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This research is to study the Risk Assessment on fire which occurred in a Dust

collector by using fault tree analysis. The study is focused to determine the probability of fire

occurrence from using 2 types of fire detector device: heat detector type and spark detector

type. The basic causes of fire are also studied in order to suggest the ways to improve and

reduce the risk using the benefit to cost ratio. In addition the views of representative from 139

companies in wood furniture industry on the efficiency of spark detector is also studied. This

survey covered the difference of individual views on spark detector to confirm the effectiveness of

the spark detector.

The results from this study indicated that the probability of fire occurred when using

heat detector is 0.038 and the probability of fire occurred when using spark detector is 0.00382.

The benefit to cost ratio is 2.56 when replacing the heat detector with the spark detector.

The results from survey on individual views showed that the industrial representative

consider the efficiency of spark detector in a good level, with average value of 4.042 (full score

of 5). It is also found that there is no significant difference of individual view at the

confidential level of 0.05.

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