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NATIONAL FIRE PREVENTION MONTH

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October being designated as National Fire Prevention month reminds us to check the things we sometimes take for granted. **Evacuation Plan.** Review your facility evacuation plan and routes as part of this month's safety meeting. This would be a good time to replace any missing or damaged postings. **Check all exits.** Make sure that all exits and fire exits have proper signage. Fire exits should never be blocked or locked when employees are present. If you provide **fire extinguishers**, you are also required to train employees on the general principles of their use.



ALL employees must be familiar with the general principles of fire extinguisher use. *Hands-on training must be provided for all workers expected to use a portable extinguisher.* Be sure your fire extinguishers are checked



"Fires wreak havoc among workers and their families and destroy thousands of businesses each year, putting people out of work and severely impacting their Livelihoods," was stated by Former Secretary of Labor Robert B. Reich during his term.



monthly and serviced *at least* annually to ensure they are in proper working order.

Encourage fire safety every day, and not only in the workplace, but at home as well.

Check your community for family events this month!

OSHA'S 'QUICKTIPS' FROM *QUICKTAKES*

October - autumn colors, cooler weather, shorter days and, by the way, National Fire Prevention Month. Workplace fires and explosions kill 200 workers and injure more than 5,000 every year. OSHA has a wealth of informational resources, and a few tips, to help ensure that employees remain safe on the job and not become a fire victim. For example, employers should:

- Train their employees about fire hazards in their workplace and about what to do in a fire emergency;
- Use fire prevention and emergency evacuation plans;
- Ensure exit routes are properly marked, and free from obstacles;
- Make portable fire extinguishers available and check them frequently; and
- Change the batteries in all smoke detectors.

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DRUG FREE WORK WEEK OCT. 16-22

"A drug-free workplace is a safer workplace. Drug-free workplaces are linked to drug-free and happier families, school and communities. Working Partners helps employers and employees work together to ensure a safe and drug-free environment for everyone. They also play a vital role in President George W. Bush's campaign to reduce drug use in our country and halt the economic, social and emotional devastation in its wake."

Elaine L. Chao
Secretary of Labor
U.S. Department of Labor

If you'd like information on ***substance abuse*** or resource information for your employees, my contact information is listed below.

Lynn Finnell, Business Mgr.



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