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## SAFE SADIE SAYS:

### Warm Weather is Coming

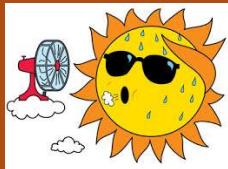
The hot temperatures are coming and it is important to be aware of the dangers present and precautions to take.

#### Signs of Heat Illness:

- Headache, dizziness, or fainting
- Weakness and wet skin
- Irritability or confusion
- Thirst, nausea, or vomiting

#### To Prevent Heat Illness:

- Establish a complete heat illness prevention program.
- Provide training about the hazards leading to heat stress and how to prevent them.
- Provide a lot of cool water. At least one pint of water per hour.



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## NEW GENERAL INDUSTRY CRYSTALINE SILICA DUST RULE GOES INTO EFFECT JUNE 2018

OSHA's Respirable Crystalline Silica standard for general industry and maritime requires employers to limit worker exposures to respirable crystalline silica and to take other steps to protect workers.

Crystalline silica is a common mineral that is found in materials such as stone, artificial stone, and sand. When workers cut, grind, or drill materials that contain crystalline silica, or use industrial sand, they can be exposed to very small silica dust particles.

Workers can be exposed to respirable crystalline silica during the: manufacturing of glass, pottery, ceramic, brick, concrete, asphalt roofing, jewelry, artificial stone, dental, porcelain, or structural clay products, use of industrial sand in operations such as foundry work and hydraulic fracturing, and use of sand for abrasive blasting (maritime operations).

Among other things, the standard requires employers to assess exposure levels, protect and limit employees from exposures, train employees on risks, and keep records of exposure measurements, objective data, and medical exams.

If you are not sure if this applies to your facility, please be sure to ask an inspector during their next visit or call the office.

## APRIL IS DISTRACTED DRIVER AWARENESS MONTH

Objects and vehicles striking workers are the leading cause of roadside-related construction deaths.

Distracted driving is a public health issue that affects us all. The latest statistics show motor vehicle fatalities are up 6% from 2015. More than 40,000 people were killed on our nation's roadways last year, and distracted driving is a major contributor.

Each death is 100% preventable. From cell phones to dashboard infotainment systems to evolving voice command features – all pose a threat to our safety. Just one second of your attention is all it takes to change a life forever.

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*Practice! Knowing safety is not enough*

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**I failed a Health and Safety course at work today.**

**One of the questions was:  
"In the event of a fire, what steps would you take?"**

**"Big ones" was apparently the wrong answer!**

## **OSHA ENFORCING ONLINE REPORTING RULE**

As part of any on-site inspection, OSHA has instructed its compliance officers to inquire whether that establishment has electronically filed its 2016 300A form. If the compliance officer learns that the establishment was required to electronically submit its 300A form and failed to do so, OSHA will issue an other-than-serious citation (up to \$12,934) for failing to comply with the regulation. According to OSHA, the agency has until June 15, 2018 to issue citations to those employers who failed to electronically file the required information.

You are no longer able to submit 2016 information, however, we encourage you to submit 2017 data as soon as possible.

If you are not sure if this applies to your company, please call us.

## **GUARDING AND LOCKOUT TAG OUT**

A company in Mason, Ohio was recently cited \$109, 939 after a partial finger amputation for failure to implement energy control procedures to prevent equipment from starting unintentionally; install machine guards and energy isolation devices; and train workers on the use of energy control procedures.

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## **EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS**

Spring is here and with it so is the crazy weather and a great reminder of the importance of being ready for anything. To help you stay ready, here are a few reminders:

- Emergency Evacuation Plan and Maps Evaluated Annually
- Be sure to include a plan for offsite emergencies (gas leaks, lockdowns, etc.)
- Fire Drills / In Shelter Drills Conducted Annually
- Employees trained on plan, who to contact, fire safety, and head count areas
- Make sure your Policy on Medical Emergencies is up to date
- Who is designated to render first aid / clean up
- What kind of alarm system is being used for each type of emergency
- Under 10 can be word of mouth over 10 must be audible
- Be aware of any special situations involving hazardous materials on site
- Check emergency exit lights
- Make sure emergency phone numbers are posted

## **SURVEYS ARE BEING CONDUCTED**

In order to make sure we are meeting our clients' needs we are sending out surveys with our statements. We also may be contacting you by phone with additional questions. Please feel free to give us any and all feedback to help us be our best. Thank you in advance for your responses.