

## Questions to Smoke Out Fire Hazards at Your Business

You've worked hard to help make your business successful, but something as small as a frayed electrical cord could turn into a large fire and wind up costing your company millions of dollars.

When was the last time you took a fire safety survey and asked yourself critical questions about your business' safety procedures? Are you actively assessing your business on a regular basis to ensure a fire doesn't spark up?

It only takes a few minutes, but a couple of simple questions could help you more closely review your property, assets, people, and processes to ensure preventative strategies are being followed. Ask yourself:

- Have you done a fire safety walkthrough in the last 30 days?
- Do you provide annual fire prevention and safety training for your employees?
- Are your fire suppression equipment and systems inspected and maintained at the required intervals?
- Are you familiar with the top fire hazards in your industry and strategies to minimize risk?

Federated<sup>®</sup> offers a wide variety of resources to help with fire risk management. If you answered “no” or “unsure” to any of the questions above, we can provide specific flyers, brochures, and videos on how to handle those topics and more.

In addition, as you ask yourself these questions, take note of areas you know could use improvement, and areas that may be “red flags” that need immediate fixes. Remediating these right away could be the difference between a successful business and one that faces deadly and costly losses.

Controlling fire hazards is everyone's responsibility, not something that is a one-and-done fix — and it starts at the top with you. Access a fire prevention and safety checklist sample on [mySHIELD<sup>®</sup>](#), and reach out to your local [marketing representative](#) for more information.

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