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2026 safety calendar



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January

Fire safety



There are some essential tips you can follow to keep yourself and your loved ones safe in the event of a fire. It starts with early warning detection devices.

- Install smoke alarms on every level of the home, inside bedrooms, and outside sleeping areas.
- Test smoke alarms each month, replace batteries as needed.
- Communicate with your family about a fire escape plan and put the plan to practice. Ensure children know what a smoke alarm sounds like and two ways to escape from every room to a designated meeting spot.
- If an unfortunate thing happens and a fire ensues, get out and stay out, call for help, and never go back inside for any reason.
- Know and teach how to stop, drop, and roll if clothes should catch on fire.

Develop fire-safe habits to prevent a fire from occurring.

- Keep items that can catch on fire more than three feet away from heating sources.
- Smoking materials are the leading cause of residential fire deaths in the US. Do not allow anyone to smoke indoors. Refrain from tossing ashtrays without dousing them in water before disposal.
- Educate your children on the dangers of matches and lighters. Always keep them out of reach.
- Do not leave burning candles or portable heaters unattended or on while asleep.
- Make sure your furnaces, stoves, and chimneys are clean and in good working order.
- Ensure electrical wiring is inspected by a professional.
- Be sure to stay in the kitchen while cooking and keep the stove area clean and clear.
- If a fire starts in a pan, slide a lid over it and turn off the burner. Leave the lid in place until it cools. Never pour water on a grease fire.



 January is: **National Radon Action month**

Source:
American Red Cross
<https://www.redcross.org/get-help/how-to-prepare-for-emergencies/types-of-emergencies/fire.html>

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January



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 New Year's Day	2 Keep walkways clear	3 Report hazards immediately
4 Don't bypass safety guards	5 Keep fire exits unobstructed	6 Lift with your legs, not your back	7 Know your emergency procedures	8 Use handrails on stairs	9 Store tools properly	10 Maintain good housekeeping
11 Don't rush tasks	12 Always stay alert	13 Follow lockout/tagout rules	14 Use the right tool for the job	15 Never block electrical panels	16 Keep cords out of walkways	17 Report all injuries promptly
18 Inspect tools before use	19 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	20 Never remove machine guards	21 Stay hydrated at work	22 Don't climb on shelves	23 Secure ladders before climbing	24 Avoid horseplay
25 Watch for moving equipment	26 Maintain three points of contact on ladders	27 Store heavy items on lower shelves	28 Data Privacy Day	29 Use caution in wet areas	30 Be aware of forklift zones	31 Don't block eyewash stations

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February

Distracted driving



Distracted driving results in nearly 3,000 deaths and 400,000 injuries in the US each year. When it comes to our safety, we can't have an "it can't happen to me" attitude. Don't take risks and commit to driving without distraction.

Follow these rules of the road:

- Program auto-replies to phone notifications to let others know you are driving and cannot respond. There are several applications that offer these automatic features. For example, try this, "Hi, I am driving right now, so it's not safe to respond to your message. I will respond when it is safe to do so."
- Don't let friends drive distracted. As a passenger, share the responsibility of safe driving and encourage good habits.
- Parents should teach their kids about distracted driving and lead by example. Teen-involved distracted driving crashes are three times the rate of any other group.
- Motor vehicle accidents are the leading cause of work-related injuries and deaths. Employers play an integral role in reducing distracted driving at work. Communicate safe habits and implement a cell phone policy that prohibits using devices while driving.



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 February is: [American Heart month](#)

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End Distracted Driving
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February



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Keep spills cleaned up	2 Groundhog Day	3 Keep chemicals labeled	4 Know where SDS sheets are	5 Use ventilation when needed	6 Avoid wearing loose clothing near machinery	7 Stay focused on your task
8 Super Bowl	9 Keep first aid kits stocked	10 Safer Internet Day	11 Report near misses	12 Avoid distractions while working	13 Don't use broken ladders	14 Valentine's Day
15 Follow confined space entry rules	16 Presidents' Day	17 Know where fire extinguishers are	18 Check extinguisher inspection dates	19 Wear hearing protection in loud areas	20 Don't carry too much at once	21 Watch for trip hazards
22 Keep emergency numbers posted	23 Turn off tools when not in use	24 Follow electrical lockout rules	25 Don't operate equipment without training	26 Keep stairs well-lit	27 Install smoke detectors	28 Test smoke alarms monthly

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March

Ladder safety



There are some basic rules we should follow when using a ladder to complete a task. Certain factors can contribute to falls from ladders, including sudden movements, inattention, ladder condition, user's physical condition, and footwear. Be mindful when working from heights and follow these tips.

