



Portable Generator Manufacturers' Association Urges First Responders to Share Generator Safety Information *Take It Outside website includes shareable video, downloadable fact sheet*

June 4, 2021—The Portable Generator Manufacturers' Association (PGMA), the leading trade association that seeks to develop and influence safety and performance standards for its industry's products, offers a ready-made library of safety materials that fire departments and other first responders can use to educate their constituencies about safe portable generator operation.

This First Responder, Take It Outside™ Tool Kit was created because fire departments are called upon to make the public aware of the safety risks posed by improper operation of portable generators. After all, they will likely get the call when misuse turns dangerous.

PGMA's [Take it Outside](#) campaign has a dedicated website to publicize strict guidelines for safe portable generator usage. This website includes a **highly produced video ready for sharing** on social media and YouTube, a **downloadable fact sheet** that can be shared digitally or printed and posted and/or distributed, and other **easy-to-understand tips for safe operation**. In addition, other safety information is housed on [PGMA's main website](#). The safety information contained on both sites **aligns with messaging fire departments can feel confident in sharing**.

Carbon monoxide inhalation is a leading safety hazard which may result from improper use of portable generators. Safety tips related to this topic include NEVER operating a portable generator indoors, always placing a generator outdoors, well away from doors, windows, vents, and other residential openings, and pointing exhaust away from the residence.

Fire departments can be especially effective in helping to spread the word about preventing fire hazards related to portable generators, including never storing fuel for the generator inside the home. Gasoline, propane, kerosene, and other flammable liquids should be stored outside of living areas in properly labeled, non-glass safety containers. Do not store any of these substances near a fuel-burning appliance, such as a natural gas water heater in a garage. Before refueling a generator, turn it off and let it cool down for at least two minutes before removing the fuel cap. Gasoline spilled on hot engine parts could ignite. Never refuel a running portable generator.

Fire departments and other safety organizations interested in sharing portable generator safety information are invited to visit [Take It Outside](#) and make use of these materials produced by PGMA.

About PGMA

The Portable Generator Manufacturers' Association (PGMA) is a trade association that seeks to develop and influence safety and performance standards for our industry's products. The Association is also dedicated to educating consumers and tradespersons on the safe use of portable generators and has developed the Take it Outside™ campaign to support its mission. Formed in 2009, PGMA members

include major manufacturers of portable generators sold in North America and a significant majority of the industry. www.pgmaonline.com.

Member companies include: American Honda Motor Co., Briggs & Stratton, LLC, Champion Power Equipment, DuroMax Power Equipment, Firman Power Equipment, Generac Power Systems, Harbor Freight Tools USA, Inc., Yamaha Motor Corp USA, and related members, Figaro USA, Inc., and GenTent Safety Canopies.

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