

Safety Fact Sheet



The Utah Safety Council cares about your safety outside of the work setting. We offer resources that keep you and your loved ones safe at home, at play and on the go.

GARAGE AND DRIVEWAY HAZARDS

- Keep all hazardous products out of children's reach. Lock up all chemicals, paint, pesticides, store tools and hardware in a latched or locked cabinet.
- Materials soaked in flammable liquids may self-ignite causing a fire hazard. Be sure to properly dispose of all gasoline, oil, or paint-soaked rags after each use in a metal container with a self-closing lid.
- Do not store any other flammable liquid in a gasoline safety container. Store all flammable liquids in a shed or garage, outside your home.
- Running a vehicle's engine in an enclosed space can cause carbon monoxide poisoning. Never warm up or run a vehicle (or any gasoline engine) in a garage with the door closed. Always open the garage door before starting your vehicle. Always turn off the vehicle before closing the garage door.
- The garage contains many potential hazards. Always supervise children while they are in the garage to prevent injury.
- Icy surfaces are especially dangerous fall hazards, so correct them before they happen. Apply an ice-melt product, salt or sand on the driveway that safely melts ice or provides traction.
- Make sure light switches are conveniently located
- Replace burned out bulbs immediately
- Use lights bright enough to illuminate working and walking areas
- Invest in safety with a new door and opener that offers automatic reversal sensors and a photoelectric safety sensor eye to prevent crushing injuries or deaths. This feature is especially important in households with small children and pets.
- When storing and removing items from high shelves, use a step stool or utility ladder. Never stand on a chair or climb your shelving units
- Whether you're storing sporting equipment, power tools or chemicals, it is imperative to install and maintain sturdy utility shelving.
- To store ladders or bicycles overhead, mount brackets to the ceiling joists or install a lift assembly. This creates usable floor space and helps eliminate falls.