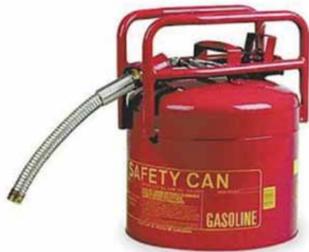


Make Your Facility A Safe Workplace

ARA Safety Tip #1:

Approved Gas Cans



Use the Right Can

A facility should only use gas cans holding 5 gallons of gas or less with a spring-closing lid and spout cover, a means to relieve internal pressure and a flash-arresting screen. The spring-closing lid and spout cover is designed to keep liquid and vapor from escaping at ordinary temperatures and to lift slightly when exposed to excessive outside heat. The most common safety can is the short and round red metal can with yellow labeling. Some however, are now available in high-density polyethylene plastic.

ARA Safety Tip #2:

Approved Fire Extinguisher Use



Follow P-A-S-S and be safe

Pull the pin

Aim the fire extinguisher

Squeeze the handle

Sweep the extinguishing agent

You should know what kind(s) of fire extinguisher you need, where to place them and how to maintain them. Your employees must know how to P-A-S-S to ensure their safety and the safety of your facility.

ARA Safety Tip #3:

Hazard Communication Plan

If your shelves look like this or cans are unlabeled, you may be mismanaging your hazardous chemicals



Ensuring that your facility has a complete and updated Written Hazard Communication Plan which includes MSDSs and a training program for your employees helps keep your employees safe.

Chemical manufacturers must identify the potential hazards of each chemical product and how to work safely with that product in a document called a material safety data sheet (MSDS). There is a new MSDS format that includes 16 specific sections, ensuring consistency in presentation of important protection information. Manufacturers or suppliers provide their customers with a copy of the MSDS. As part of your written hazard communication plan, you must make these sheets readily accessible during each work shift to employees when they are in their work area(s). Many employers keep their MSDSs together in a large binder/spiral notebook and/or in an electronic format.

ARA Safety Tip #4:

Electrical Panels

The area around your circuit breaker box should not be blocked as is illustrated in these pictures



In your facility, there must be a minimum of 36" (3 feet) of clearance around electrical panels serving between 120 and 250 volts. Circuit breakers must be clearly labeled with accurate and current directories.

ARA Safety Tip #5:

Extension Cords



If your extension cords look like this or are running through walls, employees could be in danger

Check all your extension cords today to make sure that they are not frayed, repaired with tape or are running through windows, doors or holes in the walls.

ARA Safety Tip #6:

Fork Lift Safety



If your forklifts end up in dangerous positions like the ones illustrated in these pictures, you may jeopardize the safety of your employees

Ensuring that your forklift operators are trained and certified to operate the specific class of forklifts you have at your facility will keep your employees safe. Also, keeping updated, accessible and legible records is a must.

For more information, see ARA's Safety Page at a-r-a.org/gov-affairs-safety



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