

TOOLBOX TALKS

Machine Safety - Fire – Waste Industry

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TOPIC: Machine Safety – Fire in the Waste Industry

Be Prepared

Check fire extinguishers, suppression systems, alarms, and shutdowns regularly to make sure they work properly. If anything is missing or broken, have it replaced or fixed according to the manufacturer's directions.

To avoid fires:

- Perform walk around inspections any time off of machine
- Remove waste from heat sources
- Shutoff disconnect when leaving machine for an extended time
- Be alert for fires on machines, vehicles, and in the waste
- Stop the engine before refueling
- Routinely check for fluid leaks
- Do not smoke when using any flammable materials or around batteries

What To Do

If you have a fire:

- Stop The Vehicle
 - Stop the machine as quickly as possible
 - Stop the machine in the safest location, ie. Away from other machines, working face, people, or structures
 - Know the locations of runaway ramps (if applicable) or straddle berms, and use them if possible
- Shift To Neutral
- Set The Parking Brake
- Shut Down The Engine
- Activate the fire suppression system (if applicable)
- Summon Help
- Get Out Of The Cab
- Assess The Situation

Once on the ground, determine whether you should attempt to put the fire out with a fire extinguisher or just get away from the machine.

Discussion Date: _____

Employee Participants:

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