in moving parts.
9. Use safety glasses, dust or face masks or other protective clothing and equipment if the operation requires it.
10. Not surprise or distract anyone using a power tool.

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### RAMP AREA AND PUMP ISLAND

1. As a visible reminder to employees and customers, signs reading "No Smoking" and "Shut Off Engine" must be prominently posted in this area. There must be no smoking or open flames in the areas used for fueling, servicing fuel systems for internal combustion engines, receiving or dispensing of flammable or combustible liquids. The motors of all equipment being fueled must be shut off during the fueling operation.

2. Pumps with hose retractors should be maintained in proper working order. These retractors minimize the tripping hazard created by pump hoses which are not in use by keeping the hoses off the island and the working area while the attendant is servicing cars.

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3. The ramp area should be well maintained—free of cracks and other tripping and stumbling hazards.

4. Adequate lighting should be provided around the pump island for nighttime work.

5. When servicing a vehicle for gas and oil, the dispensing devices must be located so that the vehicle is on the service station's premises. For example, a gas pump cannot be located near the side of a road to service cars in the street or curbside.

6. Emergency power cutoffs for gas pumps must be clearly identified, easily accessible, and located away from the pumps (but not more than 100 feet away).

7. All gasoline and diesel fuel pumps should be mounted on either a concrete island or protected against possible collision damage by protective barriers.

8. A control should be provided so the pump will operate only when the dispensing nozzle is removed from the pump's bracket and when the pump switch is manually started. This same control must also stop the pump when the nozzle is returned to the bracket.

9. A specially designed impact valve must be provided, incorporating a fusible link designed to close automatically in case of severe impact or fire, and be properly installed in the dispensing supply line at the base of each pump.

10. An automatic-type nozzle can be used with the hold-open latch only if one of the attendants dispenses the fuel. If the dispensing is done by any other person, the nozzle must be a listed automatic-closing type without a hold-open latch.

11. Rebuilt hose-nozzle valves may be used if the nozzle meets the requirements such as those approved by Underwriters Laboratories, Inc., or Factory Mutual Engineering Corp.

## **JOB HEALTH AND SAFETY GUIDELINES (Cont.) SERVICE BAYS—HYDRAULIC VEHICLE LIFTS**

Certain precautions are necessary for the safe operation of hydraulic vehicle lifts:

1. Employees should stand to one side of vehicles when directing them into position over the lift. Untrained or unauthorized personnel are not permitted to operate the lifts.
2. The hoist controls are to be manually operated, and not blocked into the open or shut position.
3. Vehicles may not be raised with passengers inside.
4. It is necessary to make certain that vehicle doors, hoods, etc., are closed prior to raising the vehicles.
5. Loads must be squarely engaged, and neither the lift nor adaptor are to be overloaded.
6. If a lift is equipped with a mechanical locking device, it must be made certain that the device is in place when the lift is up.
7. When a lift malfunctions (see below) it is not to be used, but should be removed from service and repaired immediately.

The lift needs immediate attention if it:

- Jerks or jumps when raised.
- Slowly settles down after being raised.
- Slowly rises when not in use.
- Rises slowly when in use.
- Comes down very slowly.
- Blows oil out of the exhaust line.
- Leaks oil at the packing gland.

8. To maintain a clean, safe floor area, employees should be instructed to make certain that grates over floor drains are large enough to cover the floor-drain opening and are securely in place; drain holes are to be cleaned periodically for good drainage.

### **TIRE-CHANGING EQUIPMENT**

A safety tire rack, cage, or equivalent protection should be provided and used when inflating, mounting, or dismounting tires installed on split rims, or rims equipped with locating rims or similar devices.

A tire cage is required when repairing truck tires.

## **JOB HEALTH AND SAFETY GUIDELINES (Cont.)**

### **TOW TRUCKS**

The following safety practices should be implemented to insure the safety of your employees when working with tow trucks:

1. Be sure the fire extinguisher is properly serviced, in good working condition, and securely mounted on the truck.

2. The maximum hoisting capacity of the unit should be prominently posted on the winch mast. Do not paint over or remove the manufacturer's data plate.

3. The crane's controls should be remotely located from the winch drum, traveling cables, and sheaves.

4. The truck should be equipped with flood lights for night-time use.

5. Wheel chocks and flares should be available on the truck.

6. Frequently inspect:

a. Control mechanism for maladjustments or excessive wear.

b. Safety devices for maladjustments and proper operation.

c. Hooks for cracks or excessive deformation.

7. Periodically inspect for:

a. Deformed, cracked, or corroded structural members.

b. Cracked or worn sheaves and drums.

c. Worn, cracked, or distorted pins, bearings, shafts, gears, and locking devices.

d. Excessive cable wear, corrosion, broken strands, severe kinking; improperly applied, cracked, or corroded cable connections.

8. Work should not be permitted beneath a suspended vehicle which is supported only by a tow-truck cable. Jack stands or cribbing should be placed under frame members.

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## **FREQUENTLY VIOLATED REGULATIONS WALKING AND WORKING SURFACES**



### **GENERAL REQUIREMENTS**

1. All passageways, storerooms and maintenance shops must be maintained clean, dry and orderly and in a sanitary condition. Spills must be promptly cleaned up.

2. Areas which are constantly wet, should have non-slip surfaces where personnel normally walk or work.

3. Every floor, working place and passageway must be maintained free from protruding nails, splinters, holes, loose boards, and so far as possible, in a dry condition.

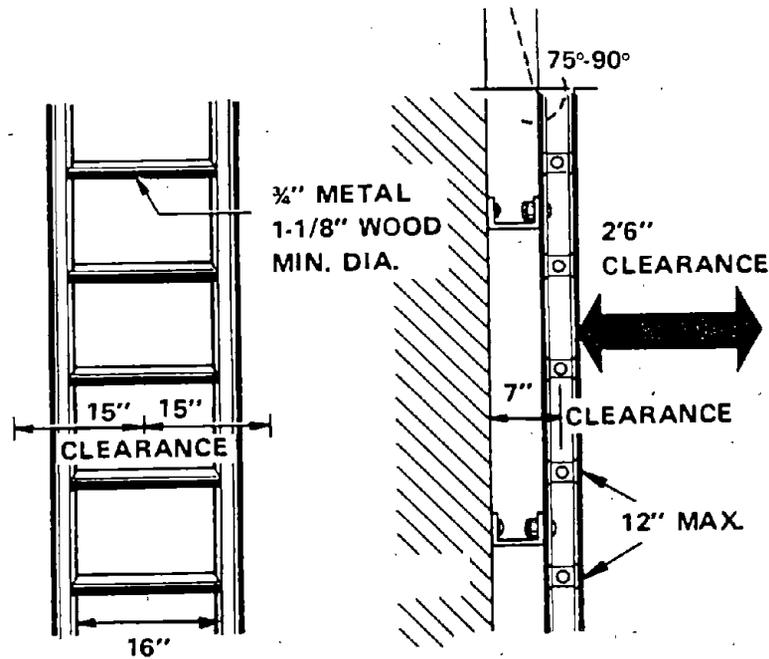
4. All permanent aisles must be easily recognizable. Usually aisles are identified by painting or taping lines on the floor.

5. The floor-load capacity is the maximum weight which can be safely supported by the floor, expressed in pounds per square foot. When this information is not available and when floor-load capacity is in doubt, it is suggested that a competent engineer be consulted. These floor-load capacities must be posted in a readily visible location.

## FREQUENTLY VIOLATED REGULATIONS WALKING AND WORKING SURFACES (Cont.)

### Fixed Ladders Must:

1. Be designed to withstand a single concentrated load of at least 200 pounds.
2. Have rungs with a minimum diameter of  $\frac{3}{4}$ " for metal ladders, or  $1\frac{1}{8}$ " for wood ladders.



3. Not have rungs spaced more than 12 inches apart and must be at least 16 inches wide.
4. Be painted (if metal) or otherwise treated to resist corrosion when location demands.
5. Have 2'6" clearance on the climbing side of the ladder (except caged ladders).
6. Have at least 7 inches clearance in back of the ladder to provide for adequate toe space.
7. Be equipped with cages if they are longer than twenty feet.
8. Have landing platforms if they are more than 30 feet long. A platform every 30 feet for caged ladders and every 20 feet for unprotected ladders is required.
9. Have a preferred angle of 75°-90° for safe descent.
10. Have side rails extend  $3\frac{1}{2}$ ' above landings.

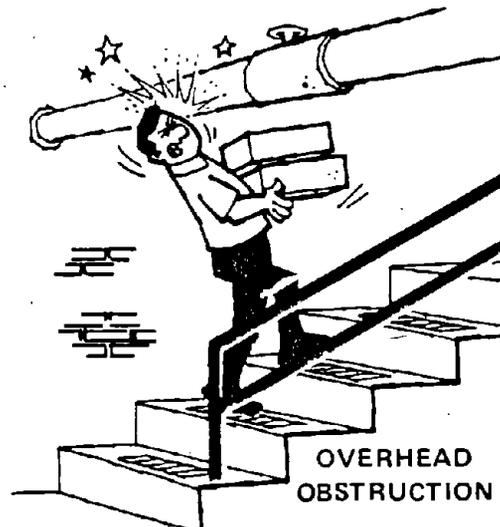
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### Portable Ladders:

1. Must be maintained in good condition at all times.
2. Should be kept coated with a suitable protective material. Wood ladders can be painted if carefully inspected prior to painting, providing the ladder is not for resale.
3. Must be inspected frequently; those which have developed defects must be tagged, "DANGEROUS—DO NOT USE" and removed from service for repair or destruction.
4. If wooden, should be stored where they will not be exposed to the elements, and where there is good ventilation.
5. Metal ladders should not be used near energized electrical equipment.
6. Must be so placed that the side rails have a secure footing. They may not be placed on boxes, barrels, or other unstable bases to obtain additional height.

### Fixed Industrial Stairs:

1. Rise height and tread width must be uniform throughout any flight of stairs.
2. All treads must be reasonably slip resistant.
3. Vertical clearance above any stair tread to an overhead obstruction must be at least seven feet.



4. The minimum permissible width is 22 inches.
5. The angle to the horizontal made by the stairs must be between 30° and 50°.
6. All stairs should be adequately lighted.

## FREQUENTLY VIOLATED REGULATIONS WALKING AND WORKING SURFACES (Cont.)

7. If the tread is less than nine inches wide, the risers should be open.

8. If the flight of stairs has four or more risers, railings or handrails must be provided:

a. if the stairway is less than 44 inches wide and open on both sides, a stair railing on each side is required.

b. if the stairway is less than 44 inches wide and open on one side, a stair railing on the open side is required.

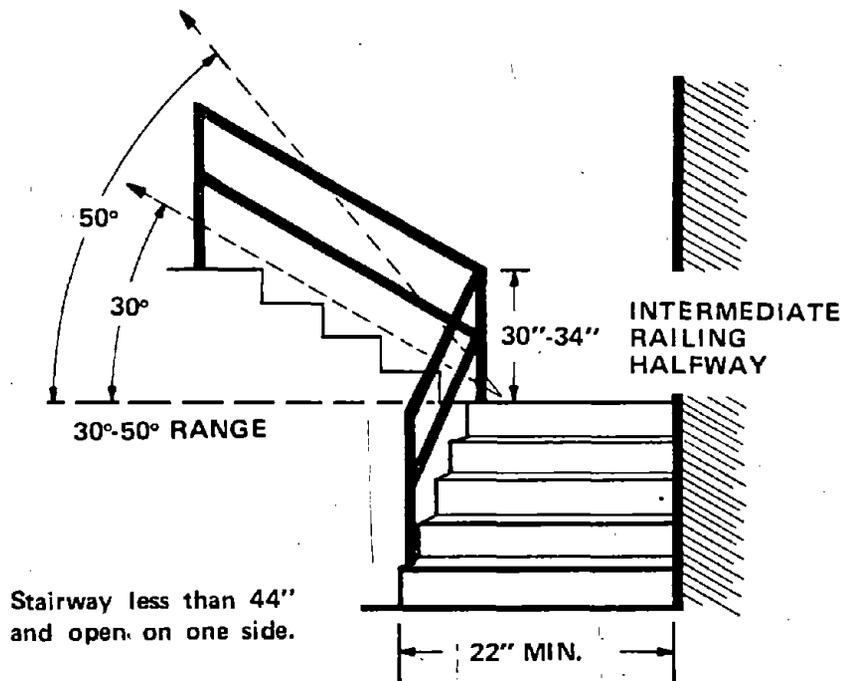
c. if both sides are enclosed on a stairway less than 44 inches wide, at least one handrail is required, preferably on the right side descending.

d. if the stairway is more than 44 inches wide but less than 88 inches wide, a stair railing on each open side and a handrail on each enclosed side are required.

e. if the stairway is 88 or more inches wide, a handrail on each enclosed side, a stair railing on each open side, and an intermediate stair railing located midway are required.

