SAFETY ALERT

Mobile Phones and Refueling Don't Mix

What's the Problem?

The Shell Oil Company recently issued a warning about three incidents where Mobile Phones have ignited fumes while being answered or ringing during fueling operations.

What Specifically Happened?

Case 1: The phone was placed on the car's trunk lid during fueling, it rang and the ensuing fire destroyed the car and the gasoline pump.

Case 2: An individual suffered severe burns to their face when fumes ignited as they answered a call while refueling their car.

Case 3: An individual suffered

burns to the thigh and groin as fumes ignited when the phone, which was in their pocket, rang while they were fueling their car.

What Should You Learn From This?

It is a misconception that Mobile Phones are intrinsically safe and can't ignite fuel/fumes

Mobile phones that light up when switched on, or when they ring, have enough energy released to provide a spark for ignition

Mobile phones should not be used in filling stations, or when fueling lawn mowers, boats etc.

Mobile phones should not be used around other materials that generate

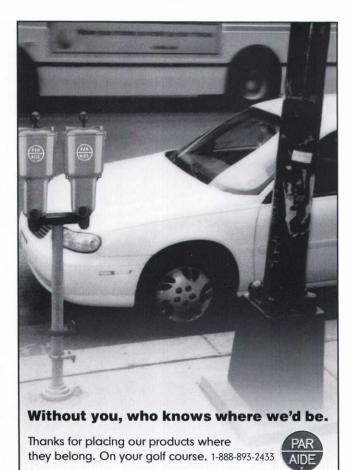
flammable or explosive fumes or dust (i.e. solvents, chemicals, gases, grain dust etc.)

Mobile phones should be turned off before entering an area where other materials that generate flammable or explosive fumes or dust is located.

Please share this with employees who do not have access to email, family members and friends to help keep everyone safe.

Have a wonderful day!!

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