



# Fire Protection & Prevention for Construction

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**Course covers proper evaluation and documentation of your work sites and facilities to determine any potential fire hazards and develop procedures and practices to control and eliminate those hazards.**

OSHA regulates several aspects of fire prevention and response as they relate to construction. Emergency planning, fire prevention plans, and evacuation that would need to be done in the event of a serious fire during a construction operation are addressed at 29 CFR 1926.150-.155.

Your employer is responsible for the development of a fire protection program to be followed throughout all phases of the construction and demolition work. In addition the employer must provide for the firefighting equipment as specified in 29 CFR Subpart F.

Training and education is of the utmost importance to employers and employees if the risk of injury or death due to fires at the construction jobsite.

The employer shall be responsible for the development and maintenance of an effective fire protection and prevention program at the jobsite throughout all phases of the construction, repair, alteration, or demolition work. The employer shall ensure the availability of the fire protection and suppression equipment required by 29 CFR Subpart F.

### Training Objective

***(There are no specific fire protection training requirements in the regulations.)*** However, 29 CFR 1926.21(b)(2) indicates, "The employer shall instruct each employee in the recognition and avoidance of unsafe conditions and the regulations applicable to his

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In addition 29 CFR 1926.21(b)(5) says, “ Employees required to handle or use flammable liquids, gases, or toxic materials shall be instructed in the safe handling and use of these materials and made aware of the specific requirements contained in Subparts D, F, and other applicable subparts of this part.”

An effective fire protection and prevention program would consist of proper fire fighting equipment and the training needed to operate it.

Portable fire extinguishers must be inspected periodically and maintained in accordance with Maintenance and Use of Portable Fire Extinguishers, NFPA No. 10A-1970.

Also, as warranted by the project, the employer shall provide a trained and equipped firefighting organization (Fire Brigade) to assure adequate protection to life.

**Course Length Approximately 2.0 Hours**

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