



BOISE STATE UNIVERSITY

Environmental Health, Safety and Sustainability Occupational Safety Newsletter

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Autumn Worker Safety

Autumn is here. As we are beginning to experience this long awaited relief from the summer heat, the turning of the leaves, and the shorter days, let's remind ourselves of the changes to our outdoor work routines that it also brings, and make adjustments to remain safe.

The mercury is dipping, so dress accordingly. Keep in mind you will be losing your daylight earlier, and be prepared for wet conditions, low visibility, and wind. Weather patterns can change rapidly and without warning, and can involve sudden storms and lightning. Watch out for icy patches on pavement, especially in shady areas. Be aware of how weather affects vehicle and pedestrian traffic in your work zone. Pay special attention to engineering controls, and equipment that may be more hazardous when wet, such as ladders and lifts. Make sure vehicles are cold weather ready.

If working outside for extended periods, watch for signs of hypothermia in yourself and your co-workers, and take warming breaks as needed. Warm beverages are fine, but avoid alcohol because of its dehydrating effects.

Indoors, be careful of wet floors, and as tempting as it may be, it's better to address environmental control for the entire office or shop, than to rely on space heaters under desks, that tax electrical circuits and can be a fire hazard.

Fall is a beautiful and wonderful season of transition. Let's all work safely as we move through it, and toward the holidays.

UPCOMING TRAINING

Building Coordinator 101

Location: Boise State University, Pioneer Hall 102
Date: October 3, 2016 - 10-11 a.m.

Overview of the functions of a Boise State campus building coordinator, and introduction to the resources available for logistical, operational, and public safety support, as well as emergency response basics. Conducted by Environmental Health, Safety and Sustainability, and Facilities Operations and Maintenance.

Monthly Occupational Safety Training

Location: Boise State University, Pioneer Hall 102
Date: October 19, 2016 - 2-3 p.m.

Various topics, based on department needs, requests, and current issues and topics of concern. Conducted by Environmental Health, Safety and Sustainability, and invited speakers.

Emergency Action Plan Author Workshop

Location: Boise State University, ELD Lab, HR Building 123
Date: October 24, 2016 - 2-3 p.m.

For Boise State Building Coordinators, a guided exercise in creating a building specific EAP. Conducted by Environmental Health, Safety and Sustainability, and the Office of Emergency

FROM THE INTERNET



[Local man dies from injuries suffered in forklift accident at Nampa cheese factory.](#)

Source: Idaho Statesman



[Flu season is upon us.](#)

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention



[How One Wrong Act Leads To Eventual Harm - Accident Prevention Video](#)

Source: EHS Safety News America

MANAGER'S CORNER



[Autumn Safety Tips for Work Crews](#)
WA. Dept. of Labor and Industries

SAFETY BRAIN TEASER

What's wrong with this picture?



Answer to last month's teaser: The bottles are not braced to prevent tipping. Also, they contain both flammable gas and oxidizer, and should be stored separately.

SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS...

Please feel free to contact us to provide feedback on the content of this newsletter, or to suggest topics that you would like to see addressed, or inquire about training you wish to participate in.

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