9. The vertical height of the railing must be between 30 to 34 inches.

10. The railing must be smooth surfaced and of construction similar to the standard railing described later in this section.



## **FREQUENTLY VIOLATED REGULATIONS WALKING AND WORKING SURFACES (Cont.)**

### **The Standard Railing and Toeboard:**

A standard railing consists of a top rail, intermediate rail, and posts. The distance from the upper surface of the top rail to the floor, platform runway or ramp must be 42 inches. The intermediate rail must be approximately halfway between the top rail and the floor.

For wood railings, the rails and posts must be of at least 2" x 4" stock with posts spaced not more than six feet.

For pipe railing, rails and posts must be at least 1½" outside diameter pipe with posts spaced not more than eight feet.

For structural steel railings, posts and rails must be of 2" x 2" x 3/8" angles or other metal shapes of equivalent strength with posts spaced not more than 8 feet apart.

A standard railing must be anchored and framed so that the completed structure is capable of withstanding a load of at least 200 pounds applied in any direction at any point on the top rail.

A standard railing can be of any configuration and construction that meets the above basic requirements.

The standard toeboard must be approximately four inches in height from the floor to its top edge, with no more than a quarter inch gap between the toeboard and the floor. It may be constructed of any substantial material either solid or perforated, as long as the openings are smaller than one inch.

### **Where a Standard Railing is Required:**

1. Every **open-sided floor or platform** four feet or more above adjacent floor or ground level, must be railed on all open sides except where there is entrance to a ramp, stairway, or fixed ladder.

2. Every **stairway floor opening** must be guarded on all exposed sides except the entrance to the stairway.

3. Every **ladderway floor opening** must be guarded by a standard railing and toeboard on all sides, with passage through the railing so constructed as to prevent a person from walking directly into the opening.

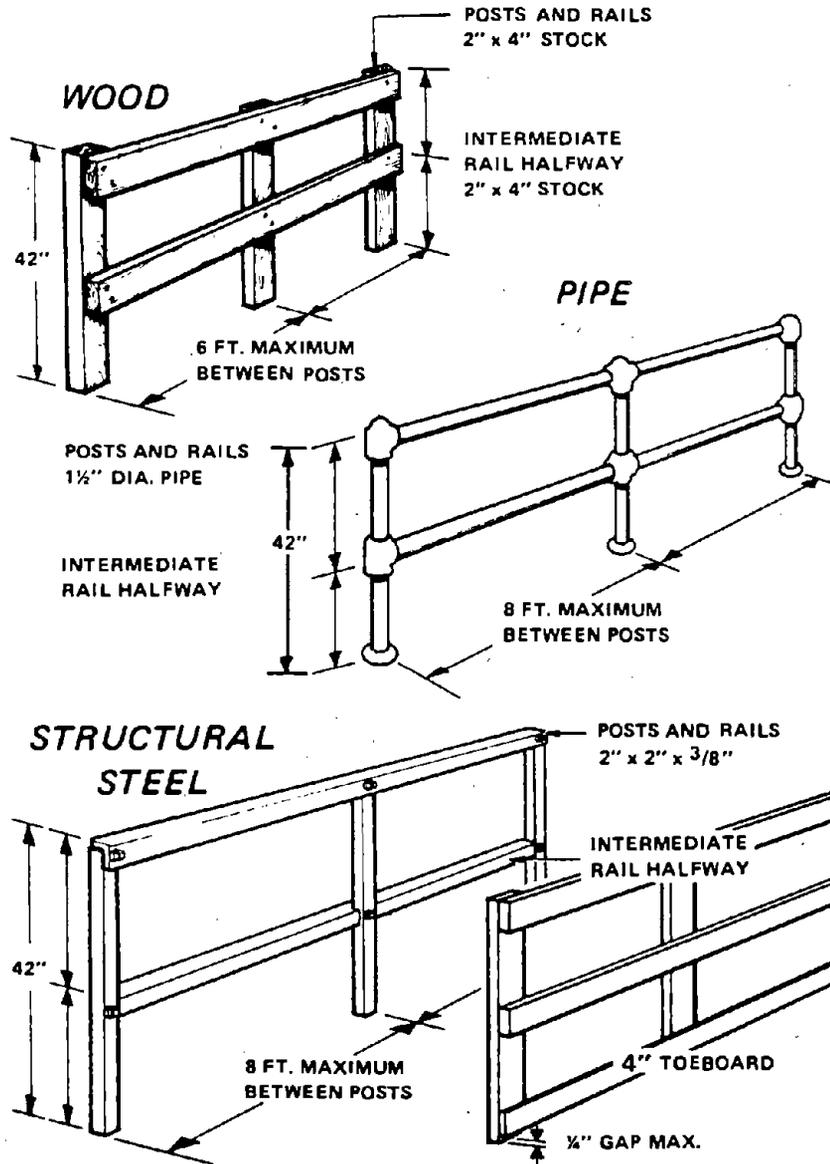
4. Every **runway or catwalk** must have railings on all open sides 4 feet or more above ground or floor level.

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## FREQUENTLY VIOLATED REGULATIONS WALKING AND WORKING SURFACES (cont.)

As a general condition: A standard toeboard and railing are required wherever people walk beneath the open sides of a platform or under similar structures or where things could fall from the structure (for example, into machinery below).

### STANDARD RAILINGS AND TOEBOARDS



## FREQUENTLY VIOLATED REGULATIONS EXITS AND EXIT MARKINGS

### EXITS AND EXIT MARKINGS REQUIREMENTS

1. Every exit must have the word "EXIT" in plain legible letters not less than 6 inches high with the strokes of the letters not less than  $\frac{3}{4}$  inches wide.

2. Doors, passageways, or stairways which are neither exits nor ways to an exit, but may be mistaken for an exit, must be clearly marked "NOT AN EXIT" or must be marked by a sign indicating their actual use e.g., "STORAGE ROOM", "TO BASEMENT", etc.



3. When the direction to the nearest exit may not be apparent to an occupant, an exit sign with an arrow indicating direction must be used.

4. Exit access must be arranged so that it is unnecessary to travel toward any area of high hazard potential in order to reach the nearest exit (unless the path of travel is effectively shielded by suitable partitions or other physical barriers).

5. Nothing may impair the visibility of the exit sign, such as decorations, furnishings, or other signs.

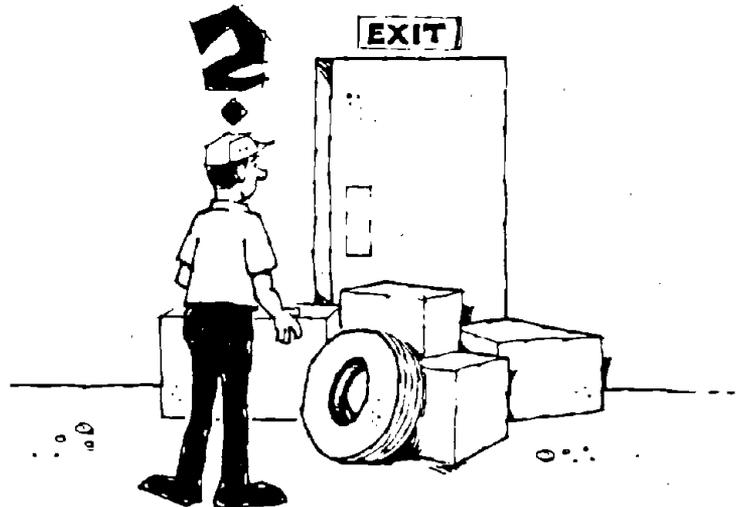
6. Rooms in which flammable or combustible liquids are stored or handled by pumps must have exit facilities arranged to prevent occupants from being trapped in the event of a fire. These exits must be clearly marked and maintained unobstructed.

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## **FREQUENTLY VIOLATED REGULATIONS EXITS AND EXIT MARKINGS (cont)**



7. A door from a room to an exit or to a way of exit access must be of the side-hinged swinging type. It must swing out in the direction of travel if:
- a. 50 or more persons occupy a room or
  - b. the exit is for an area of high hazard potential.



8. Areas around exit doors and passageways leading to and from the exit must be free of obstructions. The exit route must lead to a public way.

9. If occupancy is permitted at night, or if normal lighting levels are reduced at times during working hours, exit signs must be suitably illuminated by a reliable light source.

10. No lock or fastening may be used to prevent escape from inside the building.

11. Where occupants may be endangered by the blocking of any single exit due to fire or smoke, there must be at least two means of exit remote from each other.

## FREQUENTLY VIOLATED REGULATIONS OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL

Persons working in service stations are often exposed to dangerous amounts of various gases, dusts and vapors. Because exposure of personnel to these substances is difficult for management to measure, (e.g.—special equipment is needed) excessive exposures often occur without management being aware of it. Some control measures are suggested for the following frequently-observed air contaminants and other hazardous substances.

### 1. Carbon Monoxide (CO)

Any petroleum combustion produces carbon monoxide as one of its by-products. It is a tasteless, odorless gas and a DEADLY poison. If allowed to accumulate it may produce unconsciousness and death in a matter of minutes. Auto exhaust should be removed from the work area by:

- a. Mechanical exhaust ventilation in the repair room, or
- b. by connecting hoses to the tailpipe and exhausting directly outside, or
- c. by using mechanical ventilation connected to the tailpipe.

There would be less loss of building heat by either method (b) or (c) and they also would be more efficient in removing exhaust.

Space heaters should be inspected to make sure they are adequately ventilated and not blocked.

### 2. Asbestos

When individuals repair brakes most of the day or where the linings are machined to fit the drums (especially in small rooms), excessive asbestos exposure could exist. To reduce the operator's exposure, a dust mask should be worn. Dust should be vacuumed (not blown) from the drums and the floor vacuumed.

**FREQUENTLY VIOLATED REGULATIONS  
OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL  
CONTROL (Cont.)****OCCUPATIONAL NOISE EXPOSURE**

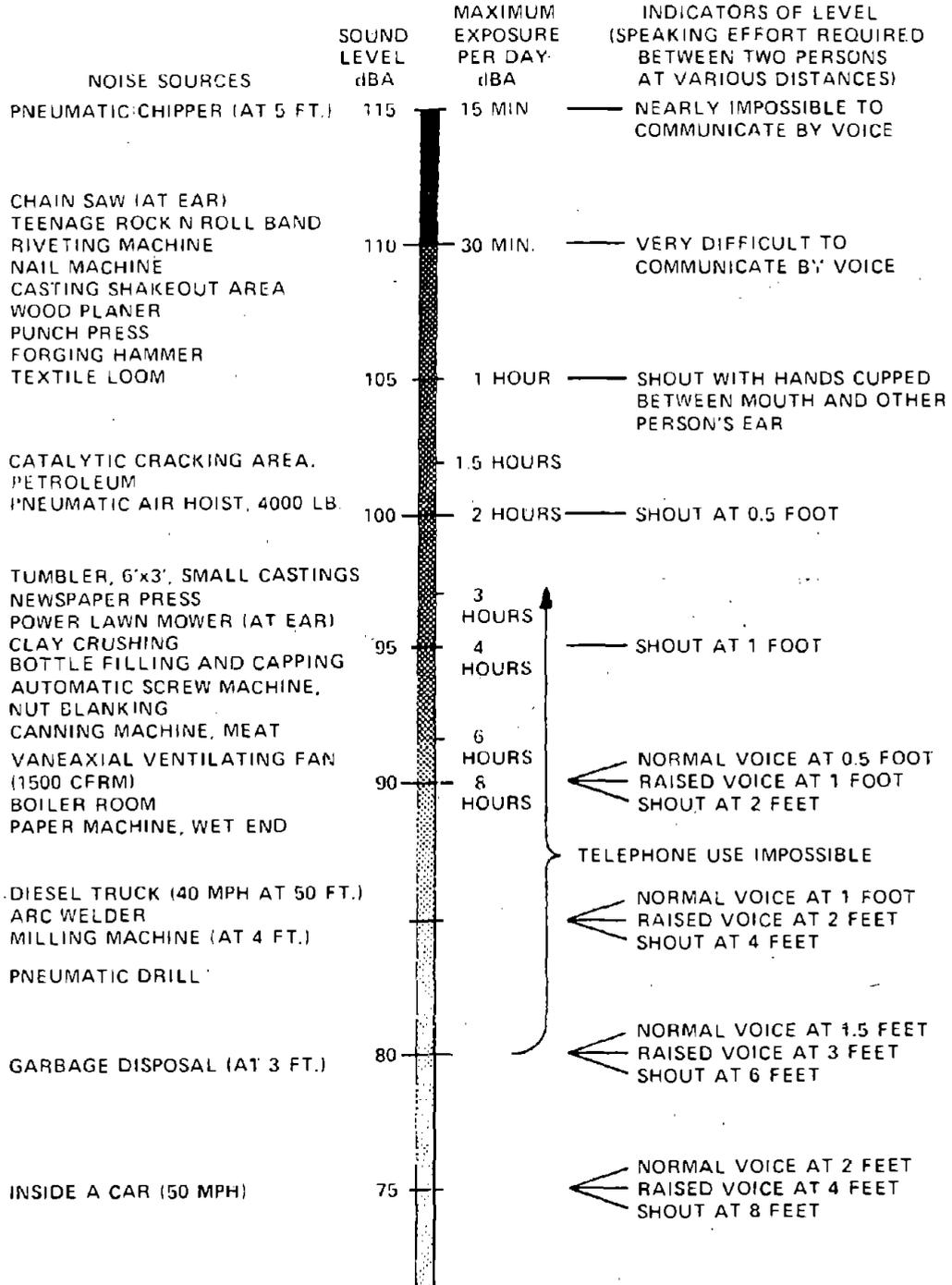
Excessive noise is one of the most commonly violated standards and can cause permanent hearing damage. To protect employees it is management's responsibility to make sure they are not exposed to noise levels in excess of the standards. The current standard is 90 dBA for an 8-hour exposure. Even at this noise level hearing damage can be expected in some individuals. It may soon be a requirement, and it is considered good practice, to have hearing checked (audiometric testing) on an annual basis, for all employees exposed to 85-90 dBA noise levels for 8 hours daily. If no hearing loss is observed, ear protection is not required.

