

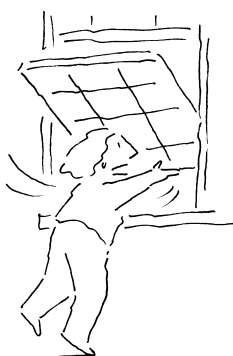
# Emergencies Involving Flammables



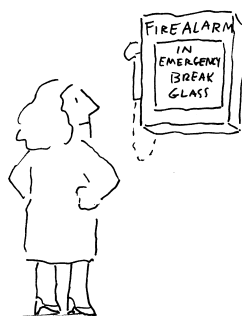
**Flammable: A gas or liquid that can burn or explode at close to room temperature.**

**Take quick action to prevent an emergency involving flammables from becoming a tragedy. Follow these guidelines:**

- ☞ Only handle the emergency yourself if it is small and you are trained to handle it.
  - ☞ Turn off any flames and equipment that can spark.
  - ☞ Open windows and ventilate the area thoroughly.
  - ☞ Clean up any spills using safe procedures and materials.
  - ☞ Remove contaminated clothing immediately.
  - ☞ If there is a fire, make sure to use the right kind of extinguisher and only if you are trained to do so.
  - ☞ If there is any chance of explosion, evacuate the area as soon as possible, closing the doors as you leave.
  - ☞ Go back into the danger area only if you've been trained and you are wearing the right personal protective equipment.
- ☞ Get medical attention for victims of the emergency as soon as possible.



## Be prepared for flammable emergencies...



- ☞ Read all material safety data sheets and training materials when handling dangerous substances.
- ☞ Learn what fire extinguisher is right for the flammable you are using, where it is, and how to use it.
- ☞ Know your company's emergency plans and escape routes.
- ☞ Know the location of the nearest eyewash stations, safety showers and fresh air sources.
- ☞ Know who to contact if the emergency is too big to handle yourself.



**Watch out for the "domino effect": a small spark causes gasoline to explode, leading to a large fire, which leads to a large explosion.**