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# RISK REMINDER

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**S A F E T Y**

Common sense goes a long way in garage safety. The potential for injury from hazards in a repair garage can be numerous but can be controlled with a bit of “daily effort”. The following guidelines just might allow an employee to arrive home safely at the end of his or her work shift:

**HOUSEKEEPING:** Good housekeeping is one of the most important aspects of garage safety. Picking up things that do not belong, cleaning up spills immediately, and making sure the overall work area is kept clean and free of debris will go a long way to eliminating slips, trips, and falls.

**JOB HAZARDS:** Know the hazards of the required job. Be sure to be fully trained and educated in the use of any required equipment before beginning work.

**PROPER VENTILATION:** Always maintain good ventilation to prevent the inhalation of hazardous vapors such as LP gas.

**COMPRESSED GASSES:** Any compressed gas cylinders should be secured and stored when not in use. LP gas cylinders should be stored in an approved cabinet whether full or empty.

**FIRE PROTECTION:** Always make sure the garage has adequate fire extinguishers and know exactly how to use them. Regular inspection (monthly) will insure that they are fully charged should they be needed.

**SMOKING:** Never smoke while in the garage. The possibility for fire or explosion is greatly enhanced by exposing a lit cigar, cigarette, or flame. A walk outside will eliminate the possibility of this type of occurrence.

For more information, contact your Loss Control Consultant at (800) 252-5059, ext. 1387 or 1384.

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