



## Spark Plugs For Automobile Dealerships



# Maintenance Shop Hazards

**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 maintenance facilities. 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 handling 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, and defective lifting slings?
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 will spend rehabilitating?

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact your local PMA Risk Control Consultant.

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