The Importance of Hazard Assessments

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OSHA regulations require that employers perform hazard assessments in order to determine what personal protective equipment and controls are needed on the job.

While this has been a requirement since 1994, many workplaces have not complied or do not have the necessary documentation to prove that these assessments have been adequately performed. These assessments and documentation become crucial should a serious injury occur in the workplace.

The OSHA General Industry standard states that the employer shall assess the workplace to determine if hazards are present, or are likely to be present, which necessitate the use of personal protective equipment (PPE) and that the employer shall also verify that the required workplace hazard assessment has been performed through a written certification. This certification must identify the workplace evaluated, the person certifying that the evaluation was performed, and the dates of the assessment.

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Improved Safety Through a Proactive LEAN Approach

Speaker: Gwido Dlugopolsky,
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Learn how the philosophy and tools of Lean Daily Management can improve and support a safety program.

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Stark County Safety Council Mission Statement: To provide a forum for safety and health information, education and networking in Stark County, through leadership, innovation, facilitation, program, and support, in partnership with other public and private organizations.
The basic principle of a hazard assessment is to break down the work to be performed into distinct tasks. The following steps should be followed to conduct an assessment.

1. Conducting a walk-through – this must include regular non-routine tasks. Potential hazards may be physical (moving parts, fluctuating temperatures) or health related (harmful dusts or chemicals or biological hazards).
2. Organizing the data so it can be efficiently used to determine the proper types of PPE required.
3. Analyzing the data – including type of hazard and the level of risk and seriousness of potential injury.
4. Selection of personal protective equipment based on the hazards identified.
5. Reassessment of the hazard after implementing the use of personal protective equipment.

Some additional suggestions for successful hazard assessments include performing all assessments in writing and maintaining complete records of them, including evaluations of the relative risks associated with each task and all controls that are proposed to control them, including training requirements for workers that are affected by the assessment, documenting failures of protective equipment and corrective actions to resolve those incidents and establishing routine re-evaluation dates to reaffirm the effectiveness of the PPE assigned. It may also be helpful to bring in an outside party to help evaluate your workplace in order to identify hazards that exist.

**Thank You for Supporting our Firefighters!**

The Stark County Safety Council was pleased to co-sponsor the 51st Annual Fire Prevention Breakfast featuring guest speaker Deputy Chief Jeff Hussey, State Fire Marshal’s office. Congratulations to County Firefighters (FF) of the Year, Capt. Richard Davis, FF Latevis Greenwood and FF Jason Laird from the Massillon Fire Department, City of Canton Firefighter of the Year, FF Doug Lewis and the City of Canton’s 4th grade essay contest winner Kayleigh Bowser. Thank you to companies and individuals that donated seats for the award recipients and those who attended to support our local firefighters. A special thank you to Young Truck Sales for donating a gift card for the essay contest winner, Belden Village Mall who donated a gift card for the teacher.
It is deer season again. Due to hunting, mating season and the weather deer will be on the move more than usual this time of year. Please be aware that with deer season comes additional hazards.

- Increased presence and activity of deer on roadways, especially in rural areas.
- Increased presence of human activity and vehicles along rural roads.
- Hazards related to bows, guns, and ammunition.

**Ways to help keep safe:**

- Wear high visibility clothing when outdoors, especially in rural areas.
- Make others aware of your presence.
- Never assume areas marked PRIVATE PROPERTY or NO HUNTING will not have hunting activity.
- Consider keeping pets, especially larger ones, on a leash when in rural areas. They could be mistaken for a deer by a hunter.

**The likelihood of being involved in a deer collision more than doubles in October, November and December. Remember:**

- Deer tend to be most active at dawn and dusk.
- Be attentive and drive defensively.
- Slow down immediately if you spot a deer.
- When you see one deer near the road expect more, they usually move in groups.
- Do not swerve to miss a deer, this could cause a more serious accident.
- If you do collide with a deer do not approach the injured animal. They are powerful and could cause injury.

The Stark County Safety Council will again be collecting hats, mittens and gloves at the November 10th luncheon. Items will be distributed to families in need on December 1st at Light Up Downtown! As always your generosity is truly appreciated! Both children and adult sizes needed.
Q: What kind of information can I receive from BWC Division of Safety and Hygiene Library?

A: The library provides free informational services on the topics of occupational safety and health, workers' compensation, and rehabilitation. We provide the only such library in the state of Ohio, and one of the few in the nation. While most special libraries are not open to the public, our library serves employers, local and state government, legal and health care professionals, Ohio's workforce and the general public.

Visit us:
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1-800-644-6292; 614-466-7388
614-644-0018 (video library)

You can e-mail the Safety and Hygiene Library:
library@bwc.state.oh.us

Resources available
- More than 6,000 books
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- Research services
- More than 600 safety and health videos
- Online tools and resources
- Ohio safety codes, 1924 to present
- American National Standards Institute standards related to occupational safety
- National Fire Protection Association fire codes
- OSHA regulations and chemical safety information

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Coming next month:
December 8, 2016

Having a Positive Attitude Toward Safety

Marvin Montgomery
Author/Motivational Speaker/Professional Sales Trainer

Toys for Tots Collection at this Meeting

Spotlight Company:

Stark County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)
UPDATE ON OCTOBER SAFETY CORNER:
As you remember the October question was about vehicles being covered in LOTO. Yes, it is covered and below is an option for “alternative vehicle control measures” as found by a safety council concerned member. There are steering wheel covers that slip over the top of the steering wheel with a 3/8” diameter with a grommet at the bottom for a lock. They can come with multiple messages: Danger - Do Not Operate or Move Vehicle (white background); Caution - This Vehicle Is Being Serviced - Do Not Attempt to Drive (Yellow background); and Caution - Disabled Vehicle - Do Not Attempt To Drive (Yellow background) and come in three sizes: small (16”), medium (20”) and large (24”). There are also links to this at Grainger and other safety supply companies. Thanks to the concerned member for providing other options to keep employees safe.

Ohio Bureau of Workers’ Compensation

Effective Safety Teams—Nov. 2nd—8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Safety for the Non-safety Professional—Nov. 9th—8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Respirator Fit Testing—Nov. 15-16—8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m. both days
Construction Safety Elements (OSHA10) - Dec. 5-6—8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. both days
OSHA Recordkeeping Half-day Workshop—Dec. 8th—8:30 a.m.-noon
Violence in the Workplace—Dec. 8th—1:00—4:30 p.m.
First Aid in the Workplace—Dec. 13—8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

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Christmas will be here before you know it! The Stark County Safety Council will once again be collecting new, unwrapped toys at the December 10th Safety Council luncheon. Over the years our members have joined forces with the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program to provide children less fortunate experience the joy of Christmas. We encourage you to get all get all of your employees and co-workers involved in this extremely worthy cause. Let’s fill this year’s truck again!

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