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Dear RETRO Members;

September is **National Preparedness Month**, a week to focus on ensuring that your business and employees are prepared for emergencies. Take a moment to go through your first aid and earthquake kits replenishing items as needed. Go over your emergency plan. Will you be ready if there is a disaster? Perform a hazard inspection and correct and secure items that need attention. Will your business be able to remain open if there is a disaster? Don't wait to find out that you're not ready. Get a kit, make a plan and be informed. Here is a [link](#) to a great website for comprehensive business planning and preparedness. Here is where you can get the [FEMA App](#).



Fire Safety – With Fall approaching, it is a good time to review fire safety by checking fire alarms and smoke detectors, looking over the heating systems and electrical equipment for proper functionality. How are those fire extinguishers holding up? Do your employees know how to operate a fire extinguisher? Are emergency exit doors free from blockage and operating correctly? When did you last perform a fire drill exercise? Assume that if a fire were to happen, are all the things in place for everyone to safely exit? Here are a couple of great links for more fire safety tips;



[RS SafetyTV](#)
[NFPA safety tips](#)

Carbon Monoxide Poisoning – It is cooler outside, doors and windows are closed more often and the heaters are turning on. It is also a good time to become more conscious of equipment that is being used; especially gas-powered ones; like forklifts, heaters, generators, etc.

CO is odorless, colorless and otherwise undetectable to the human senses. People may not know that they are being exposed. You should inspect any equipment that uses combustible fuels for proper operation and use. [RS SafetyTV](#) has a couple of good videos on CO poisoning.

Think safe. Act safe. Be safe.

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