

Fires Involving Polystyrene Void Formers

Recently a number of fires have occurred on residential building sites involving polystyrene void formers.

In each of these instances, the fires have resulted from builders grinding, welding or cutting the reinforcement close to or on top of the polystyrene.

These actions have resulted in a fire developing and spreading throughout the polystyrene, resulting in extensive damage.

These fires also present dangers to people working within close proximity, as the smoke can be toxic.

CFA recommends:-

- When grinding / welding / cutting the reinforcement, this is done well away from the polystyrene and other combustible materials; and
- A water supply / fire extinguisher is available at all times.



For further information, please contact your local CFA Area office. Details can be found at www.cfa.vic.gov.au or by calling 9262 8444.