- If you do not feel safe working from heights, don't use a ladder.
- Read the safety information labels on the ladder.
- Never use ladders during high winds.
- Wear shoes that are clean and slip resistant.
- Inspect the ladder for defects before use. If there are deficiencies, discard the ladder and mark it as damaged.
- Select the right size ladder for the job.
- Never stand on the top rung or step of a ladder.
- Place ladder on firm, level, and dry ground only.
- Never allow another individual on a ladder at the same time.
- Don't place a ladder in front of a closed door.
- Always maintain three points of contact when ascending, descending, and working on a ladder. Be sure to face it and have two hands and one foot or one hand and two feet in contact with the ladder step or rungs to ensure stability. Do not carry objects that prevent a firm hold on the ladder.



 March is:

[Brain Injury Awareness month](#)

[National Nutrition month](#)

[Workplace Eye Wellness month](#)

[National Ladder Safety month](#)

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<https://www.americanladderinstitute.org/default.aspx>

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March



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Replace alarm batteries yearly	2 Keep fire extinguishers in the kitchen	3 World Hearing Day	4 Don't overload outlets	5 Unplug unused electronics	6 Keep cords away from water	7 Never leave candles unattended
8 Daylight savings time starts	9 Store cleaning products safely	10 Lock up medications	11 Keep sharp tools out of children's reach	12 Turn pot handles inward when cooking	13 Don't leave cooking unattended	14 Keep flammable items away from stoves
15 Check gas appliances regularly	16 Install carbon monoxide detectors	17 St. Patrick's Day	18 Keep emergency contacts handy	19 Have an escape plan	20 Practice fire drills at home	21 Keep exits clear
22 Secure rugs to prevent tripping	23 Use nightlights in hallways	24 Avoid cluttering floors	25 Store ladders safely	26 Keep windows locked	27 Trim shrubs around entrances	28 Don't post vacation plans online
29 Keep garage doors closed	30 Always lock doors	31 Don't hide spare keys outdoors				

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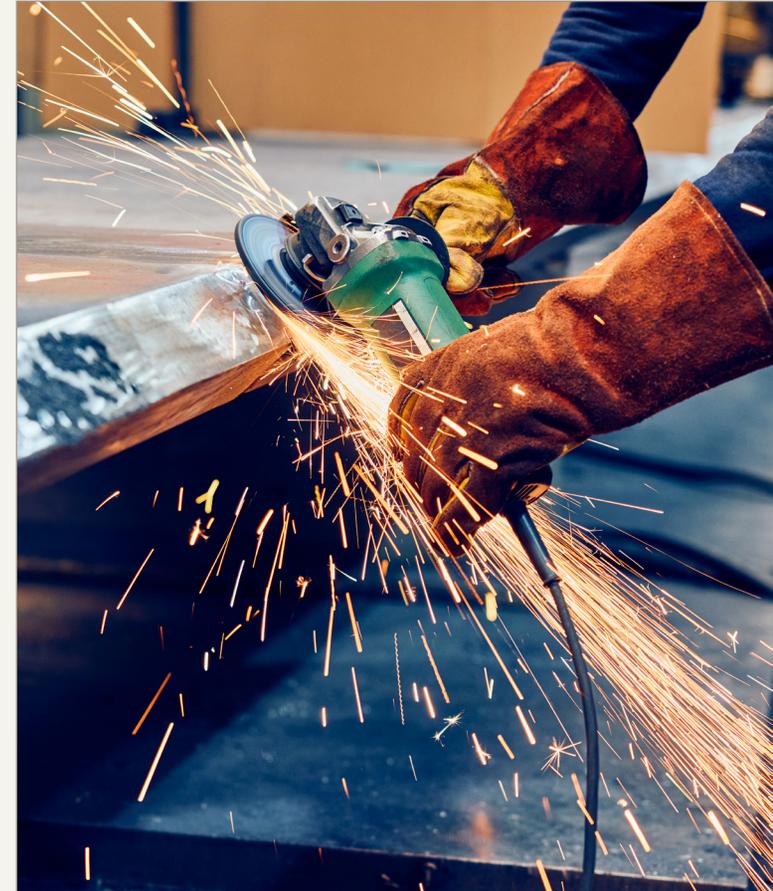
April

