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**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
PRESS RELEASE**

National Fire Prevention Week is October 4 – 10, 2009.

This year's theme is "Stay Fire Smart Don't Get Burned." According to the United States Fire Loss Clock in 2008, every 22 seconds a fire department responded to a fire; one structure fire was reported every 61 seconds; one vehicle fire was reported every 134 seconds; one outside fire was reported every 45 seconds; and one civilian fire death occurred every 2 hours and 38 minutes.

There are things you can remember if you have a fire in the workplace:

- Get out of the building and stay out!
- Crawl low under the smoke.
- Cover your mouth and nose.
- Feel the doors with the back of your hand for heat before opening.
- When you are outside the building, go to a predetermined area for a head count.
- Once outside, go to a phone and call 911 to report the fire.
 - Tell the fire department where the fire is located in the building
 - If anyone is still in the building and where they might be located.
 - Any hazards that might be in the building.



If your clothes catch on fire: STOP, DROP, and ROLL until the fire goes out and cover your face with your hands. If a co-worker catches fire, smother the flames with a blanket or rug. Remember to perform scheduled and unscheduled fire drills during the year.