

Volusia County Fire Services Safety Gram

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Housekeeping

- Do not place materials such as boxes or trash in walkways, passageways, and stairwells.
- Do not stack materials inappropriately but neatly in the designated storage area.
- Do not block or obstruct stairwells, exits, or accesses to safety and emergency equipment such as fire extinguishers.
- Do not try to kick objects out of pathways. Push or carry them out of the way.
- Clean your work area frequently.
- Do not let work residue build up so as to create hazards.
- Do not let items overhang from shelves into walkways.
- Straighten or remove rugs and mats that do not lie flat on the floor.
- Clean up spills or leaks immediately.
- Use caution signs/cones to barricade slippery areas such as freshly mopped floors.
- Store extra compressed cylinders, such as fire extinguishers and S.C.B.A. bottles in racks or secure them to a wall.
- Do not allow burnt food and residue build up in kitchen range tops and ovens.
- After completing your work task, put unneeded tools and materials away in their designated storage areas

Supervisors:

- Set a personal example of safe behavior and enforce established safe practices and procedures.
- Evaluate firefighters' physical and mental conditions.
- Analyze work situations to eliminate or avoid hazards.
- Discuss safety at the beginning of each new work assignment.
- Become immediately involved whenever injury occurs by ensuring that medical treatment is provided in a timely manner and investigate the accident with persons involved.
- Monitor work to be sure it is done safely and efficiently.
- Provide leadership in taking corrective action aimed at eliminating causes of accidents and instilling a safe work attitude.
- Provide clear instructions and ensure instructions are understood.
- Protect employees from reprisal for reporting unsafe conditions.

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Dispersion level Chart

Dispersion Range 0-40 is stable air, low fire intensity, less long range spotting.

Dispersion Range 41-70 is moderate unstable air, increased fire intensity and long range spotting.

Dispersion Range 70+ is unstable air, high amount of upper lifting, intense fire activity, potential for long range spotting and plume dominated wildfires.

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Fight fire aggressively, but provide for safety first.
Initiate all action based on current and expected fire behavior.
Recognize current weather conditions and obtain forecasts.
Ensure instructions are given and understood.

Obtain current information on status.
Remain in communication with crewmembers, your supervisor, and adjoining forces.
Determine safety zones and escape routes.
Establish lookouts in potentially hazardous situations.
Remain in control at all times.
Stay alert, keep calm, act decisively.
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