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TOPIC: Fire Prevention & Extinguishing

General Precautions
- Keep firefighting equipment where it is easy to find and access
- Keep all equipment clean
- Immediately clean up all trash and any oil spills
- Clean materials from heat sources on machines
- Turn off disconnect switch
- Perform proper walk around inspections

Flammable Liquids
- Take care to prevent vapors from flammable liquids, such as solvents, from coming into contact with heat or flames
- Store flammable liquids in appropriate, approved containers
- Always observe no smoking signs
- Never use gasoline as a cleaning agent

Fire Extinguishers and suppression systems
- Never use gasoline as a cleaning agent
- Check that all pins are in place on extinguishers and suppression systems
- Require monthly checks and take time to make sure the extinguisher and suppression system materials are not packed.
- Turn upside down and tap lightly with a rubber hammer to loosen packed material
- Use fire extinguishers on small fires only
- Aim at the base of the fire and use a sweeping motion
- Never block your passage of escape when fighting a fire
- Always use the proper type of extinguisher for the type of fire you are fighting

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