

Fire Watch Responsibilities

Introduction

A fire watch is assigned when required by the applicable rule and site assessment. The watch detects ignition during and after hot work and must understand the hazards, alarm method, and authorized response.

Hazards & Controls

Maintain coverage of exposed areas, including the opposite side of walls or floors and concealed spaces where sparks can travel. Have suitable extinguishing equipment readily available. Stop work if required controls or effective watch coverage are lost.

For covered general-industry welding or cutting, maintain the required watch at least 30 minutes afterward. Other rules, permits, and site conditions may require longer monitoring. Do not leave until the required period and authorized closeout are complete; fight only fires within your training and capability.

Follow the employer's fire prevention and emergency action procedures and the requirements for the task and industry. These awareness notes do not authorize firefighting or replace required training.

Safety Reminders

Keep escape routes clear and know how to raise the alarm. Evacuate when directed or when conditions are unsafe. Never delay escape or attempt a response beyond your training and authorization.

Engagement Questions

Which areas need coverage, and what watch duration does this permit require?

What site-specific hazards or changes would make us stop work?

Sources and use notice

OSHA: Portable Fire Extinguishers (1910.157)

OSHA: Welding and Cutting Fire Prevention

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Meeting Record & Sign-In

Fire Watch Responsibilities

Company: _____ Date: _____

Jobsite: _____ Presenter: _____

Time / duration: _____ Crew / shift: _____

Site-specific hazards and controls discussed

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Follow-up action / responsible person / due date

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