

Stark County Safety Council Newsletter

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SAFETY COUNCIL
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YOUR PHOTOS WANTED!

By Jacqueline Bollas Caldwell, Esq.

In celebration of its 40th anniversary, OSHA is holding a photo contest promoting worker safety, entitled "Picture it! Safe Workplaces for Everyone." The contest challenges everyone with a passion for photography to capture an image of workplace safety and health and participate in the photo contest.



All photos should depict your image of workplace safety and health. However, among other things, the contest rules preclude photographs depicting violation of an OSHA standard, unsafe procedures and practices, and endorsement of particular products or services. The judging criteria is as follows: quality of photograph; suitability for possible use in OSHA publications; clarity of the safety and health message conveyed; originality; creativity; inclusion of worker, employer, or workplace imagery.

Our Stark County Safety Council urges your participation in this photo contest, and will also be holding its own Safety Council photo contest. Good luck to all you shutterbugs! We hope to receive a lot of photos depicting workplace safety. Shortly, you will receive two separate emails from the Safety Council, one providing the rules for OSHA's national contest, and the other providing the rules for our Stark County Safety Council's separate photo contest.

Should have questions about this article, please contact Jacqueline Bollas Caldwell at: 330-244-2864 or jcaldwell@kwgd.com.

Today's Program June 9, 2011

**Topic: OSHA Enforcement Update:
 What Employers Can Expect**

**Speaker: Howard B. Eberts,
 Area Director**

**U.S. Department of Labor / OSHA
 Cleveland Area Office**

June Spotlight Co.:



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Safety Council Mission Statement: *To provide a forum for safety and health information, education and networking in Stark County, through leadership, innovation, facilitation, program, and support, in partnership with other public and private organizations.*

This month's article was written by Bob Nicoll, Account Executive CareWorks Consultants Inc.

Making Informed Workers' Comp Decisions

Ohio's workers' compensation has undergone many changes over the past several years resulting in confusion for many employers. The BWC has made changes to group rating, claim reserving and many BWC programs have been changed, added or eliminated.

For most employers traditional group rating still remains the best option for achieving premium rate reductions. If traditional group rating is not an option there are other programs that that might be available for premium rate relief. Retrospective Group Rating and BWC alternative discount programs such as One Claim Program and the 100% EM Cap might be other options if your company qualifies and in some cases these programs can provide an even greater premium savings than traditional group rating.

Other BWC programs such as Drug Free Safety Program, Safety Council Discount and Deductible Program can also provide additional rate relief. However, it is important to keep in mind that not all of these programs are compatible with one another and all have deadlines for enrollment.

It is difficult for most employers to have the time and understanding to determine what are the best options for their company. So how do you, the employer, successfully navigate the system and be in a position to make informed decisions? The answer lies in utilizing the resources available to you. It is more important that ever to communicate with, and use the resources available through, your Third Party Administrator (TPA) and BWC Representative. Talk to your TPA about what options and programs are best for your company. They can provide you with program information and analyses so you can make the best decisions for your company. You can also access program information from the TPA and BWC websites.

Upcoming Program

July 14, 2011

Topic: *Has our Safety Gone to the DOGS?*

Speaker: **Officer Ryan Davis**

Canton City Police Department

Drug Enforcement Administration

Accompanied by K9 Unit Police Dogs

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Robin's Corner

Question: What are the quantities of flammable liquid that may be located outside of an inside storage room or storage cabinet in a building or in any one fire area of a building?

1910.106(e)(2)(ii)(b)

The quantity of liquid that may be located outside of an inside storage room or storage cabinet in a building or in any one fire area of a building shall not exceed:

25 gallons of Class IA liquids in containers

1910.106(e)(2)(ii)(b)(2)

120 gallons of Class IB, IC, II, or III liquids in containers

1910.106(e)(2)(ii)(b)(3)

660 gallons of Class IB, IC, II, or III liquids in a single portable tank.

Have a question about safety but too shy to ask? Write it on a card and submit to Colleen Maurer or Connie Cerny. Your question will be addressed by Robin from the Division of Safety and Hygiene. All questions will remain anonymous. No name or company will be mentioned.

Upcoming

Watch for upcoming information on Chain-saw Safety Program in conjunction with Stark State. See Scott Brenner for additional information or call 330-933-1345.

Important items to make note of:

1. **Semi-Annual Reports** are required to maintain your membership with the SCSC. Reports are due July 15th and January 15th each year.
2. **Don't forget to sign-in.** If you do not sign the "sign-in sheet" your company will not receive credit for attending. This could hurt your company's chances of receiving the BWC's discount.
3. **NOTE: July 1, 2011 will begin a new 12 month period** for the BWC's rebate program. If your company is eligible, you must attend a minimum of 10 events, with your company's CEO or a senior level manager attending one of these 10, and submit two semi-annual reports. See BWC website for complete rebate details.