



TAILGATE SAFETY

FACTS & GENERAL FIRE FIGHTING RULES

Fire Facts: All fires require the following elements to exist:

- Enough oxygen to sustain combustion
- Enough heat to raise the material to its ignition temperature
- Some sort of fuel or combustible material, and
- The chemical, exothermic reaction that is fire.

Oxygen, heat, and fuel are referred to as the “fire triangle”. If you remove one of these three elements, the fire cannot exist.

General Firefighting Rules:

- Never attempt to put out a fire if you don't know what is burning
- Never fight a fire that is spreading rapidly beyond the spot where it started
- Never attempt to put out a fire if you don't have the correct equipment/extinguisher
- Get out of the area if you risk inhaling toxic smoke
- If attempting to put out a fire, always position yourself with an exit or means of escape at your back.

Using a Fire Extinguisher “PASS”:

- P-Pull. Pull the locking pin before using the fire extinguisher
- A-Aim. Aim the fire extinguisher at the base of the fire. Not at the flames or smoke
- S- Squeeze. Squeeze the lever of the fire extinguisher to operate and discharge
- S-Sweep. Sweep the fire extinguishers back and forth at the base of the fire to extinguish.

Training Tips: a) Have an extinguisher nearby to illustrate your points. b) Make sure employees know where extinguishers are located either on jobsites or fixed facilities. c) Discuss causes of fires.



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