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Not So Hidden Costs of Unsafe Jobsites

Provided by Curt Speck, President, Safety Resources Company of Ohio and SCSC Steering Committee Member

On construction sites everyone knows there are many risks that can cause major costs to rack up but there are some costs on an unsafe jobsite that many people overlook.

Clients are watching. Repeat customers help keep companies running. If the client sees that safety is not a concern, then they will not want to use that company on the next project.

Maintaining a good reputation is much harder to do than a bad reputation. Word of a bad reputation also spreads faster, especially today with social media and online reviews. Even one job that is not compliant can wreck the entire reputation of the company. Safety has become a major part of a company's reputation today. It is used to describe the Operation, Timeliness and Efficiency of the company. If it is not considered a safety-oriented company then the reputation takes a hit.

Worker retention is the final hidden cost of unsafe jobsites. The tradesman and labor team make up 80% of the workforce on a jobsite, if leadership decides to cut corners when it comes to safety the employees take notice. If the employees see that their safety is not a concern to leadership then they are less likely to stay long term with that company. Rival companies can poach employees, and some may just up and quit. There is nothing holding them back if they do not feel safe.

Keeping current with safety audits and reviewing what is happening on a day-to-day basis can help keep the jobsite on track and ensure that the risk of these hidden costs affecting future projects is minimal.



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SCSC Free Live Virtual Webinar

Thursday, July 8
11 am - Noon

"Wellness Resources in Stark County"

Jared Shive
Public Relations Coordinator
Stark Parks

*ALL OUR WELCOME:
You do not need to be a SCSC member.*

NEW: At the end of the every webinar we will award one attendee a \$25 Gift Card! Winner MUST be present.

REGISTER ONLINE
cantonchamber.org/scsc-webinar

Questions? scsc@cantonchamber.org
or call (330) 456-7253

Disease Spread By Ticks

*Provided By Colleen Maurer, TS&S Truck Sales & Service &
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Diseases spread by ticks are among the most common travel-related illnesses. Often overlooked, these diseases are frequently seen in travelers returning from safaris and other outdoor activities. Preventing tick bites, checking for ticks after being outside, and removing any attached ticks are essential steps in preventing tickborne disease.



Preventing Tick Bites

No vaccine is available in the United States to prevent diseases spread by ticks; however, you can take steps to reduce your risk of getting a tick bite:

- Dress appropriately: wear light-colored clothing, wear long pants and sleeves, tuck in shirts, tuck pants into socks, and wear closed-toe shoes.
- Use insect repellents on the skin that contain at least 20% DEET. (“Natural” products, such as citronella, are not effective.)
- Use permethrin-treated clothing and gear, or treat your gear and clothing with permethrin before departure.

Stay out of tall grass, brush, or heavily wooded areas; walk in the center of hiking trails.

Checking for Ticks

It can take several hours for a tick to attach and begin transmitting the disease, so the sooner the tick can be found and removed, the better. Checking for ticks frequently increases the likelihood of finding a tick before it can transmit the bacteria. Bathe or shower as soon as possible after coming indoors. Then do a full-body tick check with a handheld or full-length mirror. Parents should check their children for ticks under the arms, in and around the ears, inside the belly button, behind the knees, between the legs, around the waist, and especially in their hair. Examine gear and pets; ticks can ride into the home on clothing and pets, and then attach to a person later.

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Removing Ticks

If you find a tick, use tweezers to grasp it as close to the skin as possible. Pull upward with steady, even pressure. Don't twist or jerk the tick; this can cause the mouth-parts to break off and remain in the skin. If this happens, remove the mouth-parts with tweezers. If you are unable to remove the mouth-parts easily with clean tweezers, leave it alone and let the skin heal. After removing the tick, thoroughly clean the bite area and your hands with rubbing alcohol, an iodine scrub, or soap and water.

Symptoms of Diseases Spread by Ticks

Common symptoms include:

- Fever/chills
- Headache
- Fatigue
- Muscle or joint pain
- Rash

Contact your doctor if you feel seriously ill, especially if you have a fever. Tell your doctor about your travel history, including what countries you visited and what you did there. Be sure to mention if you remember seeing or being bitten by a tick. Keep in mind that symptoms can appear after you return home or while abroad.

