

Manufacturing: how to keep your warehouse safe

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It's a lot to keep track of, certainly, but don't fret - I've found three areas that you need to cover if you want to remain safe. So, take a look at this bite-sized article to find what your company requires to keep its manufacturing warehouses safe.

Fire safety

In a warehouse using high-tech mechanics and equipment, the likelihood that a fire will erupt suddenly in your building is much higher than in other workplaces. And if burning flames do come calling, you're going to have to be prepared.

The basics are obvious - fire extinguishers, sprinkler systems and fire safety blankets are all a must - but there are a few specifics that will keep your warehouse much safer.

I'd recommend a product like Durasteel, a <u>high-quality composite fire panel</u> that can protect the rest of your building from flames for up to four hours. This panelling is also fireproof, making you markedly safer if flames begin licking up your walls.

With this equipment and building materials in place, the likelihood of your warehouse perishing in a sea of flames will be greatly reduced.

Then, you need to train your staff to be fire conscious. Invite a professional to fill your employees in on the dangers of flames. After all, no one wants his place of work burnt down because of a stupid mistake.

Health and safety

Health-and-safety legislation is mandatory for all employers and, although the laws change from country to country, reading up on your <u>local health-and-safety legislation</u> is wise.

Good employers treat their staff well, so try to go above and beyond the call of duty when it comes to health and safety. Injuries will be reduced and workers will suffer fewer sick days.

Workers' rights

All workers have a right to be treated well in a <u>safe environment</u> - although many employers shirk their responsibilities all too easily.

Unless you want a major uproar from your staff, keep them safe and make them feel listened to.

Appoint a representative to inform you of any grumblings and see what you can do to improve their lot. Not only will this make them more productive in a safe environment, but it'll also reduce the likelihood of a high staff turnover.

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