A greater than 90 dBA exposures (8 hours per day) or for higher noise levels in excess of the allowable time (e.g. 100 dBA for 2 hours) a continuing, effective hearing conservation program must be administered. Refer to the following table for estimates of noise levels and the maximum allowable exposure times. It is required that either engineering, such as enclosing noisy equipment, or administrative controls, such as limiting time of exposure, be utilized to reduce noise level or the exposure time to comply with the standard. If these control measures are not feasible, then effective personal protective equipment is required. However, the routine use of this equipment is considered to be an interim measure until controls are feasible. There are many forms and types of ear protection that can be considered from ear muffs to ear plugs. Some are more useful than others, depending on the noise level, the frequency of the noise, and how well they fit the individual. It is necessary to provide protection that is effective and reasonably comfortable to the wearer.

The following table is provided to assist in the evaluation of the noise levels in the workplace. If referral to the table indicates that levels and time of exposure are such that corrective action is needed, it is recommended that professional help be sought to correct the problem. A noise survey by adequately equipped and trained personnel should be made before implementing engineering and administrative controls, and/or setting up a hearing conservation program.

## FREQUENTLY VIOLATED REGULATIONS OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL (Cont.)

### PERMISSIBLE NOISE EXPOSURES



## FREQUENTLY VIOLATED REGULATIONS HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

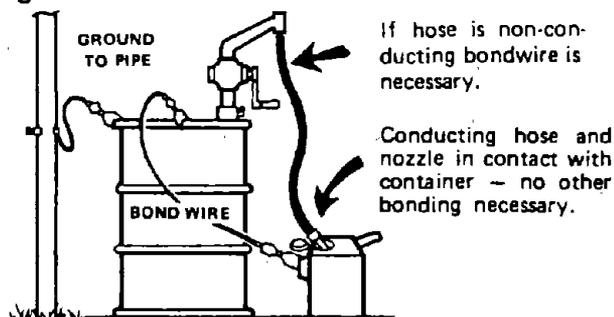
Many flammable and combustible materials are used in service stations. They include paints, thinners, solvents for cleaning parts, gasoline, oils and others.

### STORAGE

1. Paints, thinners, etc., must be stored in approved storage cabinets [Underwriters Laboratory (UL), or Factory Mutual Engineering Corp.] or rooms.
2. Storage rooms are required to have:
  - a. Explosion-proof lights.
  - b. Ventilation with at least 6 air changes per hour.
3. Never have more than 1 day's supply of paint outside of approved storage areas.

### FLAMMABLE AND COMBUSTIBLE LIQUIDS

1. The connections on all drums and piped flammable and combustible liquids must be vapor and liquid tight.
2. When flammable liquids are transferred from one container to another, they must be effectively bonded together and also to ground.



3. All spills of flammable or combustible liquids must be cleaned up promptly.
4. Gas, paint thinners, etc., must be stored in approved fire-resistant safety containers. Approved containers can be purchased in an industrial supply house. They have flash screens and self-closing lids.
5. All flammable liquids must be kept in closed containers when not in actual use (e.g., parts-cleaning tanks and pans, etc.).
6. Combustible waste materials, such as oily shop rags, paint rags, etc., must be stored in covered metal containers and disposed of daily.
7. Do not use gasoline for cleaning.

## **FREQUENTLY VIOLATED REGULATIONS HAZARDOUS MATERIALS (Cont.)**

### **UNDERGROUND TANK VENTS FOR FLAMMABLE LIQUIDS**

1. Vent pipes from underground gasoline and fuel oil tanks must be located so the discharge point is: outside of the building; higher than the fill pipe opening; and not less than 12 feet above the adjacent ground level.

2. Employers must make sure that vent pipe openings are located so that flammable vapors will not enter doors, windows, or become trapped under eaves or other obstructions. It is important that vent pipes discharge only upward in order to disperse the vapors.

3. If the vent pipe has an inside diameter greater than 2 inches, the outlet must have a vacuum and pressure-relief device, or a flame arrester.

4. Each of the underground tanks must be vented through piping adequate in size to prevent blow back of any vapor or liquid at the fill opening while the tank is being filled. Vent pipes must not be less than 1¼ inches inside diameter.

### **UNDERGROUND TANK OPENINGS (OTHER THAN VENTS)**

1. Connections for all tank openings must be vapor or liquid-tight and properly identified.

2. If the openings for manual gaging are independent of the fill pipe, the openings must have a liquid-tight cover. If the gaging openings are located inside a building, each of the openings must be protected against liquid overflow and possible vapor release. A spring-loaded check valve or other device can provide this necessary protection.

3. Filling and emptying connections that are made and broken must be: located outside of the building; free from any source of ignition; and five feet or more away from any door or window.

4. When filling and emptying connections are not being used, they must be closed and be liquid-tight.

5. The tank's contents must be identified.

## **FREQUENTLY VIOLATED REGULATIONS PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT**

Protective equipment for the eyes, face, head, hands, feet and any other part of the body must be provided to the worker wherever environment, processes or functions present hazards that might cause injury or physical impairment unless protective equipment is used.

These hazards may be chemical or mechanical that endanger the worker by absorption, inhalation or physical contact.

The protective equipment may be special clothing, respiratory devices, protective shields, or barriers. This equipment must be kept in a reliable and sanitary condition.

If the employee furnishes his own protective equipment, the employer will be responsible for its adequacy and condition.

All personal protective equipment must be safely designed and constructed to protect the worker from hazards inherent in the work performed.

1. Protective eye and face equipment is required where there is a reasonable chance of injury that can be prevented by such equipment.

2. When machines or operations present hazards such as flying objects, glare, and the chance of liquid splatter, suitable eye protectors must be provided.

3. Where there is a reasonable probability of foot or toe injury from impact and compression forces, safety footwear must be provided.

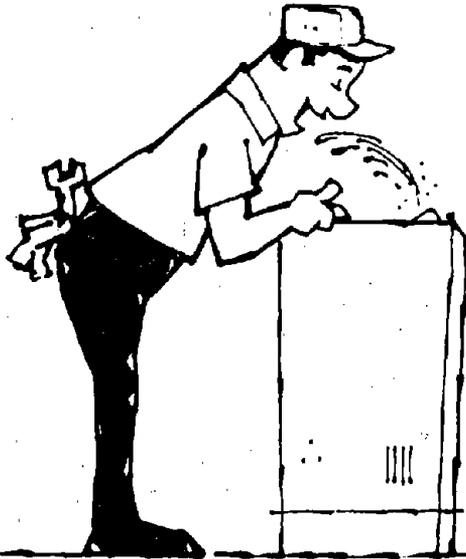
4. When employees are working in an area where they may be exposed to toxic or corrosive liquids, proper boots, gloves and aprons that are impervious to the liquids must be provided.

5. Protective equipment is required if administrative or engineering controls fail to reduce sound levels to within acceptable limits.

## **FREQUENTLY VIOLATED REGULATIONS**

### **SANITATION**

Federal Standards for Occupational Safety and Health which apply to your place of business require that:



1. Safe drinking water is provided in all places of employment. A common drinking cup is forbidden.
2. Receptacles for waste food are to be covered and kept in a clean and sanitary condition.
3. Restrooms are kept in a clean and sanitary condition, including covered containers for sanitary napkins.



4. Toilet facilities are provided for each sex, except where the toilet room will be occupied by only one person at a time. It is necessary that the toilet can be locked from the inside, and that it contain at least one water basin.

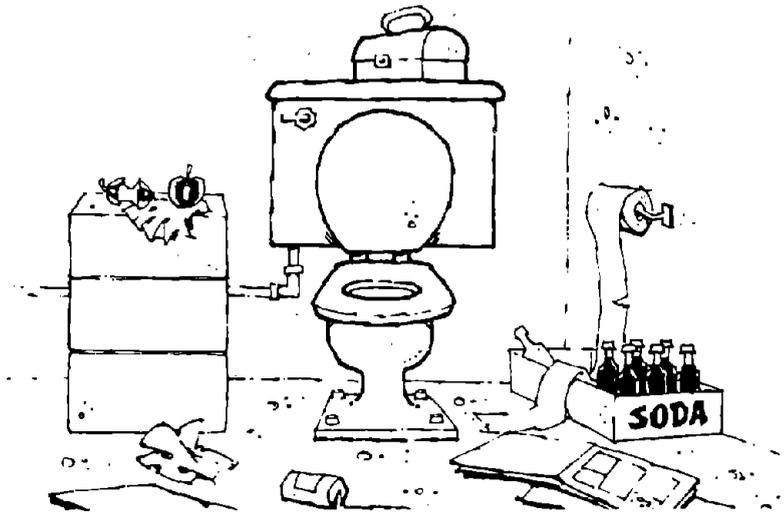
## FREQUENTLY VIOLATED REGULATIONS SANITATION (Cont.)

5. Approximately one toilet and one lavatory should be provided for every fifteen employees.

6. Each lavatory has hot and cold or tepid running water, hand soap, hand towels, cloth or paper, or warm air blowers.



7. No employee is allowed to eat or drink in a toilet room or in any area exposed to toxic materials.



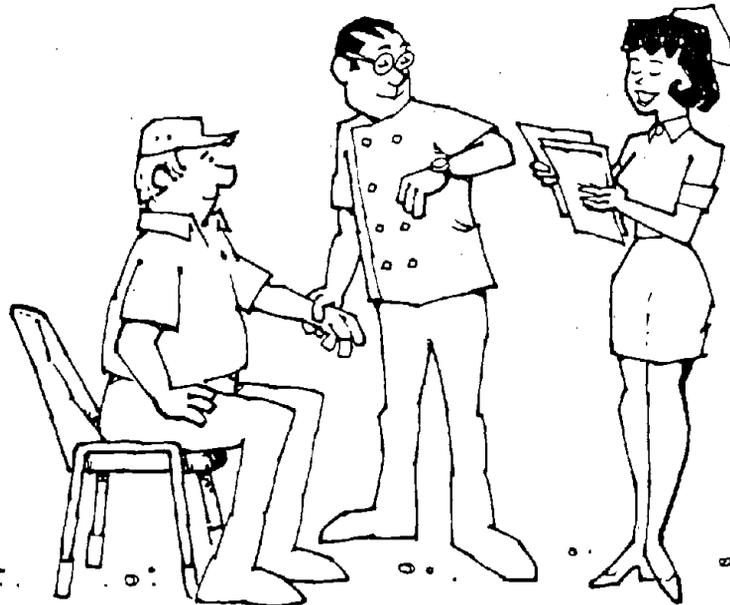
8. No food or beverages are stored in a toilet room or in an area exposed to toxic materials.

## FREQUENTLY VIOLATED REGULATIONS

### MEDICAL AND FIRST AID

The employer interested in maintaining production, preventing loss of work time, receiving efficient employee performance, and achieving good morale, should adopt ways of preserving his employees' health. A good practice is to require pre-placement medical examinations to insure that prospective employees are physically able to do the specific work. Periodic health evaluations for hazardous jobs and early treatment of any illness or injury should also be encouraged. On matters of health, medical personnel must be readily available by phone or on-site for advice and consultation.

Emergency phone numbers should be posted near telephones. Stretchers and warm blankets should be available for prompt transportation of injured or ill employees to a hospital.



