

Newsletter

Spotlight on Safety

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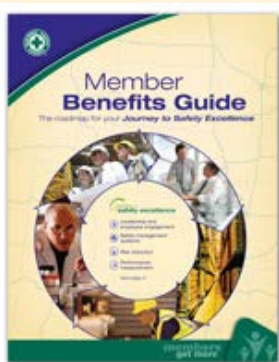
NSC Safety Awards

Employee engagement is key to a successful safety program! An award from the National Safety Council shows them you appreciate their efforts.

Safety awards from NSC instill employee pride; earn respect from your customers, community and peers; and place you one step ahead of your competition. [Learn more.](#)



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5-Minute Safety Talk : A Guide to Portable Fire Extinguishers



You know fire extinguishers are important and understand their basic function. But are you aware if your organization has extinguishers, and if so, which types are installed, where they are located, and how to correctly use and maintain them?

Portable fire extinguishers can be extremely effective in combating small fires within the workplace. However, not all extinguishers are the same. There are different classes for different types of fires. Proper selection and placement of extinguishers is extremely important. It's also essential that once installed, the units are carefully inspected and maintained, and all employees are trained on proper use.

Schedule a [5-Minute Safety Talk](#) with your employees to learn more.

Emergency Planning

Your ability to get out depends on advance warning from smoke alarms and advance planning.



In 2012, there were an estimated 365,000 reported home structure fires and 2,380 associated civilian deaths in the United States.

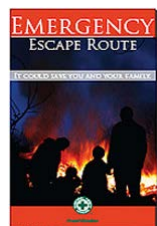
Fire can spread rapidly through your home, leaving you as little as two minutes to escape safely once the alarm sounds. Pull together everyone in your household and make a plan. Walk through your home and inspect all possible exits and escape routes. Households with children should consider drawing a floor plan of your home, marking two ways out of each room, including windows and doors. Also, mark the location of each smoke alarm. For easy planning, download [NFPA's escape planning grid](#) (PDF, 1.1 MB). This is a great way to get children involved in fire safety in a non-threatening way.

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"Emergency Escape Route"

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