

County of San Diego



NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

POTENTIAL DANGERS INVOLVED IN FIRE DEBRIS CLEANUP OPERATIONS

Health and Safety is a primary responsibility of all contractors conducting debris removal resulting from the recent 2007 fires. Contractors must ensure not only safe work practices for their employees but also must make every effort to protect residents and ensure minimal disruption to community quality of life.

Protect Your Workers:

1. Monitor the air for hazardous air contaminants such as dust, asbestos, silica, and heavy metals.
2. Provide workers with appropriate levels of personal protective equipment (PPE) and respiratory protection.
3. Have an established Injury Illness Prevention Plan; Health & Safety Plan; and Community Health & Safety Plan in place prior to beginning debris cleanup operations.
4. Conduct site assessments for potential physical hazards such as electrical hazards, unstable work surfaces, and structural instability.
5. Take precautions to prevent heat stress.

Protect Residents and Community Quality of Life:

1. Provide sufficient water at the debris removal site to prevent dust nuisance. Thoroughly wet debris, but avoiding runoff from the site, 48 to 72 hours before removal begins.
2. Provide for necessary traffic control.
3. Limit daily noise activities between the hours of dawn to dusk.

For more information contact:

County of San Diego's Debris Removal Website at http://www.sdcountyrecovery.com/cleanup_info.html

CalOSHA Consultation at: 619-767-2060