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HEALTH SAFETY ENVIRONMENTAL



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## *Smoking on Job Site*

Recently, GIS had an incident where an employee was smoking a cigarette on his break. The cigarette fell through the grating striking a life boat causing smoke to arise. The situation was handled after the employee sprayed the area with water where the smoke was coming from to prevent further damage. There were no injuries during this incident, but there were damages to the life boat.

Although there were no injuries, if the situation was not addressed properly then it could have had catastrophic results. It is important to realize what could have happened and to assure that we do all that we can to prevent situations like this from occurring in the future.

It is crucial to follow GIS's policies and procedures for smoking in the workplace. For any questions about GIS's policies and procedures they can be found online at [www.gisy.com](http://www.gisy.com) under the safety portal.

Also, always know where the designated smoking areas are at the jobsite, and be sure to know the required distances between you and flammable materials.



It is important to know the reasons why there are policies and procedures put in place. When you decide to take a smoke break some of the hazards that can be found in the work area can include the following:

- *Distracting attention* from the work being performed
- *Fuel Storage* and refueling areas
- *Flammable dust* at handling and storage facilities
- *Painting areas* where flammable paints and paint thinners may be in use
- *Waste disposal* areas where gases may accumulate
- *Finish work* areas where cigarette burns may damage work

**Report all incidents immediately to the GIS Hotline**

**1-855-543-5163**

Following your initial phone call, an incident report **must** be completed and e-mailed to:

[incident@gisy.com](mailto:incident@gisy.com)

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