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Watch Out for Eye Injuries!

Protect your workers with proper training



Occupational eye injuries are commonplace. Each day, over 2,000 workers receive an eye injury and 1 in 10 of those injured require days away from work. Ten to twenty percent of these occupational eye injuries cause temporary or permanent vision loss. According to the National Safety Council's annual report on injuries, in 2003, there were 36,940 occupational eye injuries involving days away from work. Of these injuries, nearly 30% occurred in the manufacturing industries and nearly 20% in construction with the retail trades comprising another 10% of all private industry injuries.

Not wearing eye protection and wearing the wrong kind of eye protection for the job are the two main factors contributing to eye injuries at work. Flying particles and contact with chemicals are the major causes of eye injuries.

Prevention

Eye injuries can be reduced by always wearing effective eye protection. Employers are required to provide and ensure that employees use suitable protection. A Bureau of Labor survey of eye injuries found that 94% of injuries to workers wearing eye

protection resulted from objects or chemicals going around or under eyewear. In general, goggles provide better protection for the eyes and goggles used in conjunction with face shields offer the best protection.

Training and educating employees also helps reduce eye injuries. Even when employers provide protective eyewear, employee training is essential for eye injury prevention. Minimum training should include: why eye and face protection is necessary; proper use, storage and maintenance of protective eyewear; and current Cal/OSHA requirements. Safety Center Incorporated has several videos and BLR Eye and Face Protection booklets to help employers create trainings on proper eye protection.

Resources

For more information, contact Safety Center Incorporated at (800) 825-7262 x 216, your nearest Cal/OSHA Research and Education Unit office, the Department of Industrial Relations website at www.dir.gov or the National Society to Prevent Blindness at www.preventblindness.org

For specific Eye and Face Protection for your working conditions, please refer to the Title 8 General Industry Safety Orders Group 2. Article 10. §3382.

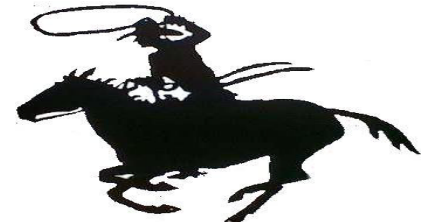
Sources: California Code of Regulations, Title 8, Section 3382; U.S. Dept of Labor Fact Sheet No. OSHA 93-03; National Safety Council Injury Facts 2005-2006 Ed.; Prevent Blindness America website. §

OSHA Warnings

"Free" Pubs and Posters Still Free

Fed OSHA continues to learn of complaints from employers who have received announcements or phone calls from various companies demanding employers purchase OSHA documents from them in order to remain in compliance with OSHA rules and regulations. There have also been reports of individuals falsely identifying themselves as OSHA or Department of Labor employees. The imposters threaten employers with fines if they do not purchase specific material.

Do not fall prey to this fraudulent scheme. Employers are required to continually display Department of Labor documents and posters, but these items are available free through the official agency's website, www.osha.gov. If you have received a fraudulent solicitation, you may call the agency at 1-800-321-OSHA. §



Save the Date!

Join Safety Center Incorporated for our 12th Annual Occupational & Regulatory Symposium on Safety & Health "Round Up at the Safety Corral," January 24, 2007, at Safety Center Incorporated, 3909 Bradshaw Rd, Sacramento, CA 95827 §

Did You Know?

In the time it takes for you to make a 10-minute safety speech, two people will be killed and about 441 will suffer a disabling injury. Costs will amount to \$10,940,000.

Source: National Safety Council, "Injury Facts," 2005-2006 ed. §

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Safety Center Needs A Parking Lot To Further Our Motorcycle Safety Efforts

Safety Center Incorporated and the California Motorcyclist Safety Program are in need of an empty parking lot for weekend use. We are looking primarily in the following areas: Sacramento, Elk Grove, Orangevale, Citrus Heights, Folsom. We will provide all the applicable insurance coverage and can provide compensation for lot usage.

dwight@safetycenter.org, or Kristen: (916) 438-3381, anthony@safetycenter.org]. Thank you!§



Parking lot requirements:

- An empty parking lot for weekend use (most weekends preferred, but we will work with site's schedule).
- Lot must be at least 200 x 300 ft. and be unobstructed (no planters or parking blocks)
- We would need to make minimal adjustments: painted lines and placement of one 40 ft. storage container.

Adding another site will allow us to teach important life-saving skills to an additional 1,000 motorcyclists in the Greater Sacramento area. If you know of someone with this type of property, please call or email us [Dwight: (916) 438-3362,

Join Safetyville USA, a program of the Safety Center, which will present its 16th Annual Halloween Haunt on Saturday, October 21st from 11:00 am – 4: 00 pm at Safetyville USA, 3909 Bradshaw Road. Tickets are \$5.00 per person (children 2 and under are free.) Ticket price includes 5 tickets good for food, drink or games. The miniature village takes on a harvest festival theme and provides activities and fun for the entire family in a **SAFE ENVIRONMENT.**§



Welcome New Members!

Shelby Santerelli-Justin Framing

Greg Chambers-Reeve Knoght Contruction

Mike Thorpe-California Service Tool§

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Open Enrollment Courses for September, October & November 2006

September

- 11-14 Forklift Instructor 4-Day
- 12 How to Comply with OSHA Recordkeeping
- 13 How to Conduct Safety Inspections
- 14 How to Conduct Accident Investigations
- 15 Rough Terrain Forklift Instructor
- 18-19 Forklift Instructor 2-Day (S.CA)
- 19 How to Apply Different Leadership Styles to Improve Safety & Health
- 19-21 Cal/OSHA-8 Train the Trainer
- 20 Instructor Re-certification (S.CA)
- 20 How to Partner for Improved Safety & Health Results
- 21 How to Increase Safety & Health's Bottom Line
- 21 Competent Person Excavation
- 22 Competent Person Fall Protection
- 26 Cal/OSHA-8 Residential
- 28 Cal/OSHA-8 Commercial
- 29 DDC-4

October

- 2-6 Loader Family Instructor
- 4 Rapid Eye Check
- 10-13 CPR/AED/First Aid Instructor
- 16-17 Forklift Instructor 2-Day Express
- 17-19 Cal/OSHA-8 Train the Trainer (S.CA)

- 18 CPR/FA
- 20 Competent Person Excavation
- 23-26 Forklift Instructor 4-Day (S.CA)
- 24-26 Confined Space Entry/Rescue
- 24-26 How to Conduct Training Programs & Presentations
- 27 DDC-4
- 31 Cal/OSHA-8 Residential

November

- 6-9 Aerial Lift Instructor
- 9 Competent Person Excavation
- 14 How to Establish a Successful Safety Program
- 15 How to Control Hazards in the Workplace
- 16 How to Sell Safety
- 16 Confined Space Awareness
- 17 Safety Management (For Managers and Supervisors)
- 17 DDC-4
- 21 Cal/OSHA-8 Residential
- 28-29 Forklift Instructor 2-Day Express
- 30 Instructor Re-certification

Please visit our website: www.safetycenter.org for updates and course descriptions. §