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Lighting

To ensure appropriate safety and productivity levels in the workplace, lighting must be suited to the work tasks. Too much light can cause glare problems and too little light can result in problems with worker injuries or product quality. Each facility must be evaluated to ensure that the appropriate levels of light are being provided.

Entry and exit areas must have ample lighting to assist visitors and guests with negotiating any stairs, ramps, or inclines that allow access or exit from the building. Changes in elevation are significant causes of injuries and lighting can reduce the potential of these injuries.

Stairways and emergency exit stairs need to have appropriate levels of lighting much the same as the entry and exit areas. The emergency exit stairs also need to have a battery powered back source for lighting in the event of an emergency.

General use areas need to be evaluated for their lighting needs. Production areas need more light and offices will need a bit less. The use of portable directional lighting can be used to supplement light to areas where normal lighting conditions result in shadows or fringe area lighting results.

Battery powered emergency lighting needs to be provided to assist guests and visitors in safely evacuating the premises in the event of an emergency. The emergency back-up light sources need to be directed toward the exits so visitors can more easily know how to get out.

Lighted emergency exit signs also need to be situated throughout the premises. They are to be arranged such that no matter where a customer is within the building, they will be able to see an emergency exit sign and know which way to go to exit the building.

Portable emergency lighting such as flashlights should be located strategically throughout the building. Their location should be common knowledge to employees and/or emergency response personnel. These can be used for specialty applications as needed during routine operations or during an emergency.

Facility lighting is an important method for reducing the potential of injuries on your property. Management has the responsibility to fully evaluate the specific lighting needs of all areas of their facility. Following these evaluations, proper lighting is to be installed as identified.