

**U.S. CONCRETE, INC.
SAFETY POLICY and PROCEDURE MANUAL**

FUNCTION	Safety
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TOPIC	Fire Prevention Plan
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OBJECTIVE(S):

There are no fireproof buildings, nor is there any material that will not be either burned, destroyed or rendered useless by fire at our plant location. Therefore, it is necessary to take precautions to protect our workplace from fire damage, and protect our employees from injury or loss of life as a result of a fire.

GENERAL POLICY: (Defined below)

APPLICATION: U.S. Concrete, Inc.

RESPONSIBILITY: President/General Manager

(1) Precautions

1. The following are some precautions to take in order to prevent a fire in our workplace.
 - a. A sufficient number of fire extinguishes must be available in the workplace.
 - b. All fire extinguishers will be inspected monthly for lock pins, unbroken seals, and charged pressure gauges. All fire extinguishers shall be serviced every 12 mos. or after each use by a state licensed contractor.
 - c. Flammable materials must be stored in a fireproof storage cabinet. Greases and oily rags must be stored in labeled metal containers with a snap on lid.
 - d. Trash shall be removed from all buildings daily. Good housekeeping is good protection against fires.

- e. Dry vegetation must be removed from the outside of buildings.
- f. Welding and cutting always create a potential ignition source. When welding and cutting is done, special caution should be exercised if anything flammable is nearby.
- g. Signs reading "No Smoking or open flame" will be posted in all flammable storage areas and the "no smoking" rule strictly enforced.
- h. Contact the local fire department of any situations where there is any question about fire safety.

C. Potential fire Hazards and Proper Procedures for Handling and Storage

- 1. Responsibility: The plant manager will ensure that all methods described below regarding proper handling and storage procedures, potential ignition sources, fire prevention, and control procedures will be followed by all employees.
- 2. Storage Procedures
 - a. Oils and solvents must be stored in bulk metal containers with an identifying label. Greases and Oily Rags must be stored in sealed, labeled metal containers with a snap lid.
 - b. All chemicals will be stored in bulk metal containers with an identifying label.
 - c. All dry vegetation within 25-foot perimeter on the outside of all buildings will be cut down and removed. All trash inside of buildings will be picked up on a routine schedule.
 - d. Building structure - No combustible material shall be stored or allowed to accumulate within 25 feet of an electric substation.
 - e. Acetylene and Oxygen storage - Acetylene and Oxygen cylinders must be chained off securely, with the lid attached over the valves. Oxygen cylinders in storage must be separated from fuel gas cylinders a distance of 20 feet or by a non-combustible barrier 5 feet high. Valves must be closed when the cylinder is not being used.
 - f. Wooden Pallets - All pallets will be stored at a minimum of 50 feet away from plant buildings.

D. Ignition Sources and Control Procedures

- a. Forklift refueling will take place outside of plant buildings. The propane bulk tank shall be at least 50 feet from any potential source of ignition. Area

around the propane tank will be posted "No Smoking or Open Flames" and the "no smoking" rule strictly enforced.

- b. "No Smoking or Open Flames" sign will be posted where potential ignition sources are present and the "no smoking" rule strictly enforced.
- c. Welding and Cutting - Prior to welding and cutting, remove flammable materials and have appropriate fire extinguishers available, sand and fire protective curtain.

IX. COORDINATION WITH EMERGENCY AGENCIES

A. Pre-emergency Coordination

- 1. The local Fire Department will be provided with a copy of this Fire Prevention Plan.
- 2. The local authorities and Fire Department have received a copy of the Company Hazard Material Management Plan (HMMP) for this location showing locations of hazardous materials. These materials include; diesel fuel and gasoline storage tanks, oils, paints, antifreeze, kerosene, oxygen and acetylene cylinders. Attachment #1 identifies all areas where hazardous materials are stored.

B. Post- emergency Coordination

- 1. Material Safety Data Sheets will be kept at the plant site and made available, upon request, to emergency personnel.
- 2. A complete copy of the Emergency Action/Fire Prevention Plan will also be made available to all emergency personnel, upon request.

Approved by:	Original at US Concrete Houston
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Effective Date:	1/1/03
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