



## Tips for Garage Safety

**Reduce the risk of a fire in your garage by following these safety tips:**

- When cutting or sanding wood in the garage, sawdust and wood chips are created. Sweep them up when finished, eliminating combustibles.
- After using paint, stain, finishing oils or solvents, seal the container and store them in a safe place.
- Properly dispose of oily rags to avoid the possibility of spontaneous combustion by placing the rags in a steel bucket with a self-closing lid or hang the rags on a line in a single layer to dry. Keep them away from heat and fire sources.
- Make sure that combustibles are kept clear of heat sources such as water heaters, space heaters, or wood burning stoves.
- Store flammable products such as paint thinner, spray paint or wood finishes in a dedicated storage container with a closed door.
- Never store propane tanks indoors.
- Never barbeque inside your garage.
- Use light bulbs with the proper wattage. Never overload electrical outlets.
- Consider mounting a fire extinguisher in your garage.
- No more than 30L of gasoline are permitted to be stored in a garage (attached or detached) or shed.
- Allow gasoline powered tools to completely cool prior to putting them away.