

THE COMPASS

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WHY:

We believe effective safety is good business.

HOW:

Helping businesses succeed through partnering to prevent accidents & injuries.

VISION:

To be your first resource for safety.

MOTTO:

Safety in all directions



Our Team

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A Few of Our Customers

Abel Construction

Algar Recycling

AMEC Environmental

Bob Ray Company

Brown Sprinkler

Builder's Exchange

CMTA Construction Managers

CRS Reprocessing

Cunningham Door & Window

Derby Welding

Flynn Construction

GCH International

Hall Contracting

Highland Roofing

Hyland Filter Services

Intertech Mechanical

ISA Recycling

Libs Paving

Link Electric

Louisville Gas & Electric

Mid-America Security

Murphy Elevator

Radio Communication Systems

Republic Diesel

Schnell Contractors

ShelCon Construction

Solar Energy Solutions

Summit Construction

SAFETY TOPIC OF THE MONTH

Safety Committees

Did you know some State OSHA Plans require Safety Committees? (At this time, Kentucky OSHA does not). Also, some workers comp insurance companies offer discounts if you have a Safety Committee. Safety committee should be made up of a mixed population of employees and management.

Safety Committees are an investment, thus you should be very organized and well prepared to get the biggest bang for your safety dollars. Common mistakes;

- Do NOT be the Safety Cops (enforcement).
- Do NOT meet without an agenda (sent to members prior to meeting)
- Do NOT organize & meet without a budget.
- Do NOT forget to follow up on suggestions or ideas.
- Do NOT let management dominate the meetings.

Duties of a Safety Committee;

- Report unsafe conditions and suggest corrective actions.
- Meet at least monthly.
- Clearly define duties and responsibilities of members.
- Review incidents, near misses, Accident Investigation Reports. Give suggestions for corrective action.
- Contribute ideas and suggestions for safety improvements.
- Work safely and influence others to work safely.
- Make periodic facility safety audits.
- Develop and coordinate incentive programs & safety drives.
- Develop, implement and review written safety programs.
- Build enthusiasm for safety programs.
- Identify high-risk job tasks and help management develop written safe operating procedures.

Recent Kentucky OSHA Citations

Repeat Serious: Two ladders did not extend at least three feet above upper landing surface. **\$8,400.**

Serious: Employee was not properly trained on lockout/tagout procedures. **\$7,000.**

Repeat Serious: Employee was working up to 33 feet above ground with no fall protection. **\$14,000.**

Serious

- Spoil pile was on the edge of a trench while two employees were in the trench. **\$4,200.**
- Competent person did not inspect trench prior to start of work. **\$4,200**
- Two employees were working in a trench more than six feet deep without cave-in protection. **\$4,200.**

Serious

- Emergency eyewash/shower was not available for employee using corrosive chemical. **\$1,750**
- Safety clasp on crane was not repaired in a timely fashion. **\$1,750**



HOME SAFETY

Guarding Against Intruders

- Install a home security system.
- Make sure locks are in place and are functioning correctly.
- Always check through a peephole or window before opening the door when somebody knocks.
- Keep your doors closed even when you're home, including the garage doors.
- Keep blinds or curtains closed so you don't advertise what's inside.
- Store your valuables in a safe or a very clever hiding spot, instead of leaving them lying around.
- Request identification if a stranger claims to be a police officer or other government official.
- Adopt a guard dog.
- Report any suspicious activity around your house or in the neighborhood to the local authorities.
- Don't leave digital footprints for criminals. Social networks provide an easy, fun, and dangerous way to announce your exact whereabouts and all times. We often forget that our friends aren't the only ones privy all of to the information that we post.
- Never announce that you're leaving your home, especially for prolonged absences.
- Never post your address or phone number.
- Be careful of the information you provide on your answering machine, voicemail, or email signatures.

On the lighter side....

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has determined that the maximum safe load capacity on my butt is two persons at one time, unless I install handrails or safety straps. As you have arrived sixth in line to ride my ass today, please take a number and wait your turn.

Recent Safety NEWS

March is Ladder Safety Month

Falls from ladders account for about 20,000 injuries and 300 deaths each year.

The goals of National Ladder Safety Month are to:

- Decrease number of ladder-related injuries and fatalities.
- Increase the number of companies and individuals that inspect and properly dispose of old, damaged or obsolete ladders.
- Increase the # of ladder safety training conducted by companies.
- Lower ladder related safety citations on OSHA's yearly "Top 10 Citations List"

What Can You Do?

Organize a "Ladder Safety" stand-down. (Take one hour w/ all employees to inspect all ladders and review the basic safety rules regarding ladders.

1. Carefully inspect your ladder before each use.
2. Never climb a broken or damaged ladder.
3. Use the right ladder for the job.
4. Be sure the bottom of the ladder is secure before you climb it.
5. Watch out for power lines.
6. Avoid reaching too far when you are on a ladder.
7. Don't carry hand tools or other items up a ladder.
8. Stay off of the top two steps of a ladder.
9. Don't reach too far while you are on a ladder.

Ideas, Thoughts, Challenges & Questions

Your employees learn by example. If they don't see you practicing good safety habits, they won't think safety is important.



Verse:

Philippians 4:13 I can do all things through him who gives me strength

Application:

Every man needs strength. Weakness is so much less of life. Lack of strength is more serious than any lack of outward possession. A weak rich man is in a worse position than a strong poor man. Weakness lessens work, reduces enjoyment, and aggravates suffering. It is also the cause of wickedness, exposing the individual to fierce temptation. As a preservative against sin we need to ask for daily strength. The Bible Illustrator.