Hand and power tool safety



There are basic safety procedures and safeguards when it comes to working with hand and portable power tools. Review the following guidelines to reduce your exposure to flying objects, dust, fumes, vapors, and gases.

- Wear the proper personal protective equipment, such as safety goggles and gloves and avoid wearing loose clothing, ties, or jewelry.
- Keep tools in good condition with regular maintenance.
- Choose the correct tool for the job.
- Examine each tool before use and remove damaged devices.
- Read manufacturers' instructions.
- Do not remove guards from power tools.
- Electrical connections must be suitable for the tools and conditions.
- Ensure ground-fault circuit interrupters are used when a temporary power source is needed.
- Train employees in the proper use of all tools.
- Direct devices away from the body and others when using sharp tools, such as blades or knives. Ensure devices are sharp. Dull tools are more hazardous.
- Spark-resistant tools should be used where flammable substances are stored or used.
- Ensure floors are clean and dry when using hand tools.
- Power tools should never be carried by the cord or yanked to disconnect from the receptacle.
- Maintain distance from heat and sharp edges.
- Disconnect tools when not in use and before servicing or cleaning.
- Store electric tools in a dry place.
- Keep work areas well-lit when working with tools.



April is:

[Distracted Driving Awareness month](#)

[National Youth Sports Safety month](#)

Sources:

Occupational Health and Safety Administration
<https://www.osha.gov/>

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April



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Passover	2 Use surge protectors	3 Good Friday	4 Install grab bars in bathrooms
5 Easter Sunday	6 Use nonslip mats in tubs	7 Check water heater temp (under 120°F)	8 Have chimneys cleaned annually	9 Store firearms locked and unloaded	10 Keep matches out of reach of children	11 Don't mix cleaning chemicals
12 Replace frayed cords	13 Keep paper products away from stoves	14 Never use water on grease fires	15 Tax Day	16 Teach kids emergency phone numbers	17 Keep floors dry	18 Have a flashlight for power outages
19 Inspect extension cords	20 Use space heaters safely	21 Never use an oven to heat your home	22 Test GFCI outlets monthly	23 Have a first aid kit in the home	24 Always wear your seatbelt	25 Don't text and drive
26 Follow speed limits	27 Check mirrors often	28 Workers' Memorial Day	29 Avoid distractions	30 Keep a safe following distance		

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May

Severe weather



Most areas of the US will experience severe weather at any given time. Those events include tornados, high winds, lightning, hail, thunderstorms, and floods. However infrequently a storm may affect you, it is wise to learn safety recommendations to prepare.

- Monitor weather conditions and seek shelter as recommended.
- The safest place to be during a tornado is indoors and underground. If a basement is unavailable, go to the lowest floor possible.
- Go to the smallest room that is away from doors and windows. For instance, remain under a stairwell, in a hallway, closet, or bathroom.
- The number one killer during storms is flying and falling debris. Cover up with blankets and pillows for protection. It is also wise to wear a helmet when available.
- Do not plan to leave your home by vehicle. Vehicles are a terrible place to be when a severe weather event strikes. Even a weak tornado can lift and blow over a car. Also, consider that large trees may fall and crush your vehicle. It is also the wrong place to be during a flash flood. Never drive into a flooded area. Even two feet of water can sweep away most vehicles, and only a few inches can move a person off their feet. Instead, get to higher ground when water levels are rising.
- Have a safety plan in place before severe weather is imminent, communicate it to your household, and practice it twice a year.

