

FIRE PREVENTION AND SAFETY



October hosts Fire Prevention Week and is the perfect time to re-evaluate existing plans and remind employees about the importance of fire safety at home and work. According to the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), more than 200 fires occur daily in U.S. workplaces, with an annual cost of more than \$2 billion. On the homefront, there is a house fire every ten seconds in the U.S. Establishing an emergency action plan (EAP) is critical for safety, and while most businesses have EAPs, only 42 percent of American households have one.

While planning for an emergency, it is important to do the following:

- Establish at least two possible escape routes
- Establish an outside meeting point
- Ensure escape routes are clearly marked and free of barriers
- Install smoke detectors on every floor and test them monthly
- Have the proper sprinkler, fire extinguishers, or emergency responder systems in place
- Practice evacuation drills twice a year.

As you work to safeguard your home and workplace, pay special attention to the most common areas of concern. The majority, 43 percent, of household fires begin in the kitchen. Be attentive when cooking, and if a grease fire starts, use an ABC dry fire extinguisher – never water – to put out the fire. Space heaters are another area of concern. You should keep at least 3 feet of clearance between the device and anything flammable, and unplug it when not in use.

RETTEW's Safety Consulting team can assist your company with space evaluations, plan development, and proper preparedness training. Give us a call today!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

10/14	Cranes & Rigging
10/15	NFPA 70E
10/16	First Aid, CPR, & AED (Refresher)
10/16	HAZWOPER Refresher
10/20	Scaffolding Competent Person
10/26	SafeLand Basic Safety Orientation
10/29	First Aid, CPR, & AED (Refresher)
11/9-13	HAZWOPER Site Worker, 40-Hour
11/13	Permit-Required Confined Space

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FIRE SAFETY TRAINING



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