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Operating Room Fires

(NAPSA)—Operating Room fires are rare—they occur only in an extremely small percentage of all surgeries. However, the actual number of fire incidents in O.R.s may still surprise you. ECRI (formerly the Emergency Care Research Institute) estimates that 50 to 100 or more surgical fires occur each year in the United States alone.



New fire extinguishers are designed specifically for operating rooms.

What can you do to stay safe during surgery? “Be educated” is the first step, according to experts. Try asking these questions:

Q: Does your O.R. have a fire extinguisher? Every O.R. should have at least one extinguisher inside and one outside the door.

Q: What type of extinguisher is installed in the O.R.? The Amerex Water Mist Fire Extinguisher was developed specifically for Operating Rooms because it extinguishes certain fires without putting electrical equipment—and the patient hooked up to it—at risk.

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