

# Safety-Gram

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# Preventing Fire Hazards

**Fires are dangerous and all mining operations should take special precautions year round to make sure fires are not carelessly ignited.**

### Section 910-B3

Areas surrounding flammable-liquid storage tanks and electric substations and transformers shall be kept free from dry grass, weeds, underbrush and other combustible materials for at least (25) feet in all directions.

### Section 917-A7

Areas surrounding magazines not less than twenty-five (25) feet in all directions shall be kept free of rubbish and other combustibles.

### Section 910-B15

Each mine shall have available, or be provided with, appropriate types of fire-fighting equipment adequate for the size of the mine.

*Any unplanned fire not distinguished with-in 30 minutes of discovery must be reported to MSHA with-in 15 minutes!*

HOTLINE #

**1-800-746-1553**

### Fire prevention

- Through proper safety training
- Good maintenance of electrical and mobile equipment
- Good housekeeping
- Proper storage and clean up of combustible and flammable liquids
- Good communications between management, labor, state and federal agencies
- Basically "all fires" in the mining industry can be avoided

### Wildfire Prevention

It only takes ONE SPARK to start a wildfire!

- AVOID
  - Using welding equipment
  - Driving on a flat tire
  - Parking on dry grass
  - Dragging chains behind vehicle
  - Throwing cigarettes out window



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