



Spark Plugs For Automobile Dealerships



Shop Hazards for Dealerships and Auto Repair Centers

Accidents don't just happen! They are a typically combination of various components generally attributable to unsafe acts or conditions.

Many of the items listed below could occur daily in any dealership or auto repair facility. Whether it's a large industrial shop or a smaller one or two man operation, the hazards are quite similar. Take a few minutes to look around your work area and make the necessary corrections now, to eliminate any chance of injury . . . to you or your co-workers.

Do you or your co-workers ever . . .

1. Adjust, service, clean or clear a machine from a jam while it is in operation?
2. Remove equipment guards or tamper with safety devices or adjustments?
3. Use compressed air that is over 30-psi to clean your work area / surface?
4. Use compressed air to clean off your clothing or person of dust or dirt?
5. Fail to wear safety glasses and/or face shield to prevent eye injuries?
6. Work in high noise areas without using appropriate hearing protection?
7. Wear gloves, ties, rings, long sleeves, or loose clothing around moving machinery?
8. Use a grinder without proper wheel guards or failure to maintain proper adjustment of the work rest?
9. Ask one person to lift an object that its size or weight should dictate it should be handled by two people?
10. Use ungrounded portable electric hand tools?
11. Allow frayed, missing ground prong or damage extension cords?
12. Smoke near flammable or combustibles storage areas or during the use of such materials?
13. Improperly store compressed gas cylinders? Are they secure? Are they mixed?
14. Use lifting devices improperly such as exceeding load capacities, side loading, defective lifting slings etc?
15. Allow unprotected welding and grinding areas. Welding shields need to be placed around welding and grinding areas to protect other workers in the shop?

16. Paint in unapproved spray painting areas and improper storage of flammable materials?

If you've answered yes to any of these questions, it is likely that you or a co-worker will be injured . . . today, tomorrow or next week. Consider the consequences: Is the time you save to take the risk really worth the time you'll spend rehabilitating?

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