

# Did You Know...

## THERE ARE DIFFERENT CAUSES OF BURN INJURIES

When we think of burns, we mostly think of heat (thermal) burns. And it's true that these are the most common.

But there are other ways to get burned as well. The following are types of burns that can occur:

- **Thermal** – occur due to contact with a hot surface, fire, hot liquids, or an explosion.
- **Chemical** – result from skin or eye contact with a strong acid, corrosive, caustic, or alkaloid.
- **Electrical** – occur where an electrical current has passed through the body.

Prior to beginning work, complete a thorough risk assessment of the work area and the tasks to be performed to identify any potential causes of burns. Whenever possible, the best way to reduce the risk is to eliminate the hazard at the source.

If the hazard cannot be eliminated, proceed with caution, follow Safe Work Practices and ensure that personal protective equipment is appropriate for the work and hazards, is inspected and in good condition, and fits securely.



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