



SAFETY



CONVERSATION



Topic: Safe Use of Chafing Fuel

WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO LEARN

In this Safety Conversation you will learn about the safest and most effective way to use chafing fuel in the business. This will ensure that we reduce the risks of fire and burns to ourselves, colleagues or customers.

HOW IT WILL HELP YOU IN YOUR JOB

Following this conversation, you will:

- Know about the correct storage of chafing fuel
- Know how to safely set up of chafing fuel
- Understand the correct process for lighting and extinguishing chafing fuel

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

SAFE STORAGE

When not in use, chafing fuel must be stored in metal containers with 30 minutes fire resistance, sited away from public areas and fire escapes. The storage container must be clearly marked "Flammable Liquid. No Smoking. No Naked Lights" and the must be kept locked. When chafing fuel is in an area ready for use, it should be kept away from ignition sources and combustible items (e.g. paper, linen and clothing).

SAFE SET UP

Ensure that chafing fuel is in a chafing fuel holder, on a level surface. Ensure that that combustible items are a safe distance away (e.g. menus, napkins and cloths).

LIGHTING

Light the chafing fuel with a long reach lighter, when it is in position in the chafing fuel holder. Do not move lit chafing fuel.

PUTTING CHAFING FUEL OUT

If possible, allow the chafing fuel flame to go out naturally, but always under supervision. Should this not be possible, follow manufacturers' guidance and use a non-combustible item to restrict oxygen and extinguish the fuel (e.g. a china saucer). Do not use anything that will conduct heat. Before removing the extinguished chafing fuel, ensure this has cooled down enough to safely handle. Don't forget - do not put hot chafing fuel in a bin.

EXTINGUISHING A CHAFING FUEL FIRE

Use foam or CO2 fire extinguisher to put out this type fire; do not use water as this may spread the gel

REMEMBER, DO NOT:

Use a plate to balance chafing fuel on
 Use a lit can to light another can
 Carry chafing dishes with lit cans
 Allow hair to hang near flame
 Blow out flame to extinguish

Use a sharp knife to pry off the lid
 Carry lit cans
 Touch cans while still hot
 Use hands to extinguish flame
 Allow combustibles near flame

PUTTING WHAT YOU'VE LEARNT INTO PRACTICE

- Go to your areas and ensure you have the correct set up to use chafing fuel
- Find out where you store your chafing fuel and check the correct signage is displayed



BE MINDFUL

- Be mindful of your surroundings - are there any combustible items that could ignite?
- Could a customer accidentally leave a napkin nearby?

SPEAK OUT

- Ask your supervisor or manager if you are unsure of how to safely set up your buffet station.
- If you see something with the potential to cause harm or if you see a fire notify your manager or supervisor immediately.

GET INVOLVED

- Keep checking the area is clear of combustibles that could lead to an incident.
- Know where your nearest fire extinguisher is.

YOUR VALIDATION

- Where should you keep chafing fuel when it is not in use?
- What combustible items should you be aware of when using chafing fuel?
- How should you put chafing fuel out?
- What shouldn't you use to open a chafing fuel?

MORE INFORMATION

- Venue specific actions to take in a fire
- Risk assessment CAT 22
- Manufacturer's guidance
- Safety data sheet

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