



Got a Light?

Vapors + Spark = Fire. Most people know that. The owner of this truck, a retired tech sergeant, knew it too. But (there's always a but), he still received third-degree burns after static electricity ignited gasoline as he filled gas cans in the bed of his pickup truck.

How could this happen, you ask? Well, y'see the thing about static electricity is, some environments are more spark-worthy than others. You know, like when you walk on carpet in socks, or rub a balloon on your frizzy hair, or when you get out of your car (especially in the winter-time). If you're going to be around combustible material ... think! Have you grounded yourself? Are you doing something somewhere that might cause a spark or fire? Our TSgt (ret.) should have been filling his gas cans on the ground.

Proof that the laws of nature still work. And remember ... just 'cause it doesn't happen often doesn't mean it can't happen to *you*.