May is:

[Motorcycle Safety month](#)

[National Bike month](#)

[National Electrical Safety month](#)

[Clean Air month](#)

[National Water Safety month](#)

[Healthy Vision month](#)

[National Physical Fitness and Sports month](#)

[Mental Health month](#)

[Better Hearing month](#)

[Building Safety month](#)

[Global Employee Health and Fitness month](#)

Sources:

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May



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 May Day	2 Kentucky Derby
3 Don't drive under the influence	4 Avoid distractions	5 Cinco de Mayo	6 Keep a safe following distance	7 Signal all turns	8 Use headlights at dusk	9 Obey traffic signs
10 Mother's Day	11 Keep tires properly inflated	12 Carry an emergency kit	13 Keep your windshield clean	14 Don't drive drowsy	15 Plan routes ahead of time	16 Keep a phone charger in your car
17 Secure loose items	18 Keep vehicle maintenance up to date	19 Check brakes regularly	20 Don't tailgate	21 Watch for pedestrians	22 Check blind spots	23 Don't use cruise control in rain
24 Stop fully at stop signs	25 Memorial Day	26 Don't block intersections	27 Use hands-free devices	28 Keep your license and insurance in the car	29 National Heat Awareness Day	30 Avoid aggressive driving
31 Don't speed through yellow lights						

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Ergonomics



To prevent musculoskeletal disorders (MSDs), one must understand the importance of ergonomics. MSDs, or strains and sprains, affect muscles, nerves, blood vessels, ligaments, and tendons. We are all exposed to risk factors at work and home. Tasks that require heavy lifting, bending, reaching, pushing, pulling, awkward body positioning, and repetitive movements can cause MSDs. Ergonomics, which is fitting a job for a person, helps prevent injury and fatigue. Try these steps to reduce your risk of injury:

- Identify the hazard in each task and think of solutions to reduce your exposure.
- Employers should provide management support of the ergonomic process and discuss it with workers. Include employees in the workplace assessment to identify solutions.
- Provide training to workers and communicate the importance of reporting early symptoms of MSDs.
- Observe workplace conditions. Some areas of focus should be tasks that exert force, repetitive motion tasks, working in the same posture for long periods, and vibration type work from tools or equipment.
- Identify problems and provide corrective action.
- Controls may include engineering controls as a first defense, including physical changes to the workplace. If engineering controls are not an option, administrative controls can be implemented, including work practices to reduce risk of injury. As a last defense, use personal protective equipment (PPE) to mitigate against MSDs. PPE could include padded mats on hard surfaces or thermal gloves.



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 June is: [National Safety month](#)

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June



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Pull over safely if tired	2 Check weather before long trips	3 Avoid driving in severe storms	4 Park in well-lit areas	5 Lock your car doors	6 Don't leave valuables visible
7 Keep gas tank above ¼ full	8 Follow seatbelt laws for kids	9 Never leave kids in hot cars	10 Use turn signals early	11 Yield to emergency vehicles	12 Be cautious in school zones	13 Don't rely solely on GPS
14 Flag Day	15 Keep roadside assistance info handy	16 Adjust mirrors before driving	17 Watch for cyclists	18 Avoid puddles at high speed	19 Juneteenth	20 Don't block crosswalks
14 Father's Day	22 Don't drive angry	23 Keep both hands on the wheel	24 Practice defensive driving	25 Be aware of your surroundings	26 Trust your instincts	27 Walk confidently
28 Avoid dark alleys	29 Don't share personal info online	30 Keep phone charged				

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Heat illness prevention



There are three main concepts to consider when preventing a heat-related illness, including staying cool, staying hydrated, and staying informed. Follow these essential tips to stay safe when temperatures are high.

- Wear suitable clothing for the climate. Choose lightweight, light-colored, and loose-fitting clothing.
- Stay indoors and in air conditioning as much as possible. Fans may provide some comfort, but they will not prevent heat-related illness. Taking a cool shower or moving to an air-conditioned place is a better option.
- Limit your outdoor activities to the morning and evening. Rest in shady areas.
- Pace yourself when you are in the heat. Start slowly. If you're not acclimated to the environment, you are at higher risk for heat illness.
- Danger signals include heart-pounding, difficulty breathing, heavy sweating, lightheadedness, muscle cramping, headaches, confusion, weakness, or feeling faint. If you do not feel well, rest in the shade and seek medical assistance immediately. Heatstroke is a medical emergency.
- Never leave children or pets in cars. Cars heat up to dangerous temperatures quickly, even with a window open.
- Stay hydrated by drinking plenty of fluids, regardless of activity level. Avoid sugar-laden or alcoholic drinks.
- Monitor the weather conditions and those at high risk, like younger children, elderly, and overweight individuals.
- Know the signs and symptoms of heat-related illness and know how to treat them.



