Take quick action to prevent an emergency involving flammables from becoming a tragedy. Follow these guidelines:

- Only handle the emergency yourself if it is small and you are trained to handle it.
- Turn off any flames and equipment that can spark.
- Open windows and ventilate the area thoroughly.
- Clean up any spills using safe procedures and materials.
- Remove contaminated clothing immediately.
- If there is a fire, make sure to use the right kind of extinguisher.
- If there is any chance of explosion, evacuate the area as soon as possible, closing the doors as you leave.
- Go back into the danger area only if you've been trained and you are wearing the right personal protective equipment.
- Get medical attention for victims of the emergency as soon as possible.

Flammable: A gas or liquid that can burn or explode at close to room temperature.

Be prepared for flammable emergencies...

- Read all material safety data sheets and training materials when handling dangerous substances.
- Learn what fire extinguisher is right for the flammable you are using and where it is.
- Know your company's emergency plans and escape routes.
- Know the location of the nearest eyewash stations, safety showers and fresh air sources.
- Know who to contact if the emergency is too big to handle yourself.