

Need to Know-*Hot Work*



Occupational Safety and Health Administration

HOT WORK

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Remember....

- It is safest to conduct Hot Work in designated "Hot Work Areas". These areas should be:
 - o free of combustible materials
 - equipped with appropriate ventilation
 - o have a fire extinguisher
 - be suitably segregated from adjacent work areas
- When possible, objects requiring hot work should be moved into a designated hot work areas
- Have suitable fire extinguishing agents (extinguisher, water, sand, etc.) ready near cutting and welding operations
- When hot work must be performed in a non-designated hot work areas, a "hot work permit" should be issued to protect that location

- "Hot Work Permits" shall address:
 - Designated fire watch
 - Designated fire extinguishing agents
 - Combustible materials that are closer than 35 feet to the point of operation.
 - Wall and floor opening within the 35 foot radius, exposing combustible material.
 - o Duration of the work permit
 - Other site specific applicable considerations