



Safety Works

Here are 5 simple but highly effective fire prevention strategies that can help make your workplace truly fireproof:

1. **Inspect all areas of your workplace for fire hazards** on a regular basis. Pay particular attention to areas where fires are most likely to occur. More than half of industrial fires occur in everyday work areas. Another large percentage occurs in storage areas.
2. **Store materials safely.** Keep storage areas well ventilated and free of ignition sources. Be particularly careful with flammables.
3. **Dispose of wastes promptly and correctly.** Don't allow combustible waste materials to build up. Consider the ease of ignition when disposing of other materials as well. For example, oily rags should be disposed of in closed metal containers.
4. **Emphasize good housekeeping.** All work areas should be clean and free of fire hazards.
5. **Pay careful attention to electrical safety.** Check electrical circuits, outlets, wires, and plugs regularly so that an electrical problem does not start a fire. If you use coffeemakers, fans, space heaters, and/or appliances, make sure you use them safely.