Content source; National Center for Emerging and Zoonotic Infectious Diseases

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

The survey results are in.... Thank you to everyone who completed the SCSC Event Survey. The results were overwhelmingly in favor of returning to in-person events. **The Stark County Safety Council is busy planning several in-person events for the upcoming year!** Although, these in-person events won't be the BWC-affiliated monthly meetings, they will bring high quality safety topics and networking opportunities for ALL! Thank you again for your continued support of the Stark County Safety Council. We are "planning" to see you all soon!

Announcement from the BWC re: FY2022... BWC announced policies and procedures for the Safety Council Fiscal Year 2022, July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

All Stark County Safety Council monthly meetings for the upcoming fiscal year will continue to be held virtually. In addition, **no attendance requirements (including the CEO requirement) will be enforced, and no semi-annual reports will be collected.** Subsequently, the annual policy rebate for Safety Council will not be offered for FY22.

If changes to these policies and procedures occur during the year, we will provide an update to all safety council members. We hope you continue to attend our monthly virtual meetings to receive important safety education to help keep your workplaces safe.

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ROBIN'S CORNER

By Robin Watson, Ohio BWC Representative



Bureau of Workers'
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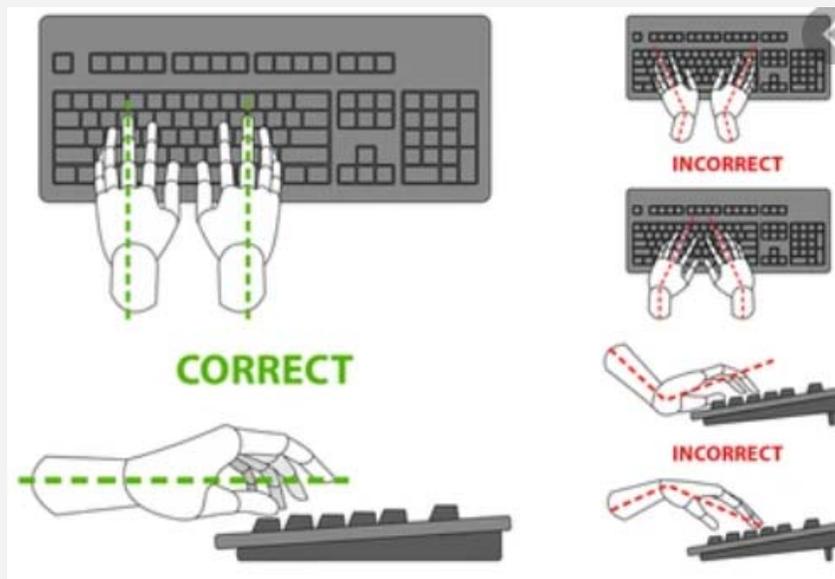
Q: Is there anything I can do to reduce wrist pain from working on my laptop or computer all day?

A: Yes, there are a few things you can consider. A fun DIY project is to make a sock filled with rice which can be used as a soft wrist rest in front of your keyboard.



You may also want to consider using a separate keyboard with a USB port. Plug the separate keyboard into the laptop and adjust to keep your wrist in a neutral position. We also suggest elevating the laptop monitor height using a cardboard box or stack of heavy books.

If you need more help, the BWC has ergonomists that can help you explore this issue further.



FREE BWC SAFETY CLASSES



All BWC “in-person” classes have been cancelled until further notice.

The BWC Library has a “Streaming Videos” service from “Training Network NOW”. There are approximately 260 videos that can be streamed for **FREE**. The videos are anywhere between 4 minutes – 20 minutes long. Please email the library at www.library@bwc.state.oh.us to set up an account to use this service.

Resources

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- The BWC Library creates a monthly ‘Safety Update’ available at www.bwc.ohio.gov
- Occupational Health & Safety Administration - www.osha.gov

**Your Stark County
Safety Council is
hoping you are well
and staying safe.**

**If you have any questions,
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