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SMOHIT Safety SenseToolbox Talks for the Sheet Metal Industry

Flammables

- Flammables can burn or explode in certain situations. They pose a significant hazard on construction sites and in fabrication shops.
- You can learn the circumstances that cause fire and explosions by reading the MSDS.
- Be very careful when working with flammables and do not take shortcuts or any unnecessary risks.
- When working with flammables:
 - Clearly mark all containers containing flammable materials.
 - Do not smoke around flammables.
 - Be sure there is a fire extinguisher in the area when working with flammables.
 - Do not perform welding or cutting operations near flammables.
 - Do not use flammable solvents for cleaning materials.
 - When transferring flammables from one container to another, prevent static electricity by using grounding or bonding wires.
 - Make sure that areas where flammables are present are well ventilated.
 - Use appropriate safety containers for storage of flammables.
 - Store flammables separately from other materials in a fire resistant cabinet.
 - Always dispose of flammables into approved containers and never pour them in the drain, sewer, ground or garbage.

Instructor Tips

- Demonstrate the proper way to transfer flammables from one container to another. Explain how "bonding" works.
- Point out locations for storing flammable chemicals.
- Point out locations for disposing flammables.

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