July is:

[National Firework Safety month](#)

[Vehicle Theft Prevention month](#)

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July



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Let someone know your plans	2 Avoid wearing both earbuds in public	3 Keep emergency contacts on speed dial	4 Independence Day
5 Carry a whistle or alarm	6 Park near lights	7 Lock your doors immediately	8 Don't open doors to strangers	9 Watch your drink in public	10 Avoid isolated areas at night	11 Don't accept rides from strangers
12 Use rideshare safety features	13 Keep valuables out of sight	14 Stay alert on public transport	15 Avoid sharing your location publicly	16 Keep ID with you	17 Don't carry large amounts of cash	18 Keep purse or bag close
19 Don't flash jewelry	20 Avoid confrontation when possible	21 Learn basic self-defense	22 Don't post real-time vacation photos	23 Use ATM machines during daylight	24 Cover your PIN when entering it	25 World Drowning Prevention Day
26 Watch for scams	27 Be cautious with online purchases	28 Verify credentials before letting workers in	29 Keep personal info private	30 Trust your gut if something feels off	31 Stay in groups when possible	

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August

Chemical safety



Chemicals pose a wide range of hazards to health and safety, including irritation, sensitization, carcinogenicity, flammability, corrosion, and explosibility. Working safely with chemicals begins with education and training. The Occupational Health and Safety Administration (OSHA) mandates that businesses who work with chemicals implement a hazard communication program. The elements of this program include: hazard classification, labels, Safety Data Sheets (SDS), and training.

Chemical manufacturers must evaluate the products' hazards and prepare labels and SDS to convey the hazard information to their customers. The hazard classification provides specific information on health and physical hazards and the type of mixtures. The labels must include the signal word, pictogram, and hazard statement for each class and category. Businesses will obtain this information from the manufacturers and importers of the chemicals they use. The OSHA standard requires information about the identities and hazards of the chemicals used to be made available and understandable to employees. Train workers on safety controls to protect them when handling chemicals.

Further, OSHA provides general requirements for storing flammable liquids. Follow these safety tips and review the OSHA standard for specifics on type and quantity for compliance.

- Store in only approved containers for liquids of five gallons or less
- Quantities of one gallon or less may be stored in original container
- Do not store in areas used for exits, stairways, or normal passage
- Store in approved metal storage cabinet with label that reads “Flammable-keep away from open flames”



August is:

[National Immunization Awareness month](#)

[Back to School month](#)

[Children's Eye Health & Safety month](#)

[Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over](#)

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August



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Know local emergency numbers when traveling
2 Keep hotel doors locked	3 Use room safes for valuables	4 Don't share hotel room numbers	5 Avoid leaving drinks unattended	6 Stay sober enough to stay aware	7 Back up important documents	8 Keep a copy of passport separate
9 Learn a few local phrases abroad	10 Respect local customs	11 Know nearest embassy location	12 Use registered taxis only	13 Don't share travel plans publicly	14 Keep digital copies of IDs	15 Avoid political demonstrations abroad
16 Wash hands often	17 Stay home when sick	18 Keep vaccines up to date	19 Stay hydrated	20 Eat balanced meals	21 Get regular checkups	22 Stretch before exercise
23 Warm up properly	24 Cool down after workouts	25 Don't ignore pain	26 Use sunscreen daily	27 Wear helmets when biking	28 Avoid smoking	29 Limit alcohol intake
30 Manage stress healthily	31 Get enough sleep					

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September

Lifting safety and manual material handling



There are general guidelines one can follow to help prevent injury from lifting objects and material handling. Try these:

Safeguarding devices are controls or attachments that, when properly designed, applied and used, usually prevent inadvertent access by employees to hazardous machine areas by either preventing or detecting operator contact with the point of operation or stopping potentially hazardous machine motion if any part of an individual's body is within the hazardous portion of the machine.

