



## Gasoline Safety

### If you must have gasoline around the house:

- Always store the containers in the garage or shed, NOT in the house
  - Always store it in approved safety containers - these can be expensive, but it is cheap "fire insurance"
  - Always have a fire extinguisher marked for "B" type fires (Gasoline and other flammable liquids) - Be sure you know how to use it!
  - Always keep the minimum amount of gas required
  - Always store the container in a cool and well ventilated area. Keep it away from any source of heat or sparks such as water heater, electric motor or car engines
  - Never carry gasoline in the trunk of your car
  - Always keep gasoline away from children
  - Never syphon gasoline by sucking the hose; gasoline can be fatal to adults too, if swallowed
  - Never use gasoline as a cleaner, a charcoal starter or a solvent
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- **If you or your child should ever swallow gasoline, then**
    - Move the child away from the gasoline source; then secure the gasoline safely
    - Call your doctor or Poison Centre immediately, or call 911
    - Never induce vomiting; the same is true kerosene, lighter fluid and fuel oil
    - For gasoline on clothing - remove the clothing and dispose of carefully
    - For gasoline of skin - use lots of warm soapy water to reduce the risk of chemical burns
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- **When filling up a tank with gasoline**
    - Place the portable tank on the ground, to eliminate static charge. NEVER fill a tank while it sits in a vehicle, even if it's the back of a pick-up truck.
    - Ensure there are no cigarettes, matches, or other sources of heat nearby.
    - Turn off your vehicle. To eliminate static charge build-up, touch a metal section of the vehicle prior to pumping fuel.
    - Do not transport fuel inside a vehicle. The trunk is not acceptable, either, as fumes will still get into the passenger compartment.
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- **If you do have a gasoline fire and don't have a "B" type fire extinguisher**
    - Get everyone away from the fire
    - Call the Fire department by dialing 911
    - Stay calm
    - Never use water to put out a gasoline fire