



# SafetyAlert

We're Serious About Safety

## Emergency Preparedness

Fires are probably one of the most feared calamities known to mankind. Rhode Islanders have experienced this destruction first hand, with disasters ranging from the Outlet fire to the tragic Station Night Club fire. Commercial fires claim thousands of lives per year with a cost of over \$10 billion dollars in industrial losses.

The Beacon Mutual Insurance Company has developed this 'Safety Alert' to remind you of the importance of fire prevention and to offer assistance in helping you develop a proper Fire Prevention and Emergency Action Plan for your facility.

### Life Safety Checklist

- Is there a formal evacuation plan in place?
- Do all exits have free and unobstructed access?
- Do all exits have illuminated exit signs?
- Are all exits unlocked from the inside?
- Are emergency lights available and in working condition?
- Are emergency lights tested at least monthly?
- Are there audible and/or visual means of evacuating employees?
- Are sprinklers and alarms tested/inspected per state fire codes?
- Are extinguishers inspected and accessible in all areas?
- Are all flammables stored in approved containers?
- Are all flammables stored away from heat sources?
- Are all flammable liquid containers properly grounded?
- Is there a formal 'hot works' program in place?
- Are there designated smoking areas with proper receptacles?



Fire requires three main elements to survive: material/fuel, oxygen, and a heat or ignition source. Removing just one piece of the fire triangle will prevent fires from occurring.

While employers cannot eliminate oxygen from the workplace, controlling fuel sources and sources of ignitions is a fairly simple task. Sources of fuel can range from flammable liquids and gases to stockpiles of paper, pallets, and cloth. Ignition sources can range from cigarettes to electric sparks.

In addition to this checklist, Beacon offers a variety of free resources to assist you. Our 'Emergency Action Planning' seminars, loss prevention inspections, and other training resources are available to you at [www.beaconmutual.com](http://www.beaconmutual.com).

The Beacon Mutual Insurance company uses a walkie-talkie system in our own Emergency Evacuation procedures. The use of the 2-way radios allows personnel at various locations to instantly confirm full evacuation... saving time and maybe lives.



Beacon Mutual offers a variety of training opportunities for employees, supervisors and managers. Please check our seminar schedule for more information. [www.beaconmutual.com](http://www.beaconmutual.com)

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