

Fire Blankets: A Critical Tool for Office Safety

Fire safety is essential for maintaining a secure workplace. Fire blankets are a key tool for managing small fires in office environments. While they are often associated with home use, fire blankets are equally effective in office spaces, especially for emergencies involving stove-top, electrical, or small equipment fires.



1. What Are Fire Blankets?

Fire blankets are safety devices designed to smother small fires by cutting off their oxygen supply. They are made of fire-resistant material and are an essential tool for fire safety in homes and workplaces.

2. When to Use a Fire Blanket:

- For small fires on a stove, grill, or similar surfaces.
- To wrap around a person whose clothing has caught fire to prevent further injury.

3. How to Use a Fire Blanket:

- Pull the blanket from its packaging and hold it by the top corners.
- Carefully place the blanket over the fire to smother it, ensuring the edges completely cover the flames.
- For clothing fires, wrap the blanket securely around the individual and instruct them to drop and roll if needed.

4. Why Fire Blankets Matter:

- **Quick Response:** Fire blankets smother flames by cutting off oxygen, helping prevent the fire from spreading.
- **Versatile Use:** Ideal for small fires or to assist someone whose clothing has caught fire.
- **Simple and Effective:** Easy to use with no special training required.

Stay Prepared:

Fire blankets should be easily accessible in key locations. Regularly inspect them to ensure they are in good condition and ready to use.

Fire blankets are a simple yet highly effective safety device that every office should have on hand. By knowing their purpose, ensuring they are easily accessible, and learning how to use them correctly, you can contribute to a safer workplace for everyone. Let's work together to stay prepared and promote fire safety throughout our office spaces in the City of New York. For additional tips and fire safety resources, contact your Fire and Life Safety Director or the Fire Safety Unit.

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