In the absence of an infirmary, clinic, or hospital in near proximity to the workplace (usually interpreted to be within 10 minutes under worst conditions) which is used for treatment of all injured employees the following are required:

1. At least one and preferably two employees on each shift should be adequately trained to render first aid. The American Red Cross, the U.S. Bureau of Mines, insurance carrier, local safety councils and others provide acceptable training.

**FREQUENTLY VIOLATED REGULATIONS  
MEDICAL AND FIRST AID (Cont.)**

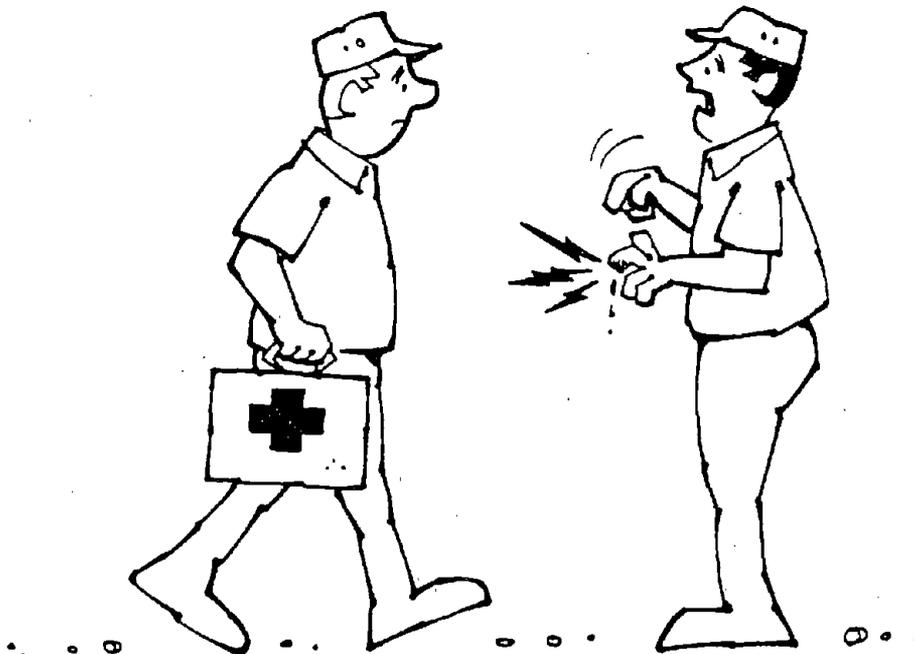
2. First aid kits must be readily available and approved by a consulting physician. The kits should be in sanitary containers with individually sealed packages for material such as gauze, bandages, and dressings that must be sterile. Other items often needed are adhesive tape, triangular bandages (to be used as slings), inflatable plastic splints, scissors and mild soap for cleansing of wounds or cuts.

**Note:**

First aid is immediate, temporary treatment given in the event of accident or illness—before the doctor arrives.

Most states have laws concerning medical practice which establish limits on first aid given by the lay person. Trained employees should understand where first aid ends and treatment by a physician begins.

Refer to **RECORDKEEPING REQUIREMENTS** toward the back of this Guide for records which must be maintained for occupational injuries and illnesses. The Emergency Information Chart (printed inside the back cover of this booklet) may also be helpful.



## FREQUENTLY VIOLATED REGULATIONS FIRE PROTECTION

### Good Housekeeping Helps Prevent Fires

Maintaining a clean and orderly environment reduces the danger of fires. However the "sweep it under the rug" type of cleaning creates new built-in fire hazards. An example of such a hazard is the temporary storing of combustible waste in unsafe areas. Combustible material of any type should be kept only in spaces which are isolated by fire-resistive construction.

Rubbish should not be allowed to accumulate. A routine of safe disposal of rubbish should be followed. If it is necessary to store rubbish or combustible packing materials, a metal receptacle with a tight-fitting cover must be used.

The materials used for cleanup operations can create hazards. Combustible sweeping compounds such as oil-treated sawdust can be a fire hazard. Floor waxes containing low-flash-point solvents can be dangerous, especially when using electric polishers. A water-emulsion wax is preferred. All oily mops and rags must be stored in metal containers to reduce fire hazards.

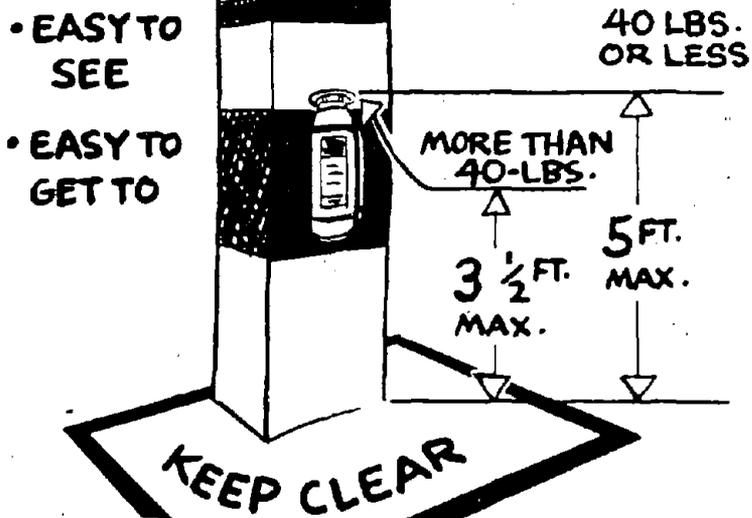
**Some common causes of fires in all businesses are:**

1. Electrical malfunctions
2. Friction
3. Open flames
4. Sparks
5. Hot surfaces and
6. Smoking

Proper maintenance and awareness of these conditions through a safety program can reduce these hazards.



## FREQUENTLY VIOLATED REGULATIONS FIRE PROTECTION (cont.)



### PORTABLE FIRE EXTINGUISHERS MUST:

1. Be kept fully charged and in their designated places.
2. Be located along normal paths of travel.
3. Not be obstructed or obscured from view.
4. Not be mounted higher than 5 feet (to the top of the extinguisher) if 40 pounds or less, or 3½ feet if heavier.
5. Be inspected by management or a designated employee at least monthly to insure that they:
  - a. Are in their designated places.
  - b. Have not been tampered with or actuated.
  - c. Do not have corrosion or other impairment.
6. Be inspected at least yearly and/or recharged or repaired to insure operability and safety; a tag must be attached to show the maintenance or recharge date and signature or initials of the person performing the service.
7. Be hydrostatically tested. The extinguisher sales representative usually will perform this service at appropriate intervals.
8. Be selected on the basis of type of hazard, degree of hazard, and area to be protected.
9. Be placed so that the maximum travel distances, unless there are extremely hazardous conditions, not exceed 75 feet for class A or 50 feet for Class B.

A chart showing fire extinguishers by class and how to use them is located in the back of this book.

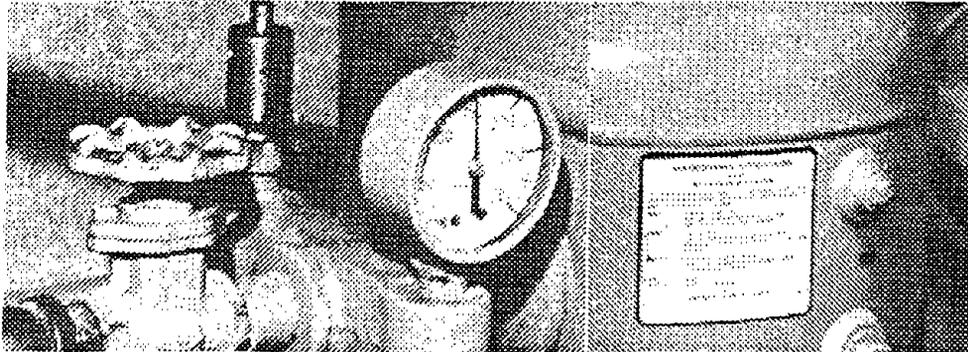
## FREQUENTLY VIOLATED REGULATIONS COMPRESSED AIR EQUIPMENT

Employees should be familiar with the air compressor operating and maintenance instructions.

1. Rotating pulleys and belts on compressor and electric motors must be completely guarded.

2. Any deteriorated flexible cords or plugs on electric motor driven compressors must be periodically checked or replaced.

3. New air tanks, installed after February 15, 1972, must be constructed in accordance with the A.S.M.E. Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code, Section VIII, Division 1. The A.S.M.E. Code requires this information to be permanently stamped on the air tank.



4. The drain valve on the air tank should be opened frequently to prevent excessive accumulation of liquid.

5. Air tanks must be protected by adequate safety-relief valve(s). These valves must be tested at regular intervals to be sure they are in good operating condition.

6. Beware of compressed air—it can be dangerous. Management must prohibit the use of compressed air to blow dirt from clothing or body because it can enter the body through cuts or openings and cause serious harm.

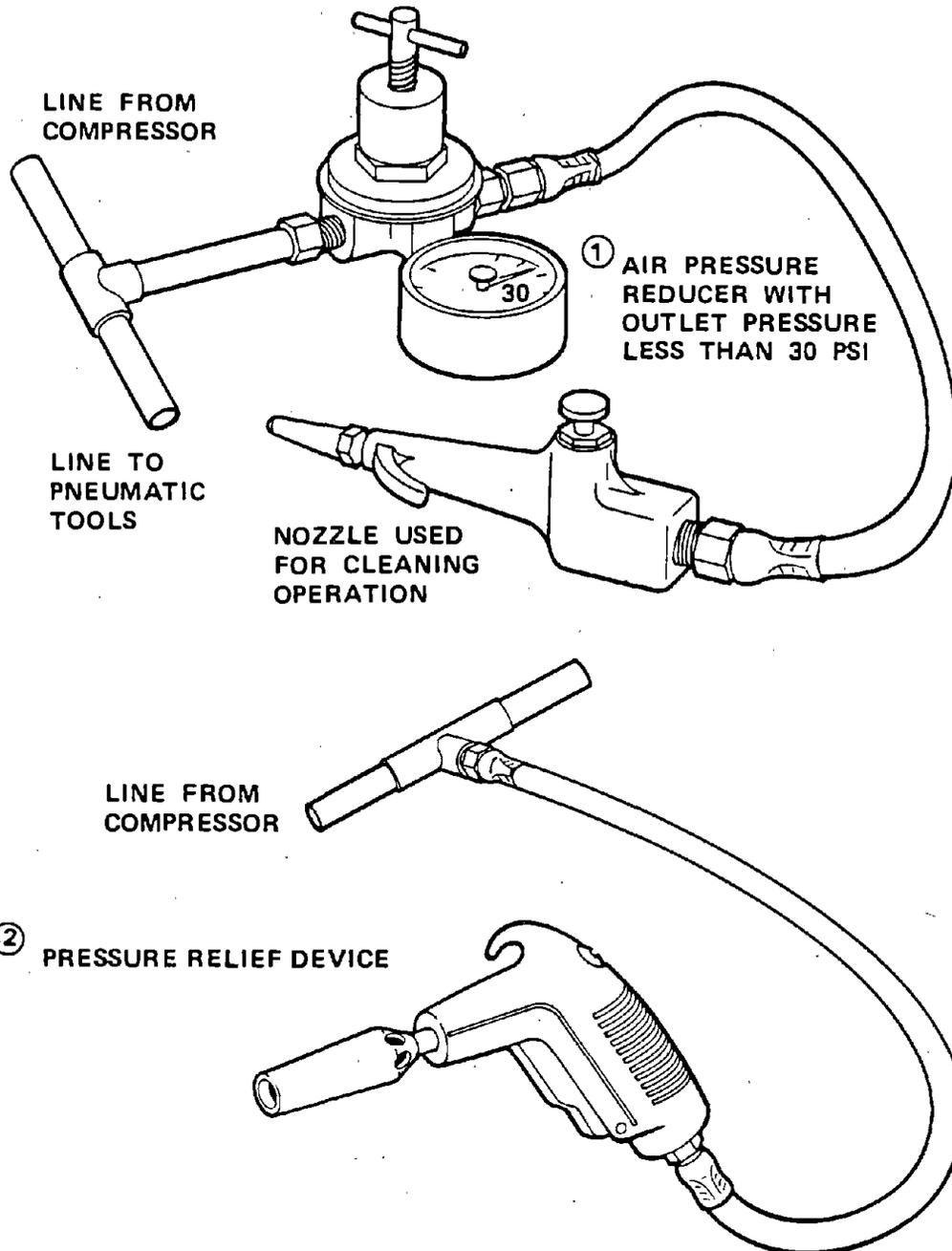
7. The pressure controller and gauge must be maintained in good operating condition.

