



Toolbox Safety Talks

Portable Generators

- 1)** What are the hazards involved with portable generators?
 - a. Shock and electrocution
 - b. Exhaust – carbon monoxide
 - c. Fires

- 2)** What hazards should you look for prior to using a portable generator?
 - a. Fuel lines
 - b. Dry storage area
 - c. Damaged extension cords
 - d. GFCI
 - e. Fuel storage and procedures

- 3)** What safe practices should be used when operating a portable generator?
 - a. Inspect portable generators for damage or loose fuel lines that may have been incurred during transportation or handling
 - b. Keep the generator dry
 - c. Maintain and operate portable generators in accordance with the manufacturer's use and safety instructions
 - d. Never attach a generator directly to the electrical system of a structure (home, office, or trailer) unless the generator has a properly installed transfer switch. (Such a connection creates a risk of electrocution for utility workers)
 - e. Always plug electrical appliances directly into the generator using the manufacturer's supplied cords. Use undamaged heavy-duty extension cords that are grounded (3-pronged)
 - f. Use ground-fault circuit interrupters (GFCI) in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.
 - g. Before refueling, shut down the generator
 - h. Never operate a generator in an enclosed area
 - i. Never place a generator outside near doors, windows, or vents.

- 4)** Do we have any generators that are in need of repair or maintenance
- 5)** Do we always plug our generators into a GFCI outlet?
- 6)** Has anyone ever experienced carbon monoxide poisoning?
- 7)** Has anyone had an accident near-miss while working with a portable generator?
- 8)** Can someone explain what items you should visibly inspect prior to use?



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