



FLA WORKPLACE FIRE SAFETY INITIATIVE: AN INTRODUCTION FOR FACTORY OWNERS AND MANAGERS

OVERVIEW

The three-hour course “Fire Safety in the Workplace: Introduction for Factory Owners and Managers,” accredited by the Institution of Occupational Safety and Health (IOSH), is designed to develop a shared understanding and awareness at the highest level of a factory workforce about fire protection and prevention. Its goal is to advance a culture of fire safety in factories. Specifically, the owner-and-manager training course focuses on garnering support for a fire-safety culture from senior management, with emphasis on the importance of training fire safety facilitators who can then provide ongoing worker training in factories. The course will include structured interactive exercises, and a pre- and post-training test to assess the course’s success.



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WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Factory owners, employers, members of a factory’s senior management team, and anyone responsible for developing and implementing a factory’s fire safety program. The maximum number of participants is 15 per course.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

On successful completion of the course, participants will have acquired the knowledge to:

1. Explain how fire safety fits into a company’s occupational safety and health structure
2. Describe at least three actions to prevent fire
3. Verbally explain the role of the workplace fire safety facilitator
4. Verbally support a policy requiring at least two unobstructed, lighted, and unlocked pathways from every workstation to an external emergency assembly area.

CERTIFICATION

Upon successful completion of the course, participants will receive a certificate from IOSH.

HOW TO SCHEDULE A TRAINING

To set up a training for fire safety facilitators, FLA Affiliates should contact firesafety@fairlabor.org

ADDITIONAL COURSES OFFERED

1. Workplace Fire Safety Trainers Course
2. Workplace Fire Safety Facilitators Course
3. Workplace Fire Safety Course for Workers

BACKGROUND

Serious factory fires over the past several years have focused greater attention on the health and safety risks workers face in factories that lack a fire safety culture and awareness of best practices for fire prevention and fire protection.

With the goal of empowering workers to identify unsafe working conditions and improve fire safety in factories, the FLA commissioned a suite of fire safety training materials in 2013. Dr. David Gold, an international consultant and expert on workplace fire prevention and protection, developed this series of IOSH-accredited fire safety trainings. The training materials are based on a list of 39 foundational competencies reviewed and approved by the US National Fire Protection Agency.

Currently available in English and Mandarin, the training material can be translated into other languages. The FLA offers training through a network of certified Master Trainers based in Bangladesh, China and India. Courses can be implemented in other countries upon request.