



# SPECIALTY

INSURANCE AGENCY

## FIRE SAFETY 101

There are 4 essential safety rules to follow for any fire performance:

- **ALWAYS have a dedicated fire safety (or safeties).**
  - Your fire safety/safeties should be equipped with the appropriate materials to put out a flame (e.g. duvetyne fire blanket, damp cotton towel, fire extinguisher, etc.) and wear fire-safe attire.
  - During the performance, fire safeties should be exclusively focused on maintaining the safety of performer(s), audience members, and the premises.
  - Fire safeties should be ready to intervene if any audience members attempt to enter the performance area. Reminder, any audience participation when fire is present is NOT covered.
  - Discuss a communication plan with your fire safeties before each performance so all parties know what to do in case of an unintended fire.
- **Establish 3 separate and clearly defined areas: Performance area, fueling station, and prop spin-off zone.**
  - Ensure your performance area is a clearly defined space separate from the audience/general public.
  - Ensure your fuel station and spin-off zone are a safe distance from your audience and performance area. The fuel station should be closely monitored anytime fuel is present.
  - Never smoke/have an open flame in the fuel storage area. Keep all fuel in sealed metal containers.
  - Never spin-off your props inside unless you first wrap the wicks in zip-lock bags to collect the excess fuel. After spinning off your prop, you should always pour the collected excess fuel back into sealed metal containers.
- **Familiarize yourself with the event location and check for possible hazards before every performance.**
  - Upon arrival to your event/venue, set the locations for your performance, fueling, and spin-off zones. Be sure to check the performance location for flammables or hazards. Be aware of uneven terrain, low-hanging trees, dry leaves, etc.
  - If performing outside, be sure to assess wind conditions and adjust performances as necessary to ensure the safety of the performers, audience, and venue.
  - Always know your emergency exit route in case of emergency.
  - Familiarize yourself with any local fire bans or regulations/permits that may be required.
  - If you're not comfortable with weather or event/venue conditions, *do not* perform with fire.
- **Ensure your equipment, costuming, fuels, and physical/mental state is ready for each performance.**
  - Equipment - Check props to ensure they are safe for performance prior to every show.
  - Costuming - Wear natural fibers and/or fire-resistant clothes. Beware of synthetic fabrics that will melt when touched to a flame. When using hair or make-up products, always check the bottle for any high flammability risks (e.g. hairspray, synthetic eyelashes, etc.).
  - Fuel - Appropriate fuels for fire performers include but are not limited to: Lighter fluid, Coleman camping fuel (white gas), isopropyl alcohol, denatured alcohol, and paraffin/lamp oil/kerosene. Never use automotive gasoline (Petrol).
  - Physical/Mental state - Before stepping onto the stage for any performance, first make sure you are mentally and physically prepared to perform. NEVER handle fire while under the influence.

Please note, **Specialty Insurance Agency expects insured fire performers to be in control of their performance flame at all times.** The use of any pyrotechnics, flame throwers, devices that propel flame, or lit projectiles away from the control of the performer are **excluded** from coverage.