8. There must be no valves between the air tank and safety valve.



## FREQUENTLY VIOLATED REGULATIONS COMPRESSED AIR EQUIPMENT (Cont.)

The downstream pressure of compressed air used for cleaning purposes must remain at a pressure level below 30 psi whenever the nozzle is dead ended, and then only when effective chip guarding and personal protective equipment are used. Two acceptable methods of meeting this requirement are:



**MACHINE GUARDING**

It is generally recognized that machine guarding is of the utmost importance to protect the employee. In fact, it could be said that the degree to which machines are guarded in an establishment is a reflection of management's interest in providing a safe workplace.

Personnel cannot always be relied upon to act safely enough around machinery in motion to avoid accidents. From time to time, people will react differently to the same environment, because of physical, mental, or emotional changes—sometimes reacting safely, sometimes not. It follows that even the well coordinated and highly trained individual may at times perform unsafe acts which could lead to injury or death.

There are several general types of conditions which require guarding. They are:

1. Power transmission
2. Moving parts
3. Point-of-operation hazards

A few methods of guarding a hazard or hazardous machine operation are:

1. Enclosing the operation. **This method is preferred.**
2. Interlocking out the operation to activate a brake, enclosure, or to preclude actual mechanical action.
3. Automatically limiting the operation with a moving barrier, a removal device, or some similar release devices.
4. Remote control of the operation by remote actuating devices which are located away from the hazard.

**General Requirements for Machine Guarding**

1. One or more methods of machine guarding must be provided to protect the operator and other employees in the machine area from hazards.

2. Guards must be attached to the machine if possible. The guard should be such that it does not constitute a hazard.

3. All fixed machines must be secured to prevent movement.

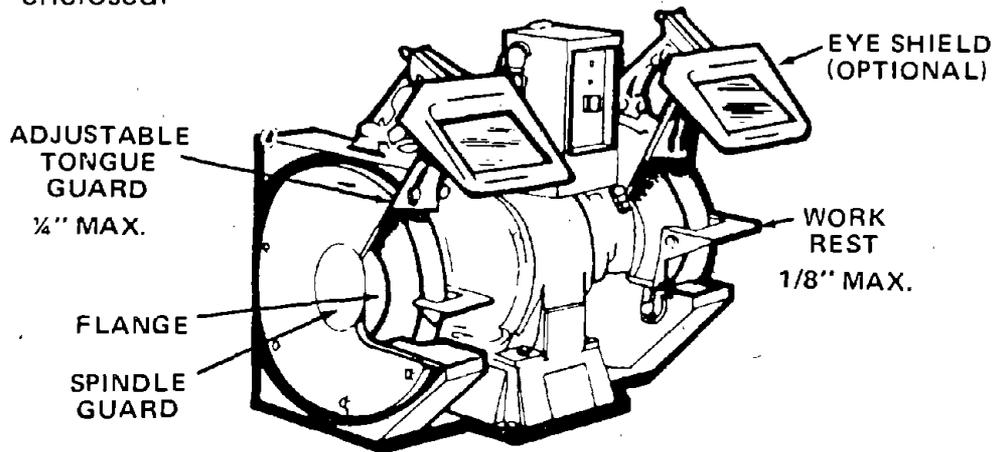
4. The guarding device must conform to appropriate standards, or if no standards exist, be designed and made to prevent the operator from having any part of his body in the danger zone during the operating cycle. Many equipment representatives can assist in obtaining the necessary protective

## FREQUENTLY VIOLATED REGULATIONS MACHINE GUARDING (Cont.)

devices. Also a booklet entitled "The Principles and Techniques of Mechanical Guarding" OSHA 2057 may be obtained by writing to OSHA Regional Offices (listed in the back of this book).

5. All belts, pulleys, chains, sprockets and gears must be effectively guarded.

6. All belts, chain drives, shafting, couplings, keys, collars, clutches located 7 feet or less above the ground, floor, or working platform, must be guarded to prevent accidental contact. V belts and chain drives must be completely enclosed.



### Table Top Grinders:

**Wheel Guard**—Safety guards must cover all abrasive wheels. Check that the safety guard covers the spindle, end nut and flange projection.

The exposed area of the grinding wheel and sides for the safety guards should not exceed more than one-fourth of the entire wheel.

**Work or Tool Rests**—These rests must be of strong construction and designed to be adjustable to compensate for wheel wear. Work rests must be closely adjusted to the wheel, with a maximum clearance of 1/8 inch. This 1/8-inch clearance or less will prevent the work from becoming jammed between the wheel and the work rest.

**Exposure Adjustment or Tongue Guards**—If an operator stands in front of the opening, the safety guard must be constructed so that the tongue guard can be adjusted to the

## FREQUENTLY VIOLATED REGULATIONS MACHINE GUARDING (Cont.)

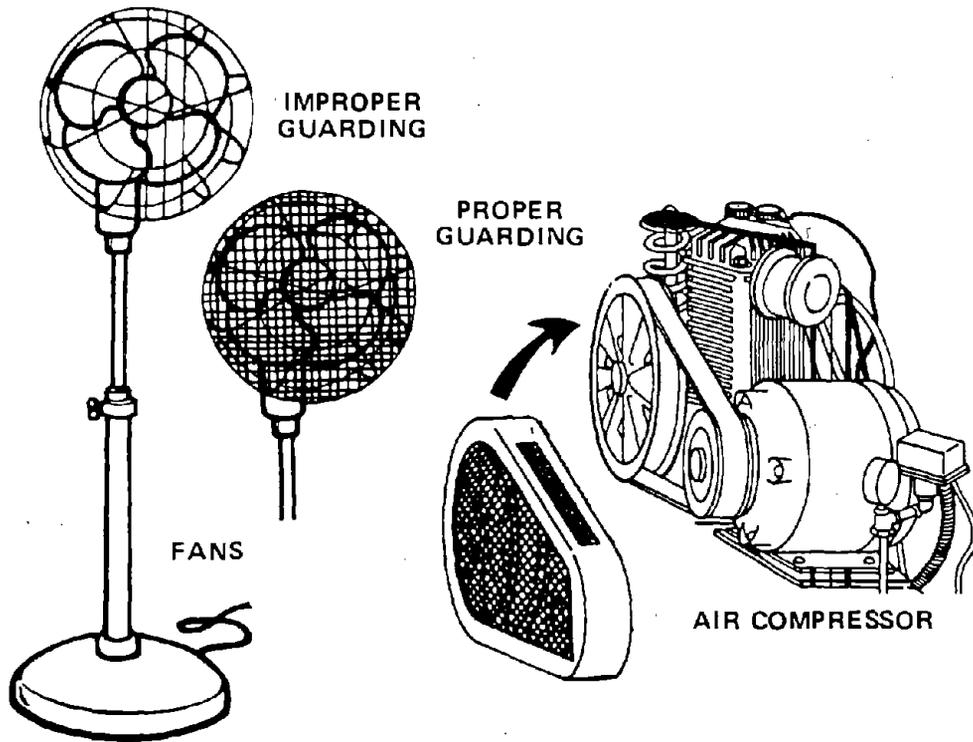
constantly decreasing diameter of the wheel. The distance between the tongue guard and the wheel must never be more than one-fourth inch.

### Bench Grinders:

Must be permanently mounted.

### Goggles or a Face Shield:

Must be worn by the operator.



### Fans:

If located within seven feet of the floor, fans shall be guarded with grille or mesh limiting openings to not more than  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch.

### Air Compressors:

Must have flywheel and drive pulley's enclosed.

## FREQUENTLY VIOLATED REGULATIONS

**HAND AND PORTABLE POWER TOOLS**

Each employer is responsible for the safe condition of tools and equipment used by employees, including tools and equipment which may be furnished by employees.

The following is presented as a partial list of regulations governing use of hand tools.

1. Hammers with broken or cracked handles, chisels and punches with mushroom heads, or bent or broken wrenches should not be used.

2. Hand-held electrical power tools must be equipped with a "dead man" control so that the power is automatically shut off whenever the operator releases the control.

3. All hand-held portable electrical equipment operating at more than 90 volts must have its frame grounded by means of a separate ground wire or be doubly insulated.

**JACKS**

Jacks are often one of the most carelessly used pieces of equipment. Unless the jack is securely positioned on a dry, smooth and clean surface and absolutely perpendicular to the load, there is danger of the car falling off the jack.

1. The rated load shall be legibly and permanently marked on the jack.

2. Each jack shall be regularly inspected:

a. For constant or intermittent use at one locality, once every 6 months.

b. For a jack subjected to abnormal load or shock, immediately before and after using.

3. Jacks which are out of order must be tagged and shall not be used until repaired.

4. Cars on jacks must be cribbed, blocked or secured at once.

## FREQUENTLY VIOLATED REGULATIONS WELDING, CUTTING, AND BRAZING COMPRESSED GAS



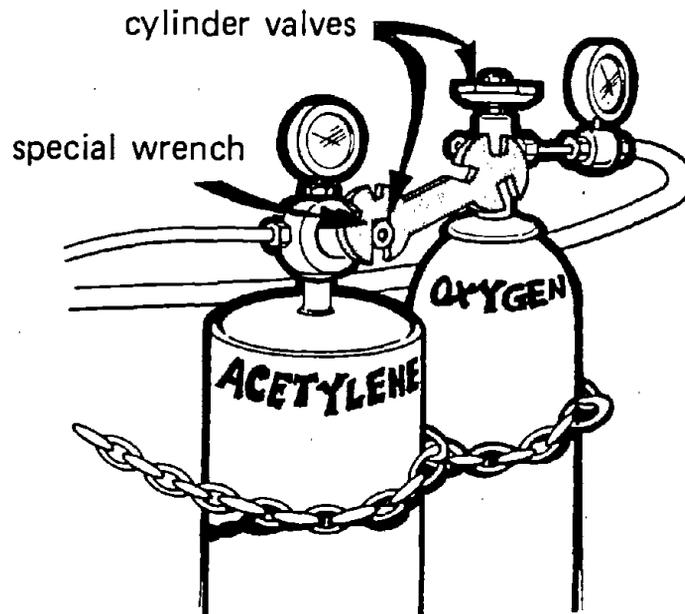
It is required that:

1. All cylinders are away from radiators and other sources of heat.
2. All cylinders stored inside buildings are located in a well-protected, well-ventilated, dry location at least 20 feet from highly combustible materials and away from elevators, stairs, or gangways. They are not to be kept in unventilated enclosures such as lockers and cupboards.
3. Cylinder caps are in place when cylinders are not in use.



4. Stored oxygen cylinders are separated from stored fuel gas cylinders or combustible materials (especially oil or grease) by a minimum distance of 20 feet or by a noncombustible barrier at least 5 feet high and having a one-half hour fire-resistance rating.

## FREQUENTLY VIOLATED REGULATIONS WELDING, CUTTING, AND BRAZING (Cont.)



5. All cylinder valves are closed when work is finished. Where a special wrench is required it must be left in position on the stem of the valve while the cylinder is in use so that the fuel-gas flow can be quickly turned off in case of emergency. In the case of manifolded or coupled cylinders at least one such wrench must always be available for immediate use.

6. All cylinders are legibly marked to identify contents.

7. No cylinder is permitted to stand alone without being secured, to prevent it from toppling over.

8. Acetylene is not used at a pressure in excess of 15 psi gauge, or 30 psi absolute.

9. Indoor storage of compressed gas is limited to total capacity of 2,000 cubic feet or 300 pounds of liquified petroleum gas.

10. Individual booths or non-combustible screens are provided to enclose the welder.

11. Proper eye protection is provided for welders and adjacent persons exposed to flash.

12. Respirators should be worn when welding or cutting in confined spaces and cutting through the leaded joints on roof tops.

## FREQUENTLY VIOLATED REGULATIONS WELDING, CUTTING, AND BRAZING (Cont.)



13. Hoses showing leaks, burns or worn places which render them unfit for service are replaced.

14. Management establish areas for cutting and welding based on the fire potentials of the plant, and procedures for welding and cutting in areas.



15. Cutting or welding is not permitted in the presence of explosive atmospheres which may develop inside uncleaned or improperly prepared tanks or equipment.

16. Periodic inspection of all resistance welding equipment is made by maintenance personnel trained in safety procedures and records of the inspections maintained.

## FREQUENTLY VIOLATED REGULATIONS ELECTRICAL REQUIREMENTS

### THE NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE

The National Electrical Code NFPA 70-1971; ANSI C1-1971 (Rev. of 1968), has been adopted as a national consensus standard and has been incorporated by reference in Subpart S—Electrical, of the Federal Register, 29 CFR 1910.

