

FIRE SAFETY FOR SMALL BUSINESSES

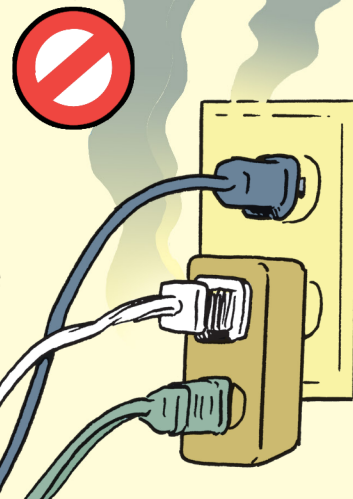
Hello,

I am Firefighter Justin and today I will go over some fire prevention tips to help keep your business safe.

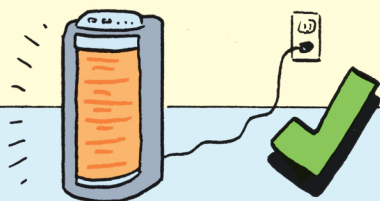


ELECTRICAL HAZARDS

Overloaded outlets cause thousands of dollars of damage to homes and businesses every year. Wiring in older buildings can't handle the large power loads created when plugged extenders and extension cords are used improperly.



Space heaters should be plugged directly into a wall instead of an extension cord.



EXIT ROUTES

Blocked exits are a fire hazard and can stop people from getting out safely.



Make sure exits and fire doors stay clear of boxes and other obstructions.



Exit signs should be lit and clearly visible from far away.

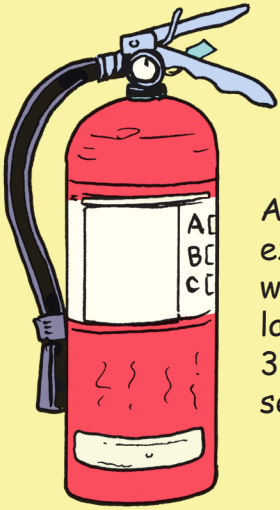
Fire doors should stay closed to slow down the spread of fire and smoke.

FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

Fire Extinguishers can be effective in slowing the spread of small contained fires.



Standard ABC fire extinguisher



An ABC fire extinguisher will only last for 30 to 45 seconds.

GREASE FIRES



Grease fires burn hot and spread fast, to prevent build up, clean kitchen hoods and stove tops regularly.

If a fire starts, take action immediately.

Use a K rated fire extinguisher and aim at the base of the fire. Don't throw water on it, that only makes it worse.

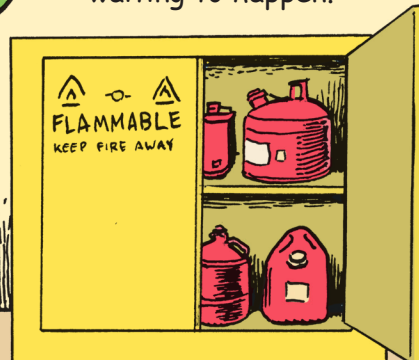
Even if you think the fire is out, fire fighters can check to make sure the fire hasn't spread to an interior wall.



STORAGE OF OIL, PAINTS, FUEL, AND CLEANING SUPPLIES



Improper storage of oil, paints, fuels, and other solvents can be a fire waiting to happen.



Keep solvents and other flammable liquids in a fire resistant metal cabinet in a well ventilated area away from any heat source.

Never store oily rags in a pile.

Spread them out in a safe, flat area to dry. Weigh them down so they don't blow away.



Put dried rags in a metal container, like an old paint can, with a tight-fitting lid. Fill with water and detergent to break down the oils.



Remember, safety starts with you. If a fire starts, warn everyone to get out and

Call 9-1-1



For more information, contact the Seattle Fire Department at (206) 386-1400

