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Fire Safety Tips for Construction Sites

Fire emergencies can happen anywhere, and a construction area is more susceptible to fire. The following tips can help prevent a fire from starting:

Inform the fire department about the construction project that will be done. The fire department can help to develop a fire protection plan that is in line with the basic fire safety regulations.

Avoid using open flames in a construction site. Find other alternatives to make sure that the fire will not grow or will be too difficult to control.

When using hazardous materials or devices like welding machines or propane torches, make sure that there are at least two fire extinguishers that are within 15 feet of the area where these materials or devices will be used. This will help extinguish the fire if ever it gets out of hand.

Remove all combustible materials from the area after construction hours, or place a fire resistant covering on them to avoid fire from igniting when there is no one around to put out the fire immediately.

When using chemical solvents, make sure to have proper ventilation in the area to avoid the fumes from building up and exploding.

Prohibit construction workers from smoking on the construction site. Sometimes, reckless disposal of cigarette butts are the cause of a major fire in a construction site.

Make sure to keep all flammable liquids stored in a fire proof cabinet outside the building. Flammable liquids are one of the top causes of fire breaking out in a construction site.

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Midwest Alarm Services knows how important it is to keep your business running at all times. That's why we offer round the clock service to all of our customers. With our multiple branches throughout the Midwest, we can truly offer a quick response time to your every need.

Learn more by contacting one of our branch offices

Midwest Alarm Services – Winning Connections 2015

Members of the Midwest Alarm Services team attended the NOTIFIER Annual Leadership Conference – “Winning Connections” in San Antonio, TX this past October. During the awards presentation, Midwest Alarm took home their 5th consecutive Multi-Million Dollar Award. This year there were only seven distributors nationwide to receive this prestigious award.

Thank you to all of our loyal customers for choosing Midwest Alarm Services - you helped put us on the life safety map. We hope to continue to be of service to you for many years to come!

Pictured is Midwest Alarm Services President, Dustin Smyth, receiving the Multi-Million Dollar Award from Francisco Márquez, Honeywell’s Latin America Business Director.



Present at the awards dinner were: Brad Duffy, Brian Jarnagin, Brian Kramer, Doug Richard, Joe Gage, Justin Anderson, Larry Loffredo and Dustin Smyth.

Dustin Smyth - Retirement Announcement



It is with both joy and a little sorrow that we are announcing the retirement of Dustin Smyth after 18 years with Midwest Alarm Services. Dustin began his career in the fire alarm industry as a Des Moines Fire Fighter, eventually becoming a Fire Inspector for the City of Des Moines. He retired from the Des Moines Fire Department after 17 years to join Simplex as a salesperson. After 8 years, Dustin left to become the Vice President of Midwest Alarm Services, eventually assuming the President’s role.

Dustin will be succeeded in his role by Doug Richard, who has worked at Midwest Alarm Services for 14 years. He has served in the roles of Sales and as the Operations Manager for the State of Iowa for the past eight

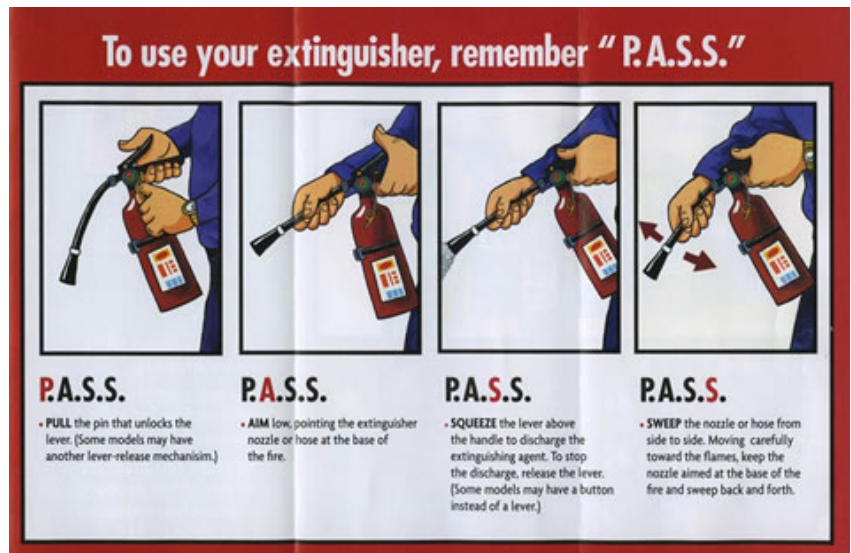
years.

Dustin has brought together an outstanding team of individuals who collectively have been together for over 20 years and is responsible for Midwest Alarm Services developing into a pre-eminent player in the fire alarm industry.

If you see Dustin on a golf course, please congratulate him on his retirement.

Using a Fire Extinguisher

- Sound the fire alarm and call the fire department, if appropriate.
- Identify a safe evacuation path before approaching the fire. Do not allow the fire, heat, or smoke to come between you and your evacuation path.
- Select the appropriate type of extinguisher.
- Discharge the extinguisher within its effective range using the **PASS technique**: (Pull, Aim, Squeeze, Sweep).
- Back away from an extinguished fire in case it flames up again.
- Evacuate immediately if the extinguisher is empty and the fire is not out.
- Evacuate immediately if the fire progresses beyond the incipient stage.



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Always remember, if you have the slightest doubt about your ability to fight a fire, evacuate immediately! For any questions about the right extinguishers for your particular hazards, please call Midwest Alarm Services today.

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