

ELECTRICAL SAFETY TIPS FOR THE WORKPLACE



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INTRODUCTION

Electrical safety is an important issue in the workplace. Every year, there are a number of accidents that occur as a result of electrical hazards. These accidents can often be prevented with a well-designed electrical safety program.

An electrical safety program should include four basic elements: training, maintenance, housekeeping, and emergency procedures. By implementing these elements, you can help to create a safe work environment and reduce the risk of electrical accidents.

In this newsletter, we'll take a closer look at each of these elements and how they can help to improve electrical safety in the workplace.



TRAINING: Employees must be properly trained in electrical safety procedures before working with or near electrical equipment and wiring. This training should cover topics such as proper usage of personal protective equipment, how to identify electrical hazards, Lockout/Tagout procedures and what to do in the event of an electrical emergency.

MAINTENANCE: Electrical equipment and wiring must be properly maintained to reduce the risk of electrical accidents. This includes regularly inspecting equipment for damage, replacing damaged or worn parts, and keeping cords and wiring free of damage and debris. In the event LOTO is required for maintenance it should only be done by authorized employees.

HOUSEKEEPING: Good housekeeping practices are essential for reducing the risk of electrical accidents. This includes keeping work areas clean and free of clutter, properly storing electrical equipment and cords, and using only grounded outlets.

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES: Employees must know what to do in the event of an electrical emergency, such as an electrical fire or someone being electrocuted. Employees should be familiar with the location of fire extinguishers and first-aid kits, and they should know how to shut off power to the affected area. Employees who are designated to provide first aid assistance should receive and practice procedures for separating electrocuted personnel from electrical sources.

CONCLUSION

An effective electrical safety program is essential for any business that uses electrical equipment and wiring. By implementing these four basic elements, you can help to create a safe work environment and reduce the risk of electrical accidents.