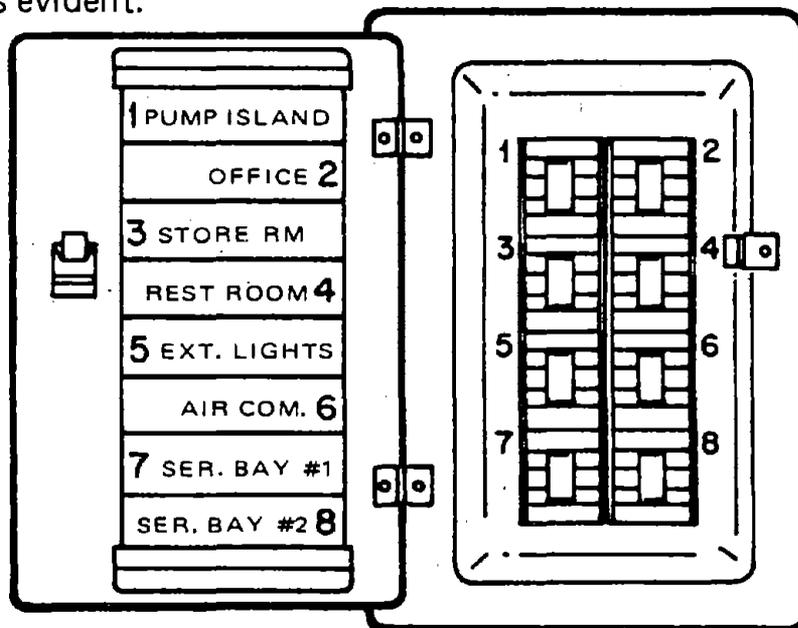
The purpose of the National Electrical Code is the practical safeguarding of any persons and of buildings and their contents from hazards arising from the use of electricity.

The National Electrical Code contains basic minimum provisions considered necessary for safety. **MORE FIRES ARE CAUSED BY ELECTRICAL MALFUNCTION THAN ANY OTHER CAUSE.**

All new electrical equipment and all replacement, repair or modification of existing electrical equipment must be in accordance with the revisions of the NEC, NFPA 70-1971. The electrician should be familiar with these requirements.

Standards pertaining to electrical requirements have been cited as violations more frequently than any other sub-part. It is required that:

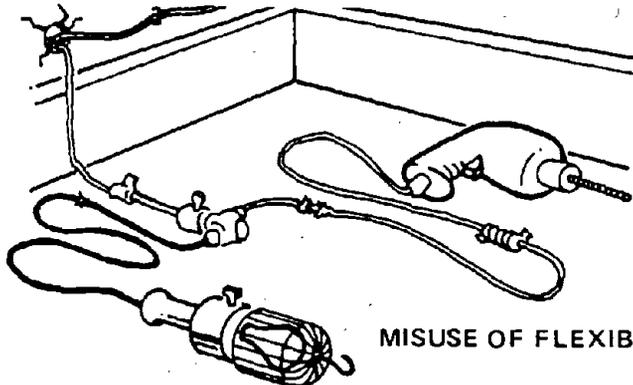
- Each disconnecting means (i.e., circuit breakers; fuse box) must be legibly marked to indicate its purpose unless its purpose is evident.



Proper labelling of circuit breakers.

## **FREQUENTLY VIOLATED REGULATIONS ELECTRICAL REQUIREMENTS (Cont.)**

- Exposed noncurrent-carrying metal parts of fixed equipment that may become energized under abnormal conditions must be grounded:
  - a. In wet or damp locations.
  - b. When in electrical contact with metal.
  - c. When operated in excess of 150 volts to ground.
- Exposed noncurrent-carrying metal parts of cord and plug-connected equipment, which are liable to become energized, must be grounded.
  - Wherever wires are joined, such as at outlets, switches, junction boxes, etc., they must be covered.
  - Parts of electrical equipment which in ordinary operation produce arcs, sparks, etc. must be enclosed unless they are separated and isolated from all combustible material.



- Flexible cords may not be used:
  - a. As a substitute for fixed wiring.
  - b. Where run through holes in walls, ceilings, or floors.
  - c. Where attached to building surfaces.
- Flexible cords must be:
  - a. Continuous lengths without splices or taps.
  - b. Fastened so that there is no pull on joints or screws.
  - c. Replaced when frayed or insulation deteriorated.
  - d. Equipment connected by flexible cords must be grounded either by a 3 wire cord or by a separate groundwire.

**FREQUENTLY VIOLATED REGULATIONS  
ELECTRICAL REQUIREMENTS (Cont.)**

- A switch or circuit breaker in a wet location or outside of a building must be enclosed in a weatherproof enclosure.
- In damp or wet locations, cabinets and cutout boxes of the surface type must be weatherproof and so placed or equipped as to prevent moisture or water from entering and accumulating within the cabinet or cutout box, and be mounted so there is at least ¼-inch of air space between the enclosure and the wall or other supporting surface. It is recommended that boxes of nonconductive material be used with nonmetallic-sheathed cable.

In locations where walls are frequently washed or where there are surfaces of absorbent materials, such as damp paper or wood the entire wiring system, including all boxes, fittings, conduits and cable used must be mounted so that there is at least a ¼-inch air space between it and the wall or supporting surface.

- Parts of electrical equipment which in ordinary operation produce arcs, sparks, etc. must be enclosed unless they are separated and isolated from all combustible materials.

There are hazardous areas in service stations which necessitate the following requirements for portable lamps:

- Portable lamps must be equipped with handle, lamp-holder, hook and substantial guard attached to the lamp-holder or handle. All exterior surfaces which might come in contact with battery terminals, wiring terminals, or other objects must be of nonconducting material or must be effectively protected with insulation. Lampholders must be of unswitched type, and must not provide means for plug-in of attachment plugs. Outer shell must be of moulded composition or other material approved for the purpose, and metal-shell, lined lampholders, either of switched or unswitched type, must not be used.

## **RECORDKEEPING REQUIREMENTS**

Recordkeeping requirements under the OSHA law have the purpose of storing factual information about accidents that have happened. These records provide the employer with a measure for evaluating the success of his safety and health activities, and of identifying those high risk areas of the business to which his attention should be directed. Federal regulations require that employers with eleven or more employees at any time during the calendar year are required to complete OSHA Forms 100, 101, and 102 (or their equivalent). These records must be maintained for five years (excluding the year to which they apply) and kept current to within six days.

Four important steps in the recordkeeping procedure are:

1. The employer obtains a report of every work-related injury or illness requiring medical treatment.
2. He records each injury on OSHA Form 100 (or its equivalent).
3. He prepares a supplementary record of occupational injuries and illnesses of recordable cases on OSHA Form 101 (or equivalent).
4. Finally, he prepares an annual Summary, OSHA Form 102 (or its equivalent) and posts it from February 1 to March 1 of each year.

The types of work-related injuries and illnesses which must be recorded are those involving fatalities, lost workdays, or those which are non-fatal and do not cause lost workdays for the employee, but do require medical treatment, job transfer or termination, or resulted in loss of consciousness or loss of motion. Employers are also required to report within 48 hours to OSHA any occurrence of a work-related fatal accident, or an accident requiring the hospitalization of five or more employees.

Employers may be required to maintain accurate records of potentially toxic or harmful physical agents which must be monitored or measured, and to promptly advise any employee of any excessive exposure and the corrective action undertaken.

For more detailed information the booklet **Recordkeeping Requirements Under the Williams-Steiger Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970** is available from OSHA.

## RECORD KEEPING REQUIREMENTS (Cont.)

# job safety and health protection

**Citation:**

If upon inspection OSHA believes an employer has violated the Act, a citation alleging such violations will be issued to the employer. Each citation will specify a time period within which the alleged violation must be corrected.

The OSHA citation must be prominently displayed at or near the place of alleged violation for three days or until it is corrected, whichever is later, to warn employees of dangers that may exist there.

**Proposed Penalty:**

The Act provides for mandatory penalties against employers of up to \$1,000 for each serious violation and for optional penalties of up to \$1,000 for each nonserious violation. Penalties of up to \$1,000 per day may be proposed for failure to correct violations within the proposed time period. Also any employer who willfully or repeatedly violates the Act may be assessed penalties of up to \$10,000 for each such violation.

Criminal penalties are also provided for in the Act. Any willful violation resulting in death of an employee upon conviction is punishable by a fine of not more than \$10,000 or by imprisonment for not more than six months, or by both. Conviction of an employer after a first conviction doubles these maximum penalties.

**Voluntary Activity:**

While providing penalties for violations, the Act also encourages efforts by labor and management before an OSHA inspection to reduce injuries and illnesses arising out of employment.

**More Information:**

Additional information and copies of the Act, specific OSHA safety and health standards, and other applicable regulations may be obtained from the nearest OSHA Regional Office in the following locations:

Atlanta, Georgia  
Boston, Massachusetts  
Chicago, Illinois  
Dallas, Texas  
Denver, Colorado  
Kansas City, Missouri  
New York, New York  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
San Francisco, California  
Seattle, Washington

Telephone numbers for these offices, and additional Area Office locations, are listed in the telephone directory under the United States Department of Labor in the United States Government listing.

The Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 provides job safety and health protection for workers through the promotion of safe and healthful working conditions throughout the Nation. Requirements of the Act include the following:

**Employers:**

Each employer shall furnish to each of his employees employment and a place of employment free from recognized hazards that are causing or are likely to cause death or serious harm to his employees, and shall comply with occupational safety and health standards issued under the Act.

**Employees:**

Each employee shall comply with all occupational safety and health standards, rules, regulations and orders issued under the Act that apply to his own actions and conduct on the job.

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) of the Department of Labor has the primary responsibility for administering the Act. OSHA issues occupational safety and health standards, and its Compliance Safety and Health Officers conduct jobsite inspections to ensure compliance with the Act.

**Inspection:**

The Act requires that a representative of the employer and a representative authorized by the employees be given an opportunity to accompany the OSHA inspector for the purpose of aiding the inspection.

Where there is no authorized employee representative, the OSHA Compliance Officer must consult with a reasonable number of employees concerning safety and health conditions in the workplace.

**Complaint:**

Employees or their representatives have the right to file a complaint with the nearest OSHA office requesting an inspection if they believe unsafe or unhealthful conditions exist in their workplace. OSHA will withhold on request names of employees complaining.

The Act provides that employees may not be discharged or discriminated against in any way for filing safety and health complaints or otherwise exercising their rights under the Act.

An employee who believes he has been discriminated against may file a complaint with the nearest OSHA office within 30 days of the alleged discrimination.



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Employers must post one of the full size versions (10x16) of this type of OSHA poster or a state-approved poster where required.

## CHECKLISTS

Since safe conditions depend on vigilance for possible hazards and immediate remedial action, periodic inspections are one of the most important aspects of a successful safety and health program.

Management will find a checklist, such as the one presented on the following pages, of help in performing a self-inspection of its facility. Because businesses vary, it is best that each business develop its own tailor-made list from the information in this booklet and a walk-through inspection of the operation.

Then, using this checklist, the manager, supervisor, or employee representative makes periodic inspections (preferably at least once each month) to correct problem areas that have "NO" checked.

Reference made in the CHECKLIST subtitles refers to appropriate sections of Title 29 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), commonly called the "1910 Occupational Health and Safety Standards".



## CHECKLISTS (Cont.)

### WALKING AND WORKING SURFACES

#### AISLES AND FLOORS (29CFR 1910.22)

- |   | Yes                      | No                       |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Are all places of employment kept clean and orderly? _____  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Are floors, aisles and passageways kept clean and dry and all spills of oil or grease cleaned up immediately? _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Are floor holes, such as drains, covered?<br>_____  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Are permanent aisles appropriately marked?<br>_____   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Are all working surfaces, such as aisles and service bays free from clutter or obstructions? _____                  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

#### STORAGE LOFTS, SECOND FLOORS, ETC. (29CFR 1910.22, .23)

- |  |                          |                          |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Are signs showing floor-load capacity present?<br>_____  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Are racks and platforms always loaded within the limits of their capacity? _____   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Are storage lofts, balconies, etc., that are more than 4 feet above the floor protected with standard guardrails? _____                    | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Are all lofts and balconies where people or machinery could be exposed to falling objects guarded with standard 4 inch toeboards?<br>_____ | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Is the safety leg or hoist safety pin always positioned when using lifts? _____  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| When using a lift, is each vehicle checked for proper positioning just after wheels have left the floor? _____                             | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

## CHECKLISTS (Cont.)

### STAIRS (29CFR 1910.24)

Are there standard stair rails (34") on all stairways of more than 4 stairs? Yes    No

\_\_\_\_\_    

Are there standard stair rails (34") on all stairways having open sides?

\_\_\_\_\_    

Are all stairways at least 22 inches wide?

\_\_\_\_\_    

Do stairs have at least a 7-foot overhead clearance? \_\_\_\_\_

Do stairs angle no more than 50° and no less than 30° (preferred angle)?

\_\_\_\_\_    

Are stairs and rack surfaces maintained free of tripping and slipping hazards?

