

# HAZARD ALERT

Fire Prevention Week: Oct 6 to 12

According to news reports, over 3 million dollars in damage was suffered when a Winnipeg Hotel undergoing construction renovations caught fire. It is believed that sparks from a grinder ignited sometime after the work had been completed. At the time of the fire there were 25 residents staying at the hotel. The property was lost completely.

## PREVENTING FIRES:

- When performing hot work, use a permit system and monitor hot work areas for 4 hours after work is completed. Train workers in hot work procedures.
- Keep all unnecessary flammables clear of hot work zones.
- Store flammables in a grounded flame proof cabinet, separate from oxidizers.
- Unplug unused heaters and appliances. (Portable heaters are the #1 cause of office fires)
- Lock out equipment with damaged electrical cords or plugs.
- Use non-sparking tools in confined spaces, paint booths and other high-risk work environments.
- Stay vigilant around naked flames.



Know and follow your company emergency fire plan. Fire extinguishers are only to be used to put out small fires and to clear paths to allow for safe evacuations. Having a working fire extinguisher is vital to most fire safety response plans.

**If there is doubt you can safely put out a fire, you must switch your priority to evacuating and contacting the fire department.**

**Communicate the Fire Hazard** Smoke detectors and heat detectors may be the first alert to a potential fire. Inspect all smoke and heat detectors monthly and have them serviced by your supplier annually. Test the batteries when you are inspecting your fire alarms! Have the batteries replaced every 12 months, regardless of the batteries charge. Audible alarms may not be sufficient warning for workers who are hearing impaired or wearing hearing protection. Visual alarms such as flashing lights or automatic text alerts may be required so everyone is made aware of the need to evacuate.

**Remember to initial the Inspection Tag on every extinguisher you inspect!**

## Make Sure Your Fire Extinguishers are:

- Placed in strategic locations (where hot work is being performed, on power mobile equipment, or along the path of emergency exits).
- The appropriate type for fire hazards for your workplace.
- The appropriate size and capacity for your workplace.
- Mounted off the ground and can be easily removed.
- Inspected by a trained and authorized person.
- Secure with the plug pin in place and not damaged. Showing no signs of use or discharge; the pressure on gauge indicator is within the green zone and the cylinder and hose have no signs of damage.

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### SIMPLER, EASIER TIP

Use mySafetyAssistant pre-made Fire Extinguisher Inspection checklists and complete on your mobile device!

*NOTE: Any reference to the Manitoba Workplace Safety and Health Act and Regulation is for convenience sake only. The original text must be consulted for all intents and purposes of applying the law. Date of last revision and document confirmed current Oct 8, 2019. If you believe this document is out of date, please contact us.*

## RECORD OF HAZARD ALERT

<b>Company Name:</b>	<b>Work Location Dept.:</b>
<b>Talk Given by:</b>	<b>Date / Time:</b>

<b>Results of inspection, demonstration or other activity or suggestions during talk:</b>

<b>List of All Employees Who Attended the Safety Talk:</b>	
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