

Woodworking preventative maintenance and housekeeping

Cabinet and woodworking shops present a higher hazard for fires and property loss due to the accumulation of combustible wood and dust. To help prevent losses and disruptions to your business, preventative maintenance and housekeeping actions are essential. Follow the best practices listed below to help prevent equipment breakdown and property losses.

- Sawdust removed from floor, walls and equipment daily
- Sawdust accumulation systems cleaned frequently by manufacturer recommendations
- Gas/wood/electric heaters serviced annually by a qualified service
- No open flames
- All electrical outlets and electrical panels covered with no open wiring
- Electrical systems over 30 years of age inspected by a qualified electrician
- Hydraulic-driven equipment hoses and fittings inspected monthly
- Combustible liquids stored outside of the building
- Spray finishing booth fire suppression inspected semi-annually by a qualified service
- Spray finishing booth filters inspected and changed frequently
- Spray finishing fire suppression discharge heads inspected for overspray buildup
- Smoking prohibited inside the building with receptacles outside
- Fire extinguishers serviced annually by a qualified service
- Overhead sprinkler systems serviced annually by a qualified service
- Gas-fired dryers and kilns serviced frequently according to the manufacturer's recommendations
- Combustible engine forklifts equipped with muffler spark arrestors

INSPECTION COMPLETED BY: _____ **DATE:** _____

MAINTENANCE FOLLOW UP BY: _____ **DATE:** _____

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