\_\_\_\_\_    

### LADDERS (29CFR 1910.25., .26, .27)

Have defective ladders (e.g. broken rungs, side rails, etc.) been removed from service for repair or destruction and tagged as "Dangerous Do Not Use"?

\_\_\_\_\_    

Is it prohibited to use the top of an ordinary step ladder as a step?

\_\_\_\_\_    

Do fixed ladders have at least 3½ feet extensions at the top of the landing?

\_\_\_\_\_    

Do portable rung ladders have non-slip bases?

\_\_\_\_\_

**CHECKLISTS (Cont.)**

Is the distance between the centerline of rungs on a fixed ladder and the nearest permanent object in back of the ladder at least 7"?

Yes No

Do all fixed ladders have a preferred angle of 75°-90°?

**EGRESS (29CFR 1910.36-.38)**

Are all exits marked with an exit sign and illuminated by a reliable light source?

Is the lettering at least 6 inches high with the principal letter strokes at least 3/4-inch wide?

Is the direction of exits, when not immediately apparent, marked with visible signs?

Are doors or other passageways, that are neither exits nor access to an exit, and located where they may be mistaken for exits, appropriately marked "Not An Exit", "To Basement", "Storeroom", etc.?

Are exit doors side-hinged?

Are all doors that must be passed through to reach an exit or way to an exit, always free to access with no possibility of a person being locked inside?

Are all exits always kept free of obstructions?

**CHECKLISTS (Cont.)****OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL (29CFR 1910.93, .94, .95)**

	Yes	No
Are the tail-pipe exhaust systems in good working order (not plugged, no broken hoses, etc.)? _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are engines turned off except when using the tail pipe exhaust system? _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are the gas space heaters properly vented? _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are employees properly protected during dusty and noisy work processes? _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is dust vacuumed wherever possible, rather than blown or swept? _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are solvent soaked, greasy, or oily rags and combustible materials disposed of in covered metal containers and emptied daily? _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**HAZARDOUS MATERIALS (29CFR 1910.101)  
FLAMMABLE AND COMBUSTIBLE LIQUIDS**

	Yes	No
Is paint stored in approved metal or wood cabinets or storage rooms? _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do storage rooms have explosion proof lights? _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is non-flammable solvent used in the parts cleaner? _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**CHECKLISTS (Cont.)**

Are no-smoking regulations observed—particularly at the gasoline pumps?  
\_\_\_\_\_

Have employees been told not to use gasoline for any cleaning of hands?  
\_\_\_\_\_

Do storage rooms have mechanical or gravity ventilation (at least 6 air changes per hour)?  
\_\_\_\_\_

Are bulk drums of flammable liquids grounded and bonded to containers during dispensing? \_\_\_\_\_

Is there never more than 1 day's supply of paint outside of approved storage cabinet or room? \_\_\_\_\_

Are all spills of flammable or combustible liquids cleaned up promptly?  
\_\_\_\_\_

Is the battery charging area ventilated and designated as a NO SMOKING area?  
\_\_\_\_\_

**PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT  
(29CFR 1910.132-137)**

Yes      No

Is eye protection provided and used when using bench grinders, right angle grinders, etc.?  
\_\_\_\_\_

Are rubber gloves provided and worn when cleaning parts, handling body fillers, paint thinners, etc.?  
\_\_\_\_\_

## CHECKLISTS (Cont.)

Are respirators provided and worn during dusty operations, paint spraying, etc.?  
\_\_\_\_\_

Are employees thoroughly trained and supervised in the use of respirators and is respiratory equipment maintained in sanitary condition and good working order?  
\_\_\_\_\_

Are ear plugs or muffs provided and worn during noisy conditions?  
\_\_\_\_\_

Is eye protection used when working under vehicles? \_\_\_\_\_

Is a heavy cloth placed over the radiator cap when opening it to protect hands and face from steam and hot coolant? (safe practice)  
\_\_\_\_\_

Is a battery carrier strap used when handling batteries? (safe practice)  
\_\_\_\_\_

## SANITATION (29 CFR 1910.141-149)

Yes    No

Are restrooms and wash rooms kept in clean and sanitary condition?  
\_\_\_\_\_

Are covered receptacles for waste food kept in a clean and sanitary condition?  
\_\_\_\_\_

Are covered receptacles provided in the women's rest room for sanitary napkins?  
\_\_\_\_\_

## MEDICAL AND FIRST AID (29CFR 1910.151)

Yes    No

In the absence of a nearby clinic or hospital, is at least one employee on each shift currently qualified to render first aid? (Some states require first aid trained persons regardless of nearby clinics or hospitals.)  
\_\_\_\_\_

Are approved first aid supplies readily available, inspected and replenished?  
\_\_\_\_\_

## CHECKLISTS (Cont.)

### FIRE PROTECTION (29 CFR 1910.157, .159, .160)

	Yes	No
Are extinguishers selected for type of materials in areas where they are to be used? Class A. Ordinary combustible-material fires Class B. Flammable liquid, gas or grease fires Class C. Energized electrical-equipment fires	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are extinguishers fully charged and mounted in designated places?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are extinguishers located along normal paths of travel?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are extinguishers free from obstruction or blockage?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are extinguishers not mounted too high? If less than 40 lbs., the top must be below 5 ft. above floor—greater than 40 lbs., the top must be below 3½ ft. above floor.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have all extinguishers been serviced, maintained and tagged at intervals not to exceed 1 year?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are all extinguishers checked (by management or designated employee) monthly to see if they are in place or if they have been activated, etc.?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have all extinguishers been hydrostatically tested according to schedules set for the type of extinguisher?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## CHECKLISTS (Cont.)

### COMPRESSED AIR EQUIPMENT (29CFR 1910.169)

- |  | Yes                      | No                       |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Is compressed air which is used for cleaning reduced to 30 psi when dead ended? (Can be accomplished by using special nozzles or air pressure reducing valves).<br>_____ | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Are compressed air tanks drained regularly?<br>_____   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Do the relief valves operate properly?<br>_____  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

### MACHINE AND MACHINE GUARDING (29CFR 1910.212)

- |  |                          |                          |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Are all points of power transmission properly guarded? (e.g. belts and pulleys on motors, compressors, rotating shafts; sprockets and gears, etc.) _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Are all pieces of equipment with an electric motor or any electrical connection effectively grounded? _____  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Are all fan blades seven feet or less from the floor guarded in such a manner that there exist no openings greater than 1/2 inch?<br>_____               | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Is all fixed machinery securely anchored to prevent movement?<br>_____   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Are sprockets and V-belt drives within reach of platforms and passageways or less than 7 feet from the floor completely enclosed?<br>_____               | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**CHECKLISTS (Cont.)**

	Yes	No
Is the adjustable tongue on top side of grinder used and kept adjusted to within 1/4" of wheel? _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are spindle guards being used? _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are bench and pedestal grinders permanently mounted? _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are goggles or face shields always worn when grinding? _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**HAND AND PORTABLE POWER TOOLS (29CFR 1910.242-244)**

Have mushroomed heads on chisels, punches, etc. been replaced? _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have broken hammer handles been replaced? _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have worn or bent wrenches been replaced? _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have deteriorated air hoses been replaced? _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are portable abrasive wheels appropriately guarded (eg. right angle grinders)? _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**CHECKLISTS (Cont.)****JACKS**

Yes No

Are jacks checked periodically to see if they are in good condition?  
\_\_\_\_\_

Are cars on jacks cribbed, blocked or secured at once? \_\_\_\_\_

Are support stands always used after the vehicle has been raised with a hydraulic jack?  
\_\_\_\_\_

 **SUBPART Q****WELDING, CUTTING, BRAZING (29CFR 1910.252)**

Are cylinders stored away from heat?  
\_\_\_\_\_

Are gas cylinders and oxygen cylinders separated by 20 feet or a barrier 5 feet high?  
\_\_\_\_\_

Are cylinders secured and stored where they cannot be knocked over?  
\_\_\_\_\_

Are cylinder protective caps in place when not in use?  
\_\_\_\_\_

Are the valves shut off when not in use?  
\_\_\_\_\_

Are flash shields provided to protect nearby workers from the welding flash?  
\_\_\_\_\_

Is ventilation or are respirators provided when welding or cutting in confined spaces?  
\_\_\_\_\_

Is welding always conducted at a safe distance from flammable liquids?  
\_\_\_\_\_

## CHECKLISTS (Cont.)

### LIFTS

- |   | Yes                      | No                       |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Do employees stand to one side of vehicles when directing them into position over the lift? _____   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Are hoist controls manually operated and not blocked into the open or shut position?<br>_____   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Are loads squarely engaged, and neither the lift nor adapter overloaded?<br>_____   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| If a lift is equipped with a mechanical locking device, is it made certain that the device is in place when the lift is up?<br>_____                      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Do you make certain that when a lift malfunctions it is removed from service and repaired immediately?<br>_____   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Are employees instructed to make certain that grates over floor drains are large enough to cover the floor drain opening and are securely in place? _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

### TIRE REPAIR

Is a safety rack, cage or equivalent protection provided when inflating, mounting, or dismounting tires installed on split rims or rims equipped with locking rims or similar devices (particularly truck tires)?  
\_\_\_\_\_

### BATTERY CHARGING

Hydrogen is emitted during battery charging and must be vented to prevent explosions in the presence of a spark. "NO SMOKING" signs should be posted in this area.

**CHECKLISTS (Cont.)****NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE****ELECTRICAL WIRING**

Yes      No

Is electrical equipment accessible, in good repair and approved for the location?  
\_\_\_\_\_

Have exposed wires, frayed cords, deteriorated insulation been repaired or replaced?  
\_\_\_\_\_

Are junction boxes, outlets, switches, etc. covered? \_\_\_\_\_

Are breaker switches identified as to their use? \_\_\_\_\_

      **GROUNDING**

Is all metal, fixed equipment grounded?  
\_\_\_\_\_

Does all equipment connected by cord and plug have grounded connections?  
\_\_\_\_\_

Are appliances such as vacuums, polishers, vending machines, etc. grounded?  
\_\_\_\_\_

Do all hand and power tools have double insulation or are they grounded?  
\_\_\_\_\_

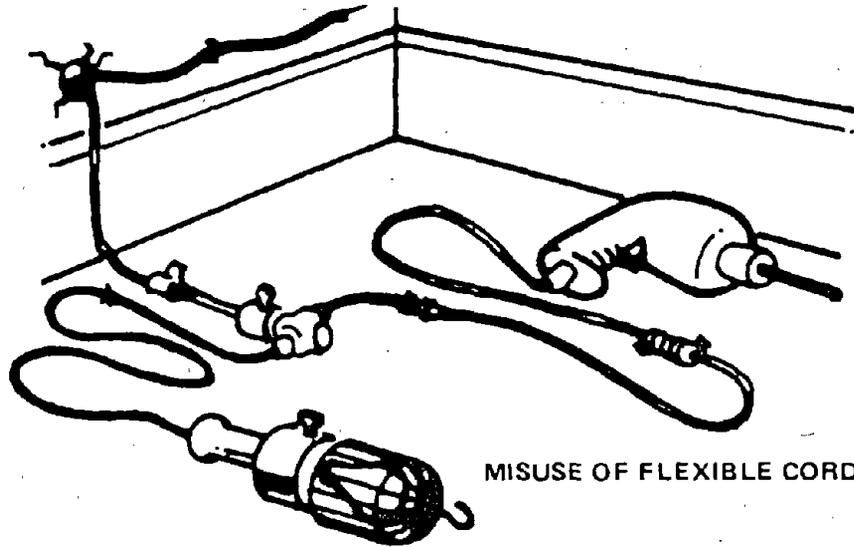
Do all extension cords being used have a ground wire?  
\_\_\_\_\_

Are all plugs equipped with ground pins?  
\_\_\_\_\_

## CHECKLISTS (Cont.)

FLEXIBLE CORDS AND CABLES	Yes	No
Do flexible cords and cables not run through holes in wall or ceiling? _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are flexible cords and cables free from splices or tap? _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are flexible cords and cables fastened so that there is no direct pull on joints or terminal screws? _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are flexible cords and cables never substituted for fixed wiring? _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are flexible cords and cables not attached to building surfaces? _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



**CHECKLISTS (Cont.)****RECORDKEEPING (29CFR 1904.2-.8)**

	Yes	No
Is employee poster (OSHA or equivalent state poster) prominently displayed? _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have occupational injuries or illnesses, except minor injuries requiring only first aid, been recorded on OSHA Form No. 100 and 101, or equivalent? _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have you compiled a summary of all occupational injuries and illnesses at the conclusion of each calendar year and recorded on OSHA Form No. 102, or equivalent and posted by February 1 for a period of 30 calendar days? _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have all OSHA records been retained for a period of five years, excluding the year to which they relate? _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## **INFORMATION SOURCES**

