

September is National Preparedness Month

The Department of Homeland Security has once again declared that the month of September as National Preparedness Month. It's a great time to think about what you can do to prevent an accident and know what to do during an emergency.

Preventing a Disaster

Fire is one of the most common types of disasters. Do your part to prevent it from happening.

- While at work be on the lookout from broken electrical equipment that can cause a spark.
- Make sure flammable liquids like gasoline are stored in proper containers.
- Keep equipment in good working condition.
- Never leave any open flames unattended.
- Never smoke in prohibited areas.
- Report any conditions that look like they have the potential to start a fire.

Housekeeping

You never know when you might have to evacuate an area quickly, so make sure it can be done safely.

- Always clean up all chemical spills immediately.
- Make sure walkways and pathways are free of tripping hazards.
- Never block exit doors (on either side) and make sure they open freely.

Know Your Role

When an emergency hits do you know what to do? If you don't, find out the answer to these questions immediately:

- How will I be notified when there is an emergency?
- If I need to evacuate the property, where do I go?
- After I evacuate, who do I report to?
- What else do I need to know?

No one wants or expects a disaster to happen, but knowing what to do and where to go can save your life. For more information about National Preparedness Month checkout the website www.ready.gov

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