

# Safety Talk

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## ACTIVE SHOOTER PREPARATION

An active shooter is an individual actively engaged in killing or attempting to kill people in a confined or other populated area. Listed below are tips on preparing for an active shooter situation.

### You Have 3 Options:

#### 1. Run

- Have an escape route and plan in mind
- Know where all exits are located at all times
- Leave your belongings behind
- Evacuate regardless of whether others agree to follow
- Help others escape, if possible
- Do not attempt to move the wounded
- Prevent people from entering an area where the active shooter may be located.
- Keep your hands visible
- Call 911 when you are safe

#### 2. Hide

- Hide in an area out of the shooter's view
- Lock the door or block entry to your hiding place
- Silence your cell phone (including vibrate mode) and remain quiet

#### 3. Fight

- Fight as a last resort and only when your life is in imminent danger
- Attempt to incapacitate the shooter
- Act with as much physical aggression as possible
- Improvise weapons or throw items at the shooter
- Commit to your actions...your life depends on it

### Information to Provide to 911 Operators:

- Location of the active shooter
- Number of shooters
- Physical description of shooters
- Number and type of weapons shooter has
- Number of potential victims at location

### When Law Enforcement Arrives:

- Remain calm and follow instructions
- Drop items in your hands (e.g., bags, jackets)
- Raise hands and spread your fingers
- Keep hands visible at all times
- Avoid quick movements toward officers, such as holding on to them for safety
- Avoid pointing, screaming or yelling



## FIRE SAFETY FOR VACANT BUILDINGS AND UNDER-UTILIZED

When a building is vacant or unoccupied, property owners should consider the potential for numerous risks, including fire. Fire risk management is crucial to ensure the safety and security of the property, nearby buildings, and the surrounding area. Property owners should consider the following essential fire safety measures.

### Enhance Security Measures for Under-Utilized Buildings:

- Vacant buildings can have a "bullseye" on it for arsonists. To mitigate unauthorized entry, owners and property management should consider installing strong locking mechanisms and locks on all forms of entry, including windows and doors.
- Invest in security camera equipment which allows owners to monitor property on a regular basis.

### Conduct Regular Inspections of the Vacant Property:

- Regular inspections of unoccupied buildings can help identify potential fire hazards, electrical hazards, and any damage due to unauthorized entry.

### Check Fire Extinguishers and Fire Prevention Systems Regularly:

- Ensure fire extinguishers and fire prevention systems are operating correctly.
- Ensure fire extinguishers are inspected monthly and annually.
- Ensure fire extinguishers are properly identified.

Another big part of effective risk management also includes ensuring that you have adequate insurance coverage for vacant buildings.



## EYE PROTECTION SAFETY MONTH

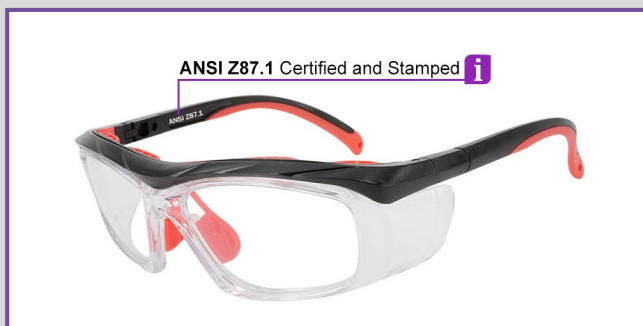
More than 2,000 eye injuries occur on the job site every day and about 1 in 10 of them require missed workdays to recover. Of the total amount of work-related eye injuries, 10 to 20 percent will cause temporary or permanent vision loss in the affected employees.

And, while many people think that eye injuries primarily occur in manufacturing, construction or trade jobs, nearly 40 percent of work-related eye injuries occur in offices, healthcare facilities, laboratories and similar environments.

Flying objects, tools, particles, chemicals and harmful radiation are the causes of most eye injuries. And in many cases, implementing safe work practices and utilizing appropriate personal protective equipment could prevent them entirely.

March is Workplace Eye Safety Awareness Month and that is why we are taking this opportunity to remind you of a few tips to help protect your eyes while on the job.

- Always wear the appropriate safety eyewear for your job task. Consider what eye hazards may be present from your job as well as others working close by.
- If working in an area with flying particles or dust, be sure to wear safety glasses with side shields to protect against flying objects.
- When working with chemicals, always wear safety goggles and a face shield to protect against splashing.
- When working around hazardous radiation like welding or lasers, be sure to use special-purpose tinted safety glasses and welding helmets designed specifically for the task.
- Keep your eye protection clean. Inspect before each use and replace if scratched or damaged.
- Not all glasses are "safety glasses". Check for the Z87 water mark on the lens or earpiece to verify the glasses you use are ANSI approved eye protection.
- So remember - something as simple as putting on a pair of safety glasses can prevent serious eye injuries. These injuries are painful, cause many lost workdays and can lead to permanent vision loss. So during the month of March, and year round, remember to wear your safety glasses!



## STANDBY GENERATOR MAINTENANCE CHECKLIST

Standby generators are self-contained systems that provide electricity when power from the primary source, usually the local electric grid, is unavailable. When the grid experiences an outage, an automatic transfer switch (ATS) signals that standby generator to start and begin providing power. Listed below is an Operations and Maintenance (O&M) Best Practice to assure the safe and efficient operation of standby generators.

### Weekly Maintenance:

- Run the generator (typically no-load, automatic transfer switch exercise cycle.)
- Verify that the unit operated properly and has no alarms or warnings.
- Ensure that the generator is in "Auto" mode, for automatic startup.
- Check fuel levels.
- Check that the circuit breaker is closed.
- Make sure there are no fluid leaks.

### Monthly Maintenance:

- Check engine coolant level.
- Check engine oil level.
- Check charge on battery

### Bi-Annual Maintenance: (Schedule maintenance with a certified technician)

- Inspect the enclosure.
- Check the battery electrolyte level and specific gravity.
- Check the battery cables and connections.
- Inspect drive belts.
- Inspect the coolant heater.
- Check coolant lines and connections.
- Check for oil leaks and inspect lubrication system hoses and connectors.
- Inspect the exhaust system, muffler and exhaust pipe.
- Check and clean air cleaner units.
- Inspect air induction piping and connections.

### Annual Maintenance: (Schedule maintenance with a certified technician)

- Change oil, fuel and air filters.
- Clean crankcase breather.
- Change spark plugs.
- Flush coolant system (as needed).
- Perform load bank test.

## MARCH 2025 QUIZ

### TRUE or FALSE

1. Weekly maintenance on generators should include checking fuel levels, checking for leaks, and ensuring that the generator is in "Auto" mode.

**True or False**

2. Regular inspections of unoccupied buildings can help identify potential fire hazards, electrical hazards, and any damage due to unauthorized entry.

**True or False**

3. The 3 Tips for an Active Shooter situation are Run, Hide, Fight.

**True or False**

4. Safety glasses are the best way to protect your eyes and face from chemical splashes.

**True or False**

5. Check your safety glasses to verify that they are ANSI Z87 approved safety eye waer.

**True or False**

### Answers

1. True 2. True 3. True 4. False 5. True