



Washington Rural Counties Insurance Program

Facilities Maintenance Alert

Risk Alert

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Have questions?
If you have any questions regarding this risk alert, please contact your local agent, or your Clear Risk Solutions risk manager directly at 800.407.2027.

An easily overlooked maintenance item can lead to a large potential loss. WRCIP wants to alert your organization so you can be proactive in addressing the issue.

Losses have occurred in facilities where exhaust fans have been left on, allowing fans to overheat. The overheating has resulted in fire creating the potential for large scale loss to facilities and property. Suggested options to address this range from placing a label reminding individuals to turn off the fan when exiting the room to putting the fan on a timed switch, allowing the fan to turn off automatically.

It is suggested that maintenance personnel make the fans a regular inspection item. A discussion point should draw attention to the item for all those using the locations that may be equipped with a fan.

Maintenance personnel should be attentive to be sure the fans are turned off or that timed switches are working properly. Being aware of unusual noises or sounds from the fans can indicate a potential problem with the bearings, which can lead to overheating. The covers should be regularly taken off the fans to vacuum dust and dirt that may have accumulated in the housing, thus reducing the potential for fire, should the fan overheat.

Being aware of seemingly routine items in and around your facilities can go a long way to ensuring safety and reducing your exposure to loss.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate contacting your broker or Clear Risk Solutions risk manager.

