



Fire safety

THIS MONTH FOCUSES ON THE IMPORTANCE OF FIRE SAFETY, HOW TO USE FIRE EXTINGUISHERS, AND WHAT TO DO IN CASE OF A FIRE. IT PROMPTS DISCUSSION OF COMMON CAUSES OF FIRES AND PREVENTIVE MEASURES.

Our focus this month is Fire Safety, let's start with something everyone recognises, fire extinguishers. These must always be easily accessible, and it's essential for everyone to know how to use them correctly. Knowing the PASS technique is key: Pull the pin, Aim at the base of the fire, Squeeze the trigger, and Sweep side to side. It's also important to understand that different extinguishers are designed for different types of fires. For example, an extinguisher near a switchboard may not be suitable for a fire in a wastepaper bin. Take a moment to familiarise yourself with the extinguishers in your work area and their specific uses—details are printed directly on the extinguishers themselves.

In the event of a fire, always prioritise your own safety and the safety of others. Never put yourself at risk to fight a fire. If evacuation is necessary, remain calm and proceed to our designated emergency evacuation point, which is the horseshoe area in front of the Intercontinental Hotel.

While the Building Services team conducts regular inspections of our fire protection systems, we all share responsibility for fire safety. Be vigilant—if you notice an exit sign not operating, report it to the Building Services team for immediate action.

We also need to keep all fire exits clear at all times. Some emergency doors are required to be kept closed after passing through, make sure you follow instructions posted on the door. It's everyone's responsibility to ensure that these exits are not obstructed by equipment, supplies, or other items. If you work in an area that has 'emergency shutoff' buttons (such as on equipment, gas supplies, etc) make sure you know how to shut them off in an emergency, speak to your manager if you are uncertain.

Finally, remember there is always a lot of work going on in Adelaide, from time to time contractors may set up 'hot work exclusion zones' when conducting welding and other activities, make sure to steer clear of these areas until work is complete.

By staying alert and following these practices, we not only ensure compliance with fire safety regulations but also create a safer workplace for ourselves and our colleagues. Let's all commit to making fire safety a priority this month—and every month.


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This months checklist requires we ensure that:

Fire extinguishers are available nearby and have been serviced in the last year

Exits and exit paths are kept clear of products, debris and dust

Exit signs are visible and illuminated

Storage areas are free of highly flammable items (e.g. gas cylinders, large rolls of paper, straw, etc)

Staff know how to use fire equipment available

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