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Our Weekly Safety Tip provides valuable and current safety information relevant for Work, Home & Play.

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Safety Slogan

Safety glasses: All in favor, say “Eye!”
James Lehrke-SCI

of the week

SCI Safety Tip: Driving in Wintry Conditions

Sources: <http://www.blr.com>

Date: November 4, 2011

Whether you drive for a living or only to and from work, winter weather conditions provide a challenge for even the most seasoned driver. That's why it's important to prepare ahead for icy or snowy weather. Even southern states experience light snow or ice on occasion. And tests have shown that warmer ice is more slippery than colder ice.

Before you start

Make sure to have an overall tune-up. Check your battery clamps for corrosion—a frequent cause of not starting in cold weather. Brakes should be checked and adjusted as necessary. Wipers should be in good working order. If they start to skip or streak, replace them. Be sure you have plenty of wiper fluid as well. Check to see that your heater, defroster, and rear window defogger are working properly. Add winter-weight motor oil, if you're not already using all-season oil. Keep your gas tank half full for unexpected emergencies. This will also prevent your gas lines from freezing.

Tires are of particular concern in snow or ice. All season tires perform well under most weather conditions (even rain), but consider snow tires if you will be driving in deep snow. Check the air pressure often—cold weather can cause it to drop one pound per square inch for each ten-degree drop in temperature. If mountain driving in heavy snow is contemplated, try using tire chains.

Emergency supplies

To be fully prepared for emergencies, a winter driving kit should include the following:

- Ice-scraper, snow brush and snow shovel
- Booster cables, flashlight, and extra batteries
- Warning devices such as flares or triangles
- First aid kit
- Extra warm clothing and blankets
- Bag of abrasive material such as sand, salt or kitty litter
- Traction mats

- High energy, non-spoilable foods such as granola bars, nuts, raisins and water
- Good sunglasses to avoid the glare of snow and sunshine

By **being prepared**, you will reduce your risk of accidents or injury, and will be better able to handle vehicle problems should they come up.

OSHA News: Fall Protection Is OSHA's Top Violation for 2011

Source: www.blr.com

Date: November 1, 2011

OSHA recently released statistics for its most frequently violated standards for fiscal year 2011 (October 1, 2010 through September 30, 2011). Violations of the fall protection in construction standard 29 CFR 1926.501 topped the list this year switching places with last year's first place holder, the construction scaffold standard 29 CFR 1926.451. Hazard Communication remains in third place overall and first for general industry.

According to the Agency's website, <http://www.osha.gov>, the top violations for General Industry are:

Rank	Standard	Description	Violations
1	1910.1200	Hazard Communication.	5459
2	1910.134	Respiratory Protection.	3235
3	1910.147	The control of hazardous energy (lockout/tagout).	3159
4	1910.305	Wiring methods, components, and equipment for general use.	2992
5	1910.178	Powered industrial trucks.	2891
6	1910.303	Electrical--General requirements	2415
7	1910.212	General requirements for all machines.	2320
8	1910.132	Personal protective equipment--General requirements.	1560
9	1910.219	Mechanical power-transmission apparatus.	1368
10	1910.23	Guarding floor and wall openings and holes.	1287

The top violations for the Construction Industry are:

Rank	Standard	Description	Violations
1	1926.501	Duty to have fall protection.	6551
2	1926.451	Scaffolding--General requirements	6432
3	1926.1053	Ladders.	2940
4	1926.503	Fall Protection Training requirements	1824
5	1926.100	Head protection.	1298
6	1926.20	General safety and health provisions.	1284
7	1926.453	Aerial lifts.	1253
8	1926.102	Eye and face protection.	1081
9	1926.651	Specific Excavation Requirements.	1051
10	1926.405	Wiring methods, components, and equipment for general use.	1039

Note: The figures change as OSHA makes adjustments.

HEALTHY BITES

Quick Tips for Healthy Living


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Health & Wellness

Shop smart at the grocery store. Try these tips the next time you go shopping: Eat a snack at home before you go to the store, always use a shopping list, or buy a variety of vegetables and fruits in different colors. Try the fat-free or low-fat brand of milk products like yogurt or cheese, or choose 100% whole-wheat or whole-grain bread and crackers. Buy foods when they are on sale or in season to save money

WEBINAR ALERT

**Personal Protective Equipment (PPE):
Your Training and Documentation Responsibilities**
November 17, 2011 - 12:30 p.m. CST
An Interactive Webinar with Practical Compliance Strategies

OSHA recently released a new enforcement directive relating to Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). The directive is meant to provide general enforcement guidance related to PPE, and to assist OSHA inspectors.

PPE is one part of your safety program you want to be particularly sure you're up to speed on, as you can now be fined on a per-employee basis per violation!

But it can be an awful lot to keep track of: How often do you need to assess the effectiveness of your PPE? Do you have to do an assessment for every piece of equipment? How do you handle the recordkeeping and assessment process when employees provide their own PPE? Do you need to include the brand and/or product number for a given piece of equipment?

The questions may seem daunting, but fortunately we've got the answers for you. Join us on November 17 for an in-depth webinar all about meeting your obligations relating to PPE.

You and your colleagues will learn:

- How to conduct a hazard assessment to determine which PPE is required in a given work setting
- Your obligations under the PPE Standards for General Industry
- The PPE you're required to pay for - and what's considered exempt
- How OSHA inspects for PPE violations and assesses fines
- Why hazard analysis and elimination can often preclude the need for PPE, saving you hassle and money
- How you can get reimbursed for PPE damaged or neglected by employees
- The requirements of training employees in the proper use of PPE - and how to properly document that the training
- Tips for getting employees to actually wear their PPE and establishing checkpoints to ensure compliance



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