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Words of Wisdom

The only people you should ever want to get "even" with are those who have helped you.

- John Honeyfeld

How About a Spring Audit? (Safety, of course!)

I just had a conversation with Terry Jones earlier today and he informed me that an OSHA inspector had paid a visit to our plant in Clarksville, Tennessee. Is your plant ready for a visit from OSHA, IOSHA, KOSHA or whatever the local agency is called? The following is a list of things that can be checked and corrected that would make such a visit less painful.

- Housekeeping spilled material, air hoses and electrical cords on the floor, blocked fire extinguishers and emergency exits.
- Electrical frayed cords, extension cords being used as permanent wiring, unlabeled electrical panel boxes, cover plates missing, extension cords across ceiling joists attached to metal pipes or brackets and no ground fault circuit interrupters in use around sources of water, power box access blocked, ground plug missing on extension cords or tools.
- Guarding bench grinders with work rests and tongue guards not adjusted properly, compressors with pulley belts not guarded and conveyors without guarding at the tail pulley, idler pulleys, or head pulley.
- Overhead Storage inadequate guardrail protection, ladders or stairs not designed to meet OSHA standards, load capacity not posted and overhead obstruction not protected or clearly identified.
- Chemical Storage & Handling MSDS not available, chemical containers not labeled properly, spill protection not provided where needed, improper containers for flammable liquids storage, employees must be trained.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

- availability of the PPE hazard assessment, employees not using proper PPE when and where required, appropriate PPE not available, PPE not properly maintained.
- Lockout/Tagout (LOTO) availability of the LOTO program, lack of appropriate lockout safety devices, lack of training for employees, and annual audit of the program not up to date.
- First Aid and Eye Wash Stations inadequate first aid supplies, eye wash station not immediately available where needed, trained first aid responders not available where emergency response more than 5 minutes away.
- Hand & Power Tools electrical power tools with defective wiring, tools not inspected on a regular basis.
- Emergency Exit & Procedures exits not clearly marked, inadequate emergency lighting available, emergency maps not posted, no annual training in emergency procedures.
- Lighting inadequate lighting for working conditions, especially after dark and before sunrise.

Use this as a less-than-complete self audit. If all of these things are in good order, you have very little to be concerned about a visit from regulators.

If you have questions about what is reviewed here, get in touch with Terry or me. We will gladly help out with compliance concerns.

The Goal Is Clear! 2007 As Our Safest Year!!

For What It Is Worth!!

It is terrible, getting old!

A very old lady in a nursing home was walking down the hall lifting the edge of her nightgown at anyone she passed saying, "Super sex". The staff didn't know quite what to do. Their requests for her to stop had no effect.

A gentleman who was new to the facility and was seated in a chair was approached by the old lady and she lifted the edge of her nightgown and said, "Super sex".

The older man sat there for a short while then replied, "Soup".

Do you have a Safety Topic idea for me? I would like to hear from you!





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Safety is never an accident: it is always the result of high intention, sincere effort, intelligent direction and skillful execution! It represents the wise choice of many alternatives!!

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Yard Safety

Are you about to get behind a mower? Spring arrives and out come the power tools. Before you start your yard chores, learn how to play it safe. Thousands of people are hurt each year using power lawn and garden equipment. Put safety first by following these precautions from the Consumer Product Safety Commission to help prevent injuries while you tackle your yard projects.

Lawn Mowers

- ♦ Dress appropriately. Wear long pants and a long-sleeve shirt. Don't wear anything that could get caught in moving parts. Put on sturdy shoes with slip-resistant rubber soles. Wear eye protection; even grass can cause an eye injury. Protect your ears from motor noise. Use heavy gloves when changing, sharpening, or cleaning blades.
- Before you start work, walk around your yard and remove any sticks, stones, metal, glass, or wire that could cause injury if thrown from power equipment.
- Be sure equipment safety devices are in place and working properly.
- ♦ Unplug electric tools and disconnect spark plug wires

- on gasoline- powered tools before making adjustments or clearing jams near moving parts.
- Never fill gasoline tanks while operating equipment or when the engine is still hot. Wipe up any spills. Always store gasoline in an approved container and away from the house.
- ♦ Make sure children are out of the area.
- Don't ask young people to operate equipment for which they are physically not capable of safely operating. Make sure they are adequately trained and have proper fitting PPE.

String Trimmers

- Use your string trimmer only for weeds and grass; it's not designed to trim shrubbery, climbing ivy or other greenery not at ground level.
- Keep firm footing and balance; don't overreach; be sure lighting conditions are adequate; keep your body away from the rotating string head and hot surfaces. Be sure to keep the string head below waist level.
- Before each use, inspect your string trimmer for loose fasteners, fuel leaks, or other problems. Replace damaged parts (a cracked or chipped string head, for example).
- When using a string trimmer, position the cutting head at a 30 degree angle to the cutting area. Be sure to let the tip of the cutting line do the work. Never force the line into the turf; this can scalp your lawn and throw rocks.