

Talk No: 23	Title: FIRE SAFETY
Introduction: Fire is a major risk both to persons and to property. You can either help prevent fires, or you can help start/allow them.	
Main points: – Ensure you are aware of the fire drill including the means of raising the alarm, escape routes, and the assembly point. – Ensure you know where the nearest fire point is, what types of fire extinguisher are there, what types of fire they can be used on, and how they should be used (never put yourself at risk!) – Never obstruct any fire points, fire doors or escape routes. Discussion points: – Never misuse or tamper with anything provided for fire prevention or fighting (never discharge fire extinguishers during horseplay). – Don't hang clothing/materials over or near heating equipment. – Control rubbish – don't let paper, rags, etc, accumulate. – Store flammable liquids in suitable containers – well away from any sources of ignition, keep lids on containers when not in use. – Control smoking – use designated areas if necessary. – Don't overload electrical sockets – one plug per socket! – If electrical equipment is not in use, then switch off at the mains – Soldering irons, gas burners, etc., must be placed on non-combustible stands. – Carry out residual heat checks 60-90 minutes after any hot work has been carried out. – Always have a fire extinguisher within arm's reach when carrying out hot work. – Obtain hot working permits where applicable. FIRE DESTROYS PEOPLE AND PROPERTY – SAFE PEOPLE PREVENT FIRES	
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