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RISK REMINDER



RESPONDING TO AN ELECTRICAL EMERGENCY



ELECTRICAL INJURIES

Move the victim away from the power safely...

Never touch a person who is in contact with a source of electricity.

- If possible, turn off the power before touching the victim.
- If you can't turn the power off, use a nonconducting tool, such as a rope or wooden stick to move the person.
- Make sure you don't complete a circuit between two wires or between one wire and the ground while moving a victim.
- If the victim is touching a power line, stay clear and call for help.

After the victim is away from the power source...

- Check breathing and pulse. Give rescue breathing or CPR if necessary and if you've been trained. Otherwise, get immediate medical help.
- Continue rescue breathing or CPR until medical help arrives.
- Treat minor burns at the point of contact with cool water, then cover with a clean dry cloth. Cover serious burns with a sterile, dry cloth and get immediate medical attention.
- Never use ointment, ice or butter on a burn.
- Never try to remove clothing from burned skin.
- Treat victim for shock by keeping him or her lying down with feet elevated until help arrives.

Prompt Action Can Save Lives

ELECTRICAL FIRES

- Use a class C fire extinguisher on small electric fires.
- Never use water on an electrical fire.
- If the fire is large or growing rapidly, follow your company's plan for evacuation.

PREPARING FOR EMERGENCIES

- Know your worksite's emergency exits and escape routes.
- Know the location of fire extinguishers and posted emergency phone numbers.
- Take a course in CPR - you could save a life.



For more information, contact your Loss Control Consultant at (888) 562-7861

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