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James Lehrke-SCI

of the week

SCI Safety Tip: Gardening and Lawn Care Safety Checklist (Part 1)

Source: <http://static.cnhi.zope.net>

Spending time outdoors doing lawn and gardening work can be a great hobby and means to relaxation. However, if you are not careful, safety experts warn, you could end up spending more time in the hospital or recuperating indoors with an injury than out in the great outdoors.

"Statistics tell us that each year lawn mower accidents send 84,000 people to emergency rooms. But that's not all. Nearly 15,000 others need medical treatment for injuries from trimmers and other power garden tools," said John Drengenberg, manager of Consumer Affairs for Underwriters Laboratories Inc. (UL), the not-for-profit product safety testing organization in a 2005 interview.

To make sure time spent in your yard is enjoyable and safe, use this safety checklist to weed out dangers from your lawn and gardening experience and make positive changes to your outdoor habits.

Lawn Mowers

- Read the owner's manual for your particular lawn mower.
- Use heavy shoes when operating the mower. Never wear sandals or flimsy footwear.
- Pick up trash and debris from the lawn before mowing.
- Always start the mower outdoors. Never operate the mower where carbon monoxide can collect, such as in a closed garage, storage shed or basement.
- Gasoline for gas-powered mowers should be stored in a safety gas can.
- Do not operate an electrically powered lawn mower on wet grass.
- Insist that everyone leave the area of lawn you are mowing to avoid injuries.
- Ensure that all safety guards are in place.
- Wear hearing protection devices to prevent damage to the ears.
- Ensure that a grass catcher is used to help prevent objects from being thrown by the mower.

- Look around frequently to make sure no children, animals, or people have entered the lawn-mowing area.
- Drive a riding mower cautiously and slowly.
- Don't allow children to ride on a mower or to operate one.
- Turn off the mower when not in use and store in a safe area.

Electrical Tools

- Protect the outlets used for operating electric trimmers, mowers and other tools with ground fault circuit interrupters.
- Use an extension cord designed for outdoor use and rated for the power needs of your tool.
- Before use, inspect tools for frayed power cords and cracked or broken casings. If the product is damaged, have it repaired by a qualified technician, or replace it.
- Make sure the tool's power switch is set to "OFF" before plugging it in.
- Always wear proper attire during operation of tools. Avoid loose clothing and jewelry that can become ensnared.
- Lawn trimmers and edgers could kick up a lot of debris. Safety eyewear can be a smart precaution.
- Make sure the tool is applicable for outdoor use.
- Store tools away from water and in a safe location away from children and pets.

SCI OSHA News: OSHA Issues Final Rule to Broaden Exemption for Digger Derricks in its Cranes and Derricks Standard

Source: www.blr.com

Date: May 28, 2013

WASHINGTON – The Occupational Safety and Health Administration has issued a [final rule](#) that broadens the current exemption for digger derricks used in the electric-utility industry. The exemption has been expanded to include telecommunications work in addition to electric-utility work. This final rule provides a complete exemption from having to follow the requirements of Subpart CC of the Cranes and Derricks in Construction standard. The digger derricks exemption is part of the Cranes and Derricks final standard that was issued Aug. 9, 2010.

Digger derricks are pieces of equipment used to drill holes for utility poles. These digger derricks are commonly used by companies to place poles inside holes and attach transformers and other items to the poles.

OSHA published a direct final rule and a companion notice of proposed rulemaking on Nov. 9, 2012, and received a significant adverse comment on the direct final rule during the comment period. The agency then withdrew the direct final rule on Feb. 7, 2013. After considering the comment, OSHA is issuing this final rule based on the notice of proposed rulemaking.

The rule becomes effective June 28, 2013.

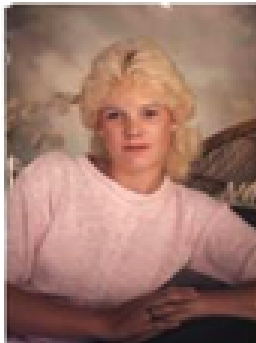
Under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, employers are responsible for providing safe and healthful workplaces for their employees. OSHA's role is to ensure these conditions for America's working men and women by setting and enforcing standards, and providing training, education and assistance. For more information, visit

<http://www.osha.gov>.

The Lehrke Family Benefit/Raffle/Brat Fry

Saturday, Sept. 14th
11:00am – 7:00pm
Lakeshore Lanes
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Sheboygan, WI 53081

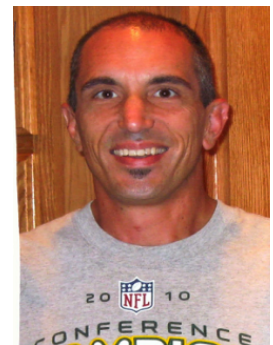
In Loving Memory of:



Jessica



Kristin



Nick

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Sheboygan, WI 53081**

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“Saving Green by Going Green” Tip of the Week June 3rd

Did you know that you can save money by installing LED or compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs) when your older incandescent bulbs burn out? Eventually all lighting fixtures will be using less electricity & running more efficiently. For more help saving green by going green email Laura@safetyconnections.com