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Safety Update 2018

We thought we'd start off this year with a quick brief of what to expect from a regulatory perspective: we'll return to our articles that speak about safety and how it works in February.

This year, the big impact for us will likely be the development of a new regulation for Indoor Heat Illness. The current standard on heat illness applies to outdoor places of work only (it is stated explicitly in the code). Indoor heat illness violations and citations have been based upon the hazard identification and control part of the Injury & Illness Prevention Program (IIPP).

Also, the IIPP remains the #1 violation and cited standard for Cal/OSHA: this hasn't changed since its inception as a regulation in 1991. Remember, the IIPP has eight (8) elements AND do as you say in the document: don't leave it on the shelf and try to remember or you will be cited.

If you are in construction and deal with reinforcing concrete construction and post-tensioning, or you are a general contractor that oversees that trade on the job-site, pay attention to the changes that went into effect on January 1, 2018. There are specific, explicit requirements for these operations that each (the trade and the GC) must do: failure to do so will result in citation.

Also, if the work you have generates wood dust and/or you work with Western Red Cedar, be aware of the exposure changes that have occurred.

There are several more regulatory items proposed for this year, but the ones we've listed here are most likely going to affect our readers. For more information, contact our safety partner, Boretti, Inc. at (559) 372-7545 or info@borettiinc.com.