

Dear valued partner,

October is National Fire Prevention Month! [Fire Prevention Week is October 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>](#). This year's FPW campaign, "*Smoke alarms: Make them work for you!*"™ strives to educate everyone about the importance of having working smoke alarms in the home. Ensuring workplace fire safety is a critical responsibility for all employees.

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*Answer at the end of the email.*



(Missed a previous email? [Click here](#) to see an archive of previous month's safety emails on Rockwood's Loss Control website.)



## WHAT ARE THE KEY ACTIONS EVERYONE SHOULD TAKE TO MAINTAIN FIRE SAFETY?

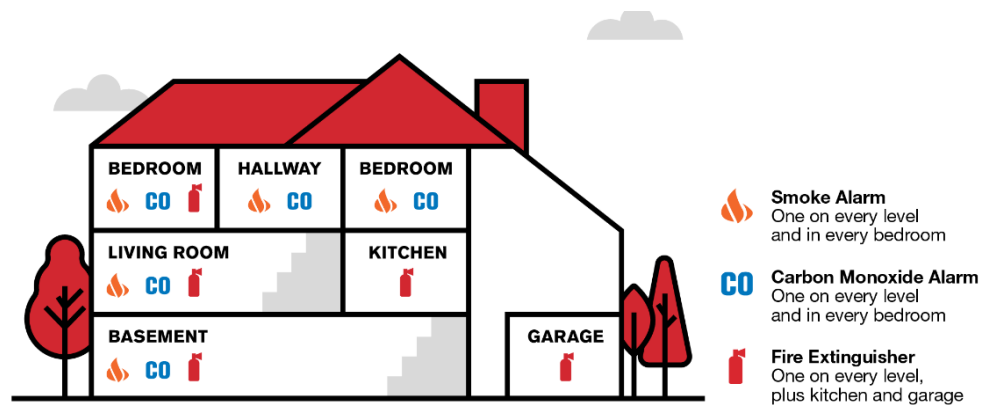
1.  **Know the Escape Routes:** Familiarize yourself with all fire exits, alarms and evacuation routes. Ensure these areas are unobstructed at all times.
2.  **Handle Electrical Equipment Safely:** Electrical malfunctions are a leading cause of workplace fires. Always report any damaged wires or malfunctioning equipment immediately to a supervisor or maintenance personnel.
3.  **Fire Extinguisher Training:** Understand how to use a fire extinguisher using the "PASS" technique. Pull, Aim, Squeeze, and Sweep.
4.  **Proper Storage of Flammable Materials:** Store any flammable liquids or chemicals in designated safety cabinets away from heat sources.

## Did you know?

### Home Fire Safety

- Almost **3 of every 5** home fire deaths resulted from fires with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms (NFPA) Carbon monoxide is the **#1 cause of accidental poisoning** in the US (CDC)
- Unattended cooking is the **#1 cause of home fires** (NFPA)

- A fire department responds to a fire every **23 seconds** in America (NFPA)
- See the below graphic to determine where to put Carbon Monoxide, Fire Extinguishers and Smoke Alarms in your Home:



\*Graphic from [FirstAlert](#)



## SAFETY TIPS FOR FIRE PREVENTION MONTH

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### Rockwood Resources:

- [Electrical Fuses & Breakers](#) | Toolbox Talk
- [Welding](#) | Toolbox Talk
- [Carbon Monoxide Poisoning](#) | Toolbox Talk
- [Mobile Equipment Fires](#) | Fire Extinguisher Safety – Poster
- [Fire Extinguisher Operation](#) | “PASS” – Poster
- [Fire Extinguisher Usage](#) | Poster
- You can find additional Rockwood Toolbox Talks [here](#).

### OSHA, MSHA and other Resources:

- [Fire Safety](#) | Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA) Safety Topic
- [Evacuation Plans and Procedures eTool](#) | OSHA
- [Fire on the Web](#) | *Fire on the Web* is a collection of historical fire research resources from NIST. This webpage provides access to experimental fire data, fire-related software, fire test videos, and publications for viewing or download via your browser.
- [Fire Safety](#) | OSHA FactSheet
- [How to Plan for Workplace Emergencies & Evacuations](#) | OSHA Publication 3088
- [Fire Safety Self-Inspection Checklist](#) | OSHA
- [Fire Safety Alert – Surface Mine Equipment](#) | Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA)
- [Fire Safety ToolBox Talk](#) | MSHA



## Learn more about **FIRE SAFETY** on Streamery

Every Rockwood policy includes access to Streamery, a vast safety library with videos, quizzes and more resources to help you promote safety in your workplace. If you don't have access, contact us to get a username. Enter the SKU number below to find the recommended video.

### Watch [Streamery](#) videos on **FIRE SAFETY**:

- **Fire Prevention in the Office:** 15 min | SKU: 3549+ 3549-S | English & Spanish
- **Industrial Fire Prevention:** 15 min | SKU: 3547 + 3547-S | English & Spanish
- **Using Fire Extinguishers:** 15 min | SKU: 3550 + 3550-S | English & Spanish
- **Preventing Fires During Hot Works Operations - Concise:** 9 min | SKU: 3174 | English
- **Many more on Streamery**



### **BONUS MATERIALS:**

## **National Safety Council designed October as Protect your Hearing Month.**

Did you know that sounds that are too loud for too long can damage your hearing permanently? The louder the noise, the faster it can damage your hearing. This October, during [National Protect Your Hearing Month](#), the National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders (NIDCD) encourages everyone to learn about noise-induced hearing loss (NIHL) and steps you can take to prevent it.

Employees in the workplace who are exposed to noise levels over 85dBA must be including in a [OSHA Hearing Conservation Program](#).

## **SEAT BELT COVERS**



Don't forget that Rockwood Casualty is providing **FREE** high visibility seatbelt covers to our insured to assist in enforcement of seatbelt use by employees. Please contact [safetysolutions@rockwoodcasualty.com](mailto:safetysolutions@rockwoodcasualty.com) to make a request for your company and specify orange or yellow.



**Questions? Feel free to reach out:** As always, your Rockwood partners are available to answer your questions and help you promote safety in the workplace. Contact Rockwood Loss Control for any support you need.

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As of 2024, the NFPA reports that an estimated 22% of workplace fires are caused by electrical failures, making them one of the leading causes of fire incidents in office environments. This highlights the importance of proper equipment maintenance and electrical safety protocols.



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Thank you for your continued partnership,

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