

TOOLBOX TALKS

Refueling Equipment

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Refueling is an event at any jobsite. It happens so frequently that we don't always stop to think of the dangers. When we are doing something as ordinary and simple as refueling we need to be especially mindful of the need to act safely.

Gasoline is Dangerous

- Gasoline and fuel oils are designed to cause an explosion, preferably in the engine
- Fuel Spills can be dangerous, in addition to being an environmental issue
- Fuel fumes can cause nausea

Refuel Safely

- Always concentrate on the task at hand
- NEVER smoke while refueling
- Don't refuel near any open flames
- Always turn off the engine
- Make sure the fire extinguisher is within reach
- Be sure to chock the wheels if you feel the equipment may roll
- Don't overfill the fuel tank
- On hot days allow for the fuel to expand

Refueling Areas

- Be sure the area is clearly marked
- Always clean up all spills as quickly as possible
- Keep an extinguisher close
- Make sure that all garbage is picked up and that equipment can easily enter and leave the area

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