



SAFETY BULLETIN

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Jerry Can Safety

As the price of gasoline climbs, some people are going to desperate, and dangerous, measures to get a few extra gallons or liters to fill their tanks a little more cheaply. For many people that means filling jerry cans or other containers.

At this gas station, a man was filling a jerry can in the back of this truck when static electricity ignited spilled gas. His pants caught fire and the man suffered second- and third-degree burns to his legs.

Four bystanders fought the fire and took the victim to hospital. If you must use jerry cans, please remember to fuel them on the ground to avoid building up a static charge.