Criteria for machine safeguarding

- Before you lift a heavy object, think through it. Plan where you will place the item and how you will get it to the new destination.
- Don't move an object that is too heavy to lift safely. If possible, break down the item into smaller parts or find someone to help.
- Never lift from a standing position with your waist bent and knees locked. Maintain the natural curve in your lower back. You can try kneeling with one knee down or squatting. Remember, always use your legs to lift and avoid twisting your body. Also, keep materials below your view to prevent a fall injury.
- Material handling is more than just lifting. It also includes lowering, pushing, pulling, holding, and carrying activities. Additional factors that affect safe material handling include floor surfaces, housekeeping, and storage practices. Consider the use of mechanical aids whenever possible.



September is:

[National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery month](#)

[National Preparedness month](#)

[National Food Safety Education month](#)
[Sports Eye Safety month](#)

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September



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		1 Practice good posture	2 Use seatbelts in taxis too	3 Take breaks from screens	4 Wash produce before eating	5 Don't share razors
6 Store medications correctly	7 Labor Day	8 Follow prescription directions	9 Keep emergency meds handy	10 Dispose of expired meds safely	11 Use ear protection at concerts	12 World First Aid Day
13 Avoid excessive caffeine	14 Maintain a healthy weight	15 Limit processed foods	16 Keep up dental hygiene	17 Wear safety glasses when needed	18 Keep first aid supplies at work	19 Safer Internet Day
20 Learn CPR basics	21 Avoid extreme heat exposure	22 Take breaks in hot weather	23 Dress for the weather	24 Don't swim alone	25 Know your swimming limits	26 Use life jackets on boats
27 Check pool depths before diving	28 Don't run near pools	12 World Heart Day	30 Respect warning flags at beaches			

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October

Indoor air quality



Different sources can cause indoor air pollution. One prevalent cause is the release of gases or particles. Common gases come from improperly vented fuel-burning appliances, such as gas stoves, water heaters, fireplaces, dryers, woodstoves, and space heaters. If ventilation is inadequate, this increases pollutant levels by preventing dilution from the fresh outdoor air. High temperature and humidity may also increase pollutants. Besides gases, other contaminants include chemicals and living organisms like mold and pests. In addition, volatile organic compounds (VOCs) are emitted by various products, including paints, cleaning products, pesticides, building materials, office equipment, and air fresheners. Air pollutants can cause health problems including, sore eyes, respiratory issues, headaches, fatigue, heart disease, and cancer. In addition, contaminants like carbon monoxide can cause death. There are many ways to protect and improve indoor air quality.

Consider these steps to reduce your risk for air pollution:

- Test for radon and determine how to mitigate high levels.
- Prevent mold by controlling moisture. Keep indoor humidity between 30 and 50 percent.
- Keep your home smoke-free.
- Install carbon monoxide (CO) detection devices.
- Use and maintain a ventilation system.
- Open windows when weather permits.
- Follow manufacturers' instructions on appliances and products. Never mix products and keep them away from children.
- Change filters regularly



October is:

[National Substance Abuse Prevention month](#)

[National Protect Your Hearing month](#)

[National Crime Prevention month](#)

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October



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				1 Stay indoors during lightning	2 Don't use electronics during storms	3 Keep bug spray handy outdoors
4 Check for ticks after hiking	5 Use proper footwear when hiking	6 Stay on marked trails	7 International Walk to School Day	8 Bring water on hikes	9 Watch for wildlife signs	10 Use caution around animals
11 Read manuals before use	12 Indigenous Peoples' Day	13 International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction	14 Turn off power before repairs	15 Global Handwashing Day	16 Keep tools clean	17 Store tools in dry places
18 Use guards on power tools	19 Wear eye protection	20 Unplug before changing blades	21 Keep work areas lit	22 Don't use wet tools	23 Disconnect batteries before service	24 Avoid loose clothing near machines
25 Keep fingers away from blades	26 Check cords for damage	27 Use ground fault protection	28 Maintain fire extinguishers	29 Label switches clearly	30 Follow maintenance schedules	31 Halloween

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November

First aid



There are essential steps to follow when providing first aid to an individual in immediate need. The purpose of administering emergency first aid is to help an injured party before emergency medical services (EMS) arrive. To be prepared, one should be CPR and first aid trained and certified. First aid may be used to assist individuals with a wide range of conditions, including severe asthma, anaphylaxis, burns, choking, diabetic emergencies, bleeding, heart attack, poisoning, stroke, and seizure. Review the guidelines below for awareness on providing first aid.

