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Can Your Company Afford Not to Participate!

Lorrie Goodnight, Ohio BWC, Business Consultant will explain each program under Destination: Excellence and the potential savings that your company could (and should) be taking advantage of!

Destination: Excellence is designed to help Ohio employers focus on safety, accident prevention and return-to-work opportunities to bring injured workers back to work sooner. The plan offers a package of BWC programs that allow employers to customize their own risk-management plan and rewards their investments in accident prevention, cost control and policy management.

March Spotlight Company:

Stauffer Glove and Safety

Stauffer Glove and Safety was originally started in 1907 by 2 Stauffer brothers under the name of Acorn Glove Company. Our company manufactured a basic line of leather and cotton industrial gloves. In the early 1960’s they grew into a company that not only sold gloves but distributed other PPE equipment as well. With over 100 years’ experience, 230,000 square feet of total warehouse space, and over 180 qualified personnel, Stauffer has the necessary capabilities to service your Personal Protective Equipment requirements. Yes! We now have another generation of the Stauffer family capably moving us forward.

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NOTE: This general summary of the law should not be used to solve individual problems since slight changes in the fact situation may require a material variance in the applicable legal advice.

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Q. Does the new Hazard Communication 2012 standard require piping systems within the company to be labeled?

A: No. However, they must make provisions in the written program as to how they will inform the employees of the hazards associated with the chemicals contained in the unlabeled pipes in their work areas.

(e) Written hazard communication program.

(e)(1) Employers shall develop, implement, and maintain at each workplace, a written hazard communication program which at least describes how the criteria specified in paragraphs (f), (g), and (h) of this section for labels and other forms of warning, safety data sheets, and employee information and training will be met, and which also includes the following:

(i) A list of the hazardous chemicals known to be present using a product identifier that is referenced on the appropriate safety data sheet (the list may be compiled for the workplace as a whole or for individual work areas); and,

(ii) The methods the employer will use to inform employees of the hazards of non-routine tasks (for example, the cleaning of reactor vessels), and the hazards associated with chemicals contained in unlabeled pipes in their work areas.

UPCOMING SCSC EVENTS & DATES

March 25-27 Annual Safety Congress at the Greater Columbus Convention Center.

April 16—Safety Awards Banquet – Skyland Pines cash bar 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.; dinner 6:00 p.m. Speaker: David Baker, new President/Executive Director, Pro Football Hall of Fame. Cost: $35

April 17—The Safe Handling and Use of Chemicals in the Workplace. 7:30 a.m.; Meyers Lake Ballroom. Sponsored by LEPC and SCSC. Register online at StarkCountySafetyCouncil.org.
How Fast Does a Workers’ Comp Claim Need to be Reported?

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Is the timely reporting of worker’s compensation claims really that important? Absolutely! The smallest claim can turn into a 6 figure nightmare merely by not being reported promptly. A delay of just a few days can alter the outcome of a claim and raise the associated claim dollars through the roof!

Having trouble believing this? Well, here are some reasons: First and foremost is treatment for the injury. We have seen many "sore shoulders" go unattended only to end up with the employee seeking treatment in the middle of the night at the local Emergency Department. The charges for Emergency Room visits are easily 3 times those of an Occupational Health Clinic, so the medical costs of this incident just tripled. Emergency room providers are great at what they handle - emergencies! But they tend to handle the work related injury by automatically keeping the employee out of work an average of 3-5 days.....another increase to the cost of the claim!

Those same shoulder and soft tissue injuries that went untreated for several days, can eventually become major surgery issues, lost time claims with substantial permanency ratings, and in many cases full and final settlements. By reporting the claim immediately, the employer can and should direct the injured worker to the local occupational health clinic thus hopefully mitigating the overall cost of the claim.

Your company should have an established relationship with one of our several excellent Occupational Health Clinics right here in Stark County.

Hopefully these are reasons enough for you to encourage your employees to report all incidents immediately and for you to report the incident to your MCO the same day. This quick response can help contain your claim dollars as well as keep your experience modifier and premium low.
Only 3 more luncheons left in this program year....... Is Your Company on Track to Receive Your Safety Council Participation Rebate $$$$ 

The 2013-2014 Safety Council Rebate program year comes to an end on June 30th. 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 these10, and submit two semi-annual reports. See BWC website for complete rebate details.

SCSC Annual Food Drive coming in April- Start Stocking Up Now!
The Stark County Safety Council will again be filling the truck. With your overwhelming generosity, last year we donated over 1200 pounds of food & raised over $2000.00 in monetary donations which equaled 9460 meals. We want to top those numbers this year with a goal of 1500 pounds of food and $2500.00 in monetary donations. Get your employers, employees and co-workers involved to help those in need.