**AMERICAN NATIONAL STANDARDS INSTITUTE (ANSI)**  
1430 Broadway, New York, N.Y. 10018

- A12.1 Floor and Wall Openings
- A14.1 Portable Wood Ladders
- A58.1 Minimum Design Load
- A64.1 Fixed Stairs
- C1 National Electric Code
- Z4.1 Sanitation in Places of Employment
- Z87.1 Eye and Face Protection

**NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION (NFPA)**  
60 Batterymarch Street  
Boston, Mass. 02110

- NFPA-10-1970
- NFPA-101-1970

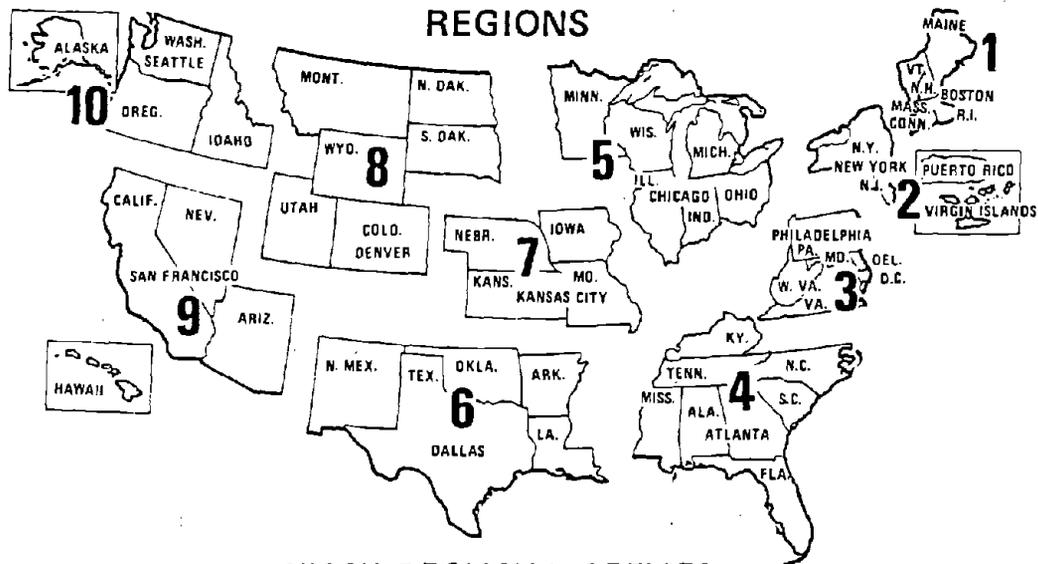
**NATIONAL SAFETY COUNCIL**  
425 North Michigan Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois 60611

**NIOSH AND OSHA REGIONAL OFFICES**  
(See List)

Your trade associations and your insurance carrier can also provide you with useful information. The Small Business Administration will provide information concerning procedures for securing economic assistance in compliance with the OSHA Standards (if needed).

## NIOSH AND OSHA REGIONAL OFFICES

The following pages list NIOSH and OSHA regional offices. Either of these facilities serving the state can provide information on the Occupational Safety and Health Act including questions on standards interpretations, voluntary compliance information, copies of the OSHA Standards, OSHA Act, Employee Rights Posting Notice, and other OSHA publications.



### NIOSH REGIONAL OFFICES

DHEW, Region I  
Government Center (JFK Fed. Bldg.)  
Boston, Massachusetts 02203  
Tel.: 617/223-5807

DHEW, Region II—Federal Building  
26 Federal Plaza  
New York, New York 10007  
Tel.: 212/264-2485

DHEW, Region III  
3525 Market Street P.O. Box 13716  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19101  
Tel.: 215/597-6716

DHEW, Region IV  
50 Seventh Street, N.E.  
Atlanta, Georgia 30323  
Tel.: 404/526-5474

DHEW, Region V  
300 South Wacker Drive  
Chicago, Illinois 60607  
Tel.: 312/353-1710

DHEW, Region VI  
1114 Commerce Street (Rm. 8-C-53)  
Dallas, Texas 75202  
Tel.: 214/749-2261

DHEW, Region VII  
601 East 12th Street  
Kansas City, Missouri 64106  
Tel.: 816/374-5332

DHEW, Region VIII  
19th & Stout Streets  
9017 Federal Building  
Denver, Colorado 80202  
Tel.: 303/837-3979

DHEW, Region IX  
50 Fulton Street (254 FOB)  
San Francisco, California 94012  
Tel.: 415/556-3781

DHEW, Region X  
1321 Second Avenue (Arcade Bldg.)  
Seattle, Washington 98101  
Tel.: 206/442-0530

## OSHA REGIONAL OFFICES

### Region I

U.S. Department of Labor  
Occupational Safety and Health Administration  
18 Oliver Street, Fifth Floor  
Boston, Massachusetts 02110 Telephone: 617/223-6712/3

### Region II

U.S. Department of Labor  
Occupational Safety and Health Administration  
1515 Broadway (1 Astor Plaza)  
New York, New York 10036 Telephone: 212/971-5941/2

### Region III

U.S. Department of Labor  
Occupational Safety and Health Administration  
15220 Gateway Center, 3535 Market Street  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19104 Telephone: 215/597-1201

### Region IV

U.S. Department of Labor  
Occupational Safety and Health Administration  
1375 Peachtree Street, N.E., Suite 587  
Atlanta, Georgia 30309 Telephone: 404/526-3573/4 or 2281/2

### Region V

U.S. Department of Labor  
Occupational Safety and Health Administration  
300 South Wacker Drive, Room 1201  
Chicago, Illinois 60606 Telephone: 312/353-4716/7

### Region VI

U.S. Department of Labor  
Occupational Safety and Health Administration  
7th Floor, Texaco Building, 1512 Commerce Street  
Dallas, Texas 75201 Telephone: 214/749-2477/8/9 or 2567

### Region VII

U.S. Department of Labor  
Occupational Safety and Health Administration  
Waltower Building, Room 300, 823 Walnut Street  
Kansas City, Missouri 64106 Telephone: 816/374-5249 or 5240

### Region VIII

U.S. Department of Labor  
Occupational Safety and Health Administration  
Federal Building, Room 15010, 1961 Stout Street  
Denver, Colorado 80202 Telephone: 303/837-3883

### Region IX

U.S. Department of Labor  
Occupational Safety and Health Administration  
9470 Federal Building, 450 Golden Gate Avenue  
Post Office Box 36017  
San Francisco, California 94102 Telephone: 415/556-0584

### Region X

U.S. Department of Labor  
Occupational Safety and Health Administration  
1808 Smith Tower Building, 506 Second Avenue  
Seattle, Washington 98104 Telephone: 206/442-5930

# KIND OF FIRE

# APPROVED TYPE OF EXTINGUISHER

# HOW TO OPERATE

DECIDE THE CLASS OF FIRE YOU ARE FIGHTING...



... THEN CHECK THE COLUMNS TO THE RIGHT OF THAT CLASS



MATCH UP PROPER EXTINGUISHER WITH CLASS OF FIRE SHOWN AT LEFT

FOAM Solution of Aluminum Sulphate and Bicarbonate of Soda	CARBON DIOXIDE Carbon Dioxide Gas Under Pressure	SODA ACID Bicarbonate of Soda Solution and Sulphuric Acid	PUMP TANK Plain Water	GAS CART-RIDGE Water Expelled by Carbon Dioxide Gas	MULTI-PURPOSE DRY CHEMICAL	ORDINARY DRY CHEMICAL
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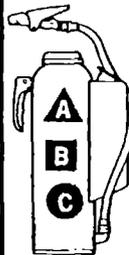
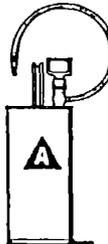


CLASS A FIRES

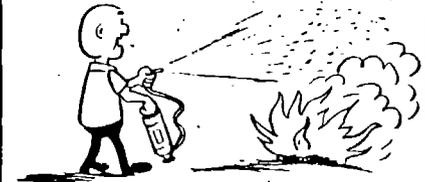
USE THESE EXTINGUISHERS

ORDINARY COMBUSTIBLES

- WOOD
- PAPER
- CLOTH ETC.



FOAM: Don't Play Stream into the Burning Liquid. Allow Foam to Fall Lightly on Fire.



CARBON DIOXIDE: Direct Discharge as Close to Fire as Possible. First at Edge of Flames and Gradually Forward and Upward

SODA-ACID, GAS CARTRIDGE: Direct Stream at Base of Flame



PUMP TANK: Place Foot on Footrest and Direct Stream at Base of Flames



DRY CHEMICAL: Direct at the Base of the Flames. In the Case of Class A Fires, Follow Up by Directing the Dry Chemicals at Remaining Material That is Burning

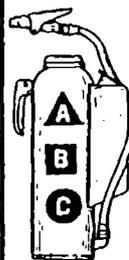
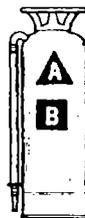


CLASS B FIRES

USE THESE EXTINGUISHERS

FLAMMABLE LIQUIDS, GREASE

- GASOLINE
- PAINTS
- OILS, ETC.

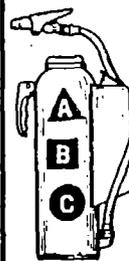


CLASS C FIRES

USE THESE EXTINGUISHERS

ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT

- MOTORS
- SWITCHES ETC.



# HOW TO LIFT SAFELY

The following safe practices should be observed in order to avoid injury.

The factors that contribute to safe lifting are...



DETERMINE IF OBJECTS CAN BE LIFTED AND CARRIED SAFELY.



1. Approach the load and size it up (weight, size and shape.) Consider your physical ability to handle the load.



2. Place the feet close to the object to be lifted B to 12 inches apart for good balance.



3. Bend the knees to the degree that is comfortable and get a good handhold. Then using both leg and back muscles...



4. Lift the load straight up—smoothly and evenly. Pushing with your legs, keep load close to your body.



5. Lift the object into carrying position, making no turning or twisting movements until the lift is completed.



6. Turn your body with changes of foot position after looking over your path of travel making sure it is clear.



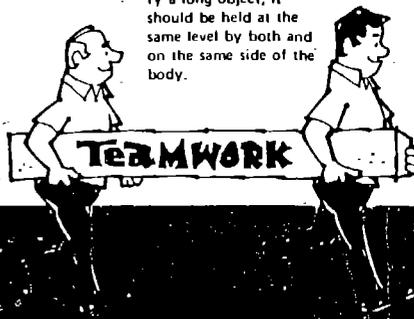
7. Setting the load down, is just as important as picking it up. Using leg and back muscles, comfortably lower load by bending your knees. When load is securely positioned, release your grip.



Stack material in such a manner as to permit full view while carrying.

When lifting and carrying with another person—teamwork is important. The load should be equally distributed. Movements must be coordinated so you both start and finish the lift action at the same time and perform turning movements together.

When two persons carry a long object, it should be held at the same level by both and on the same side of the body.



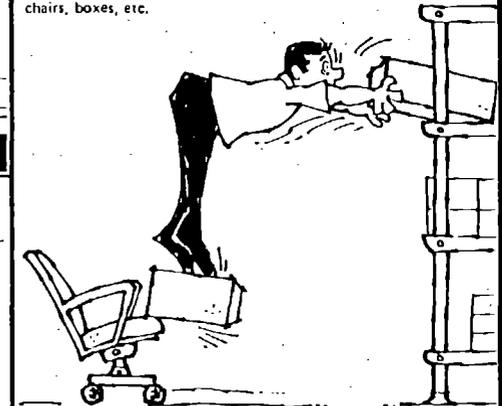
Avoid strain by storing heavy objects at least 12 inches above the floor.



Avoid awkward positions or twisting movements while lifting.



Over-reaching and stretching to reach overhead objects may result in strains or falls. Use a ladder instead of chairs, boxes, etc.



# EMERGENCY INFORMATION

## FIRE

Telephone Fire Department \_\_\_\_\_

Nearest Alarm Box at \_\_\_\_\_

## CRIME

Telephone Police \_\_\_\_\_

## INJURY/ILLNESSES

Avoid infection of minor injuries; always get medical attention or skilled first aid.

Doctor \_\_\_\_\_

Office \_\_\_\_\_ Tel. \_\_\_\_\_

Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Tel. \_\_\_\_\_

Hospital \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Tel. \_\_\_\_\_

Ambulance \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Tel. \_\_\_\_\_

(In emergencies, get medical attention and transportation elsewhere if necessary.)

In all cases of Fire, Crime, Accident, or Sickness, promptly notify:

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Office Tel. \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Res. Tel. \_\_\_\_\_

or

2. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Office Tel. \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Res. Tel. \_\_\_\_\_