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European Citizens and Firefighters are in Danger because of certain building materials being allowed in building construction.

The European Firefighters Unions Alliance (EFFUA) gathered February 14 -16, 2011 in Helsinki to discuss issues of importance in the Fire service. The issue of the use of foam-insulation was at the forefront of discussions.

The European Firefighters Unions Alliance wants to strongly advise against the use of certain Foam Insulation in building construction.

Kim Nikula, the President of EFFUA states:

“After discussing the use of combustible materials in building construction, Firefighters want to warn against the use of these products. We warn against the use of certain products such as foam insulation. This has the potential to cost the citizens and firefighters of Europe their lives when involved in a fire situation. We ask all countries of Europe to work towards the banning of these hazardous products..”

The EFFUA warns against the use of these materials both on the inside and outside of buildings. These materials create an above average, dangerous environment during fires.

In addition, the European Firefighters Unions Alliance recommends that the countries of Europe register the use of foam insulation products. We as firefighters need to know; where these products have been used as it is important to be able to warn citizens and firefighters when these products are in or on the buildings.

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