- Before providing care to an injured or ill person, check the scene. Is it safe? What happened? How many people were involved? Are injuries life threatening? Is anyone else available to assist?
- If a person is awake and responsive without life threatening injuries, obtain consent. Tell them your name, level of training, what you think is wrong, and ask permission to provide care. Ask the person about signs and symptoms.
- Tell a bystander to get the AED and first aid kit.
- Use personal protective equipment. Put on gloves if available.
- If a person is unresponsive, send someone to call 911. Keep the person lying face up on a flat surface. If the person is not breathing, begin CPR as trained, starting with compressions, or use an AED.

Remember to keep your first aid kits stocked. It is also a good idea to have AEDs available and some of your workforce First Aid and CPR certified.



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November



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Daylight saving time ends	2 Don't use unapproved parts	3 Election Day	4 Report equipment defects	5 Avoid makeshift repairs	6 Don't overload circuits	7 Turn off machines after use
8 Clean filters regularly	9 Test alarms monthly	10 Inspect safety guards often	11 Veterans Day	12 Check oil and fluids routinely	13 Keep vents clear	14 National Seat Belt Day
15 World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims	16 Use caution around moving belts	17 Secure all fasteners tightly	18 Replace worn parts promptly	19 Keep batteries stored properly	20 Dispose of batteries safely	21 Avoid metal near batteries
22 Never bypass safety switches	23 Keep manuals accessible	24 Use proper fuses	25 Avoid overheating equipment	26 Thanksgiving Day	27 Black Friday	28 Don't leave machinery unattended
29 Label high-voltage areas	30 Know main power shutoff location					

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December

Winter driving



Consider the following recommendations before driving a vehicle in cold weather conditions:

- Get your car serviced. It's a good idea to get a tune-up before the cold weather arrives. Be sure to check the battery, tires, lights, cooling system and windshield wipers.
- Stock your vehicle. Be prepared for an emergency. Supplies may include a snow shovel, ice scraper, sand or salt, jumper cables, flashlight, flares, blankets, cell phone charger, food and water.
- Check the weather, road conditions and traffic.
- Keep your gas tank near full.

Follow safe driving tips during winter weather:

- Stay alert and take your time getting to your destination. Drive slower than usual as conditions may be slick and snow-covered.
- Do not drive while distracted or under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
- Do not travel beside a snowplow and maintain proper distance.

If you are stopped or stalled in your vehicle during wintry weather:

- Stay in your car.
- Place bright markers on antenna or windows.
- Keep the interior light on in the car.
- Don't run your car for long periods with the windows up.
- Be sure the exhaust pipe is clear of snow to avoid carbon monoxide poisoning.



 **December is:**

[Safe Toys and Gifts month](#)

[Holiday Season Drunk Driving Campaign](#)

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December



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		1 Know your evacuation route	2 Have an emergency kit ready	3 Keep bottled water stored	4 Hanukkah	5 Check weather alerts regularly
6 Don't drive through floodwaters	7 Have backup batteries for devices	8 Keep documents in waterproof bags	9 Know local shelter locations	10 Stay calm during emergencies	11 Always think safety first	12 Always wear required PPE
13 Keep walkways clear	14 Report hazards immediately	15 Don't bypass safety guards	16 Keep fire exits unobstructed	17 Lift with your legs, not your back	18 Know your emergency procedures	19 Use handrails on stairs
20 Store tools properly	21 December Solstice	22 Maintain good housekeeping	23 Don't rush tasks	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day	26 Always stay alert
27 Follow lockout/tagout rules	28 Use the right tool for the job	29 Inspect tools before use	30 Never block electrical panels	31 New Year's Eve		

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