

MANUFACTURING SAFETY ALERT

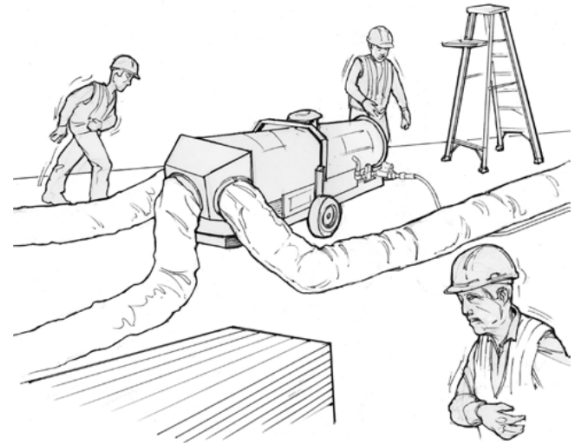
Ask Yourself
"Could it happen here?"

DESCRIPTION OF EVENT

Heater - Carbon Monoxide Poisoning

During set-up, the valve handle was not properly locked in the correct position. The handle slipped during operation from the propane position (vertical) to the natural gas position (horizontal) causing low gas-supply pressure.

As a result, the propane did not burn properly causing an over-abundance of carbon monoxide emission through the heater's exhaust fumes. Three on-site workers were treated for carbon monoxide poisoning.



SUGGESTED ACTIONS

1. Always install and use the equipment according to the manufacturer's instructions.
2. Vent gas-powered heaters as directed by the manufacturer to prevent exposure to carbon monoxide.
3. Conduct inspections of heaters regularly to ensure they are functioning correctly.
4. When using gas-powered heaters, consider conducting periodic air monitoring to ensure carbon monoxide levels remain within occupational exposure limits.

MOST IMPORTANT TAKE AWAY

Gas-powered heaters pose a significant risk of carbon monoxide poisoning.

Follow manufacturer's instructions when setting up heaters.

