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SUBJECT: Reiterating Fire Safety Measures
To Prevent Occurrence Of Fire At
The DPWH Offices.


The recent irreparable loss and destruction of property occasioned by the fire that gutted the Administration Building at Malacañang last August 10, 1995, brought to light the need to prepare all concerned in preventing/meeting decisively any similar occurrence of fire.

In this connection, the following fire preventive measures are hereby reiterated in order to forestall loss of lives and properties:

1. Prohibit cooking and/or heating of water inside any office/bodega; except in designated areas where heating of water and cooking may be allowed;
2. Shut-off/unplug all electrical appliances and equipment such as electric fans, air-conditioning units, calculators, adding machines, etc., after using the same;
3. Segregate all inflammable, combustible materials and/or substances such as gasoline, fuel, oil, thinner, tires, paints, etc., from other materials for storage;
4. Regular inspection of water and electrical installations, including safety switches, shall be conducted by the assigned personnel of the Facilities and Maintenance Division in coordination with the Civil Security Division to ensure safety of all electrical and water installations in all buildings;
5. Janitors should be instructed to collect for immediate disposal all waste materials, including cigarette butts, wood shavings, sawdusts, etc., inside offices, bodegas and shops before leaving their respective place of assignment;

6. Enforce strictly the "NO SMOKING" rule inside bodegas and within the premises where flammable and combustible materials are stored, and prohibit the throwing of cigar and cigarette butts into waste paper containers;
7. Eliminate and effect immediate disposal of all fire hazards such as scrap woods, broken crates, used shavings, sawdusts, tall and dry grasses near premises of all buildings.

For immediate compliance.


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