UNCP Checklist for Emergencies and Fire Protection

Use this checklist to ensure your workplace is ready to minimize potential catastrophe if a flame ignites.

Emergency Preparedness		
Yes No	Are building evacuation drawings (indicating exit routes and assembly areas outside the building) up to date and posted near doorways? Corrective action:	
	Person responsible: Due date:	
Yes	Do all employees understand their evacuation routes? Corrective action:	
No	Person responsible: Due date:	
	Additional inspection requirements may apply according to local regulations.	
Yes	Are all fire doors to storage, telephone equipment, and power rooms in working order, unobstructed and closed? Corrective action:	
No	Person responsible: Due date:	
	Open fire doors increase the speed at which fire spreads and allow smoke to circulate more freely, causing an increased risk to both occupants and equipment.	
Yes	Are emergency exits unlocked and accessible? Corrective action:	
No	Person responsible: Due date:	
	Additional inspection requirements may apply according to local regulations.	
Yes No	Are fire extinguishers installed in appropriate locations? Are extinguishers clearly marked and unobstructed by equipment or materials? Have the extinguishers been inspected within the past 12 months? Corrective action:	
	Person responsible: Due date:	
	ABC-rated dry chemical extinguishers are appropriate in most areas. They should each have attached inspection tags that indicate they have been inspected within the last 12 months.	

Yes	Are hand-held extinguishers mounted on walls as opposed to being stored on the ground or in file cabinets? Do employees know how to use fire extinguishers?
No	Corrective action:
	Person responsible: Due date:
	OSHA requires portable fire extinguishers to be mounted on a wall. Extinguishers stored on the ground are likely to be moved and not replaced in the same location, causing the extinguisher to not be where expected when needed during an emergency.
Fire Pro	otection
Yes No	Are wall, floor, and ceiling penetrations for cables, wires, pipes and mechanical systems (such as ductwork) sealed to prevent the spread of fire and smoke? Corrective action:
	Person responsible: Due date:
	Sealed wall penetrations prevent the spread of fire and smoke from one room to another. Penetrations can be sealed with drywall, fire-retardant pipe seal or firestop pillows.
Yes	Are flammable and combustible liquids stored in approved flammable storage cabinets? Corrective action:
No	Person responsible: Due date:
	Quantities of flammable and combustible liquids in excess of the following quantities should be stored in approved flammables storage cabinets: 25 gallons of Class IA liquids (flashpoint below73 °F and boiling point below 100 °F)* 120 gallons of Class IB, IC, II or III (flashpoint below 73 °F and boiling point above 100 °F)*
	*Refer to the product's material safety data sheet (MSDS) or safety data sheet (SDS) to determine its flammability/combustibility class.
Yes	Are "No Smoking" signs posted in appropriate areas, and no smoking rules enforced?
No	Corrective action: Due date:

Yes No	Have the facility's sprinkler and/or fire alarm systems been inspected in the past 12 months? Is the fire suppression system tagged to verify this inspection?
	Corrective action:
	Person responsible: Due date:
	Additional inspection requirements may apply according to local
	regulations.
Yes	Do sprinkler heads have at least 18 inches of vertical clearance from material
	stored below?
	Corrective action:
No	Person responsible: Due date:
	This clearance is required by OSHA and is necessary for proper functioning of the sprinkler system.



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