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Is Fire Extinguisher Powder Dangerous?

Inhalation is one of the biggest dangers regarding fire extinguisher powder. It is very irritating to mucous membranes and may cause difficulties with breathing if inhaled in large enough quantities. However, if it does happen, you should go to the ER/Hospital. The dust may coat your lungs on the inside, which can prevent oxygen from reaching the rest of the body. Symptoms may include; headache, shortness of breath, sweating, dizziness, tingling in the arms/legs or unconsciousness. Proper PPE are dust mask, gloves and goggles. Use a HEPA shop vacuum to clean up the powder and place the bag into the dumpster.

Last week's Bonus Question: What 2 ways can we protect ourselves and others from Heat Illness?

Answer: Know the signs/symptoms of heat illness, block out the direct sun and try to work on the shady side of the building, drink plenty of fluids (preferably water) and *BEFORE* you're thirsty, avoid beverages containing caffeine (pop) and wear loose fitting and light colored clothes.

Inspect your equipment (*scaffold, aerial lifts, ladders, fall protection, electrical cords, etc., etc.*) prior to the start of each work shift.

For **inspection packets or repair tags** call **Dave Sangren @ (612) 644-3136** to have some delivered to your jobsite.

Please call Dave if your jobsite is in need of hand sanitizer, bleach cleaner, masks, etc.

Any questions/concerns, please give Sturg a call (612) 221-8603

PLEASE PRINT YOUR NAME

(Foreman review sheet, verify crew members names are legible)

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**** See COVID-19 updates on Olympics' Facebook page, Olympics' website or inside your payroll check ****

Record to beat 378 days!!!

**As of June 04, 2020 we have worked 233 days without a Lost Time Injury.
 We have safely worked 56,651 hours towards our ATV goal of 150,000 hours!**

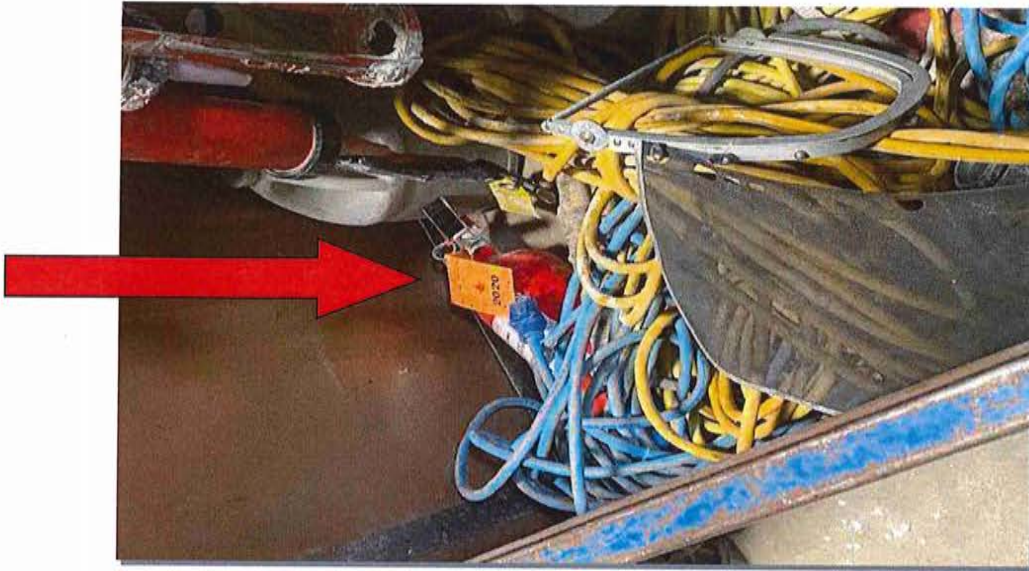
Toolbox Talks winners for last week: **Alec Spellman & Juan Carlos @ LakeHaus & Cole Thompson @ Daymark**

This week's Bonus Question: **What are 2 possible symptoms of fire extinguisher inhalation?**

Hint: **See Foreman**

"Building a Safer Place to Work" one week at a time.

**Are you storing your fire extinguisher in the bottom of your gang box?
Does your gang box look like this?**



We recently had a carpenter open a gang box to get his tools, and when he opened it, a plume of powder from an expelled fire extinguisher went into his face causing his nose to start bleeding. After about 15 minutes he got the bleeding to stop. So, his next step was to remove all the tools, buckets, pouches and equipment from the gang box and clean up the powder.

With the gang box empty, he reached down to start cleaning up the powder and a gust of wind blew the remaining powder sitting in the bottom, back into his face for a second time. His nose then started to bleed again and he could not get it to stop, so his Foreman drove him to urgent care.

While completing paperwork at the urgent care facility, our carpenter got light-headed, passed out and 911 was called. He was then taken to the emergency room at the local hospital where he was attended to by medical professionals who deal with chemical exposure (contents of the fire extinguisher) and was released that evening with no restrictions.

Make sure your fire extinguishers are not stored in the bottom of your gang box under a pile of tools/equipment. Fire extinguishers should be kept where no obstructions are blocking the fire extinguisher from view or from easy access. Make sure we take this time to inspect our fire extinguishers. Please see 3rd sheet of this week's Tool-Box-Talk.

Thank you,
Safety Department

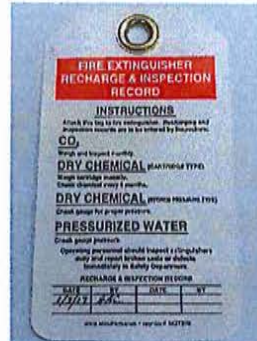
Instructions for Monthly Inspections of our Fire Extinguishers

According to **OSHA**, employers must perform a visual inspection on portable fire extinguishers at least once per month. This is also a good benchmark for homeowners to follow. Visually inspecting your fire extinguishers helps ensure several important points:

- The extinguisher is still present in its **designated location**
- **No damage** has occurred to the equipment
- **No obstructions** are blocking the equipment from view or from easy access
- The extinguisher is fully **charged and operational**

What should you look for during a visual inspection?

- Look for obvious signs of **physical damage**, such as corrosion, leakage, or dents.
- Check the **pressure gauge** to make sure the indicator is in the **GREEN** operating range.



- Make sure the **pull-pin** is not missing and the pull pin seal is intact.
- Verify the date of the last **VENDOR** inspection.
- **Date and initial** the back of the tag to log the monthly visual inspection.