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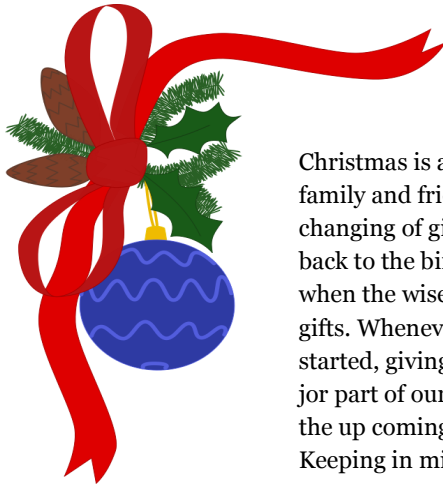
The best way to forget your own problems is to help someone else solve theirs.

I have received only one suggestion for a safety slogan so far:

LET'S KEEP IT PRISTINE IN 2016

Keep your suggestions coming, please!

On the Lighter Side



Christmas is a time for fun, family and friends. The exchanging of gifts is said to go back to the birth of Jesus when the wise men brought gifts. Whenever the tradition started, giving gifts is a major part of our celebration of the up coming holiday.

Keeping in mind that tools

might be on your gift list, I thought an explanation of some tool uses might be helpful.

Skil Saw: A portable cutting tool used to make boards too short.

Belt Sander: An electric sanding tool commonly used to convert minor touch-up jobs into major refinishing projects.

Wire Wheel: Cleans paint off bolts and then throws them somewhere under the workbench with the speed of light. Also removes fingerprints and hard-earned calluses from fingers in about the time it takes you to say, "oh @#\$". Will easily wind a tee shirt off your back.

Channel Locks: Used to round off bolt heads. Sometimes used in the creation of blood-blisters.

Hacksaw: One of a family of cutting tools built on the

Ouija board principle. It transforms human energy into a crooked, unpredictable motion, and the more you attempt to influence its course, the more dismal your future becomes.

Vise-Grips: Generally used after pliers to completely round off bolt heads. If nothing else is available, they can also be used to transfer intense welding heat to the palm of your hand.

Table Saw: A large stationary power tool commonly used to launch wood projectiles for testing wall integrity. Very effective for digit removal, as well!

Band Saw: A large stationary power saw primarily used by most shops to cut large pieces into smaller pieces that more easily fit into the trash after you cut on the inside of the line instead of the outside. Also excels at amputations.

Straight Screwdriver: A tool for opening paint cans. Sometimes used to convert common slotted screws into non-removable screws and for butchering your palms.

Phillips Screwdriver: Normally used to stab the vacuum seals under lids or for opening old-style paper-and-tin oil cans and splashing oil on your shirt; but can be used, as the name implies, to strip our Phillips screw heads.

Pipe Cutter: Tool used to make pipe too short.

Hammer: Originally employed as a weapon of war, the hammer is now used as a kind of divining rod to locate the most expensive parts adjacent to the object intended to hit. Also removes fingernails.

Utility Knife: Used to open and slice through the contents of cardboard cartons. Works well on contents such as seats, vinyl records, liquids in plastic bottles, rubber and plastic parts. Especially useful for slicing work clothes, but only while in use. These can also be used to initiate a trip to the emergency room so a doctor can sew up the damage.



This was passed on to me from I don't know where. If any of these tools are on your wish list for Christmas,

BE CAREFUL!!

Let Safety Reign as King in 2015



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**Safety is never an accident: it is
always the result of high inten-
tion, sincere effort, intelligent di-
rection and skilled execution! It
represents the wise choice of
many alternatives!!**



If you trim the tree, before you start,
Safety Glasses must be worn.
And if you first step back to study it,
You must first activate a horn.
Forget the pretty colored lights,
That have decorated for so long,
They checked the cord and pointed out,
The plug ain't got the prong.
Forget that sprig of mistletoe,
You know what all feds said,
You can't suspend a hanging load,
Over another person's head.
Forget the hanging of the holly,
With greenery every place,
Your ladder will not pass the test,
Too narrow at the base.
Don't light that Christmas candle.
Do it, and you're to blame.
Grab a fire extinguisher,
and kill that open flame.
And if you get a present,
One that is sure to please,
Remember not to lift it with your back,
You must lift if bending knees.

And if the tree is taller than your head,
On limbs where ornaments sat,
Remember if you pass there near,
You'll need a good hard hat.

In fact as danger lurks here,
It wouldn't be too hard,
Surround the tree with wire mesh,
And make a sturdy guard.

Forget hanging up your stocking,
That practice has to go.
It will not pass inspection,
Without the required steel toe.

Forget the Christmas cards you get,
That practice too will stop.
Citations are all that come,
From their little, keen lap tops.

Scrooge didn't learn his lesson,
He got worse I now lament.
He took a job with MSHA,
Inspecting for the government.



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A Christmas Poem

By Robert Stone

It's Christmas time at MSHA and in OSHA world as well
Seasons' Greetings and Good Cheer, here is a story, not so swell.
Before we start to celebrate, heading to the New Year,
Bring the Code of Federal Regulations quickly over here.



The feds gathered for a meeting.
And from Christmas all refrained.
They decided it was in violation,
'Cause no one had been trained.

Santa got an S and S,
For citations on his sleigh.
He protested that it was stupid,
Then U.S. Marshalls took him away.

The reindeer all were grounded,
Each given a healthy fine.
Even Rudolph was included,
For having a harness with no safety line.

The elves left for other work,
The toy shop closed you see.
Mrs. Claus was forced to do it,
When she forgot to file her quarterly.

So kiddies forget about being good,
But just remember this,
Santa's been replaced by Uncle Sam,
And you don't want on his list!

**Have a Safe and Healthy
Holiday Season!**