

Slow Down-Your Family is Waiting for You!

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Utility Vehicle Safety

ALERT-Worker dies after losing control of utility vehicle!

A worker was driving a utility vehicle, delivering supplies at a plant nursery. He turned off the main roadway onto a muddy track that circled around two parked semi-trailers. As the worker drove around this circuit, he lost control of the vehicle and crashed into one of the trailers. He died in hospital of his injuries.

Most utility vehicles have a maximum speed of only about 25 km/h. Low speeds, however, do not ensure safety.

There have been complaints recently that the utility vehicles on campus used by KSU personnel are driving at excessive speeds . YOU MUST SLOW DOWN and USE CAUTION!

Safe work practices:

Ensure that all utility vehicle operators are adequately trained and tested for competency. Ensure that they are also familiar with the operator's manual.

Ensure that all operators wear the appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE). Discuss the PPE required for your particular utility vehicle and worksite with your supervisor.

Establish and enforce written safe work procedures for the operation of utility vehicles, and train operators in these procedures. The procedures should include the following:

Do not joyride.

Conduct a start-of-shift safety inspection.

Do not speed.

Reduce speed on curves.

Stay on designated routes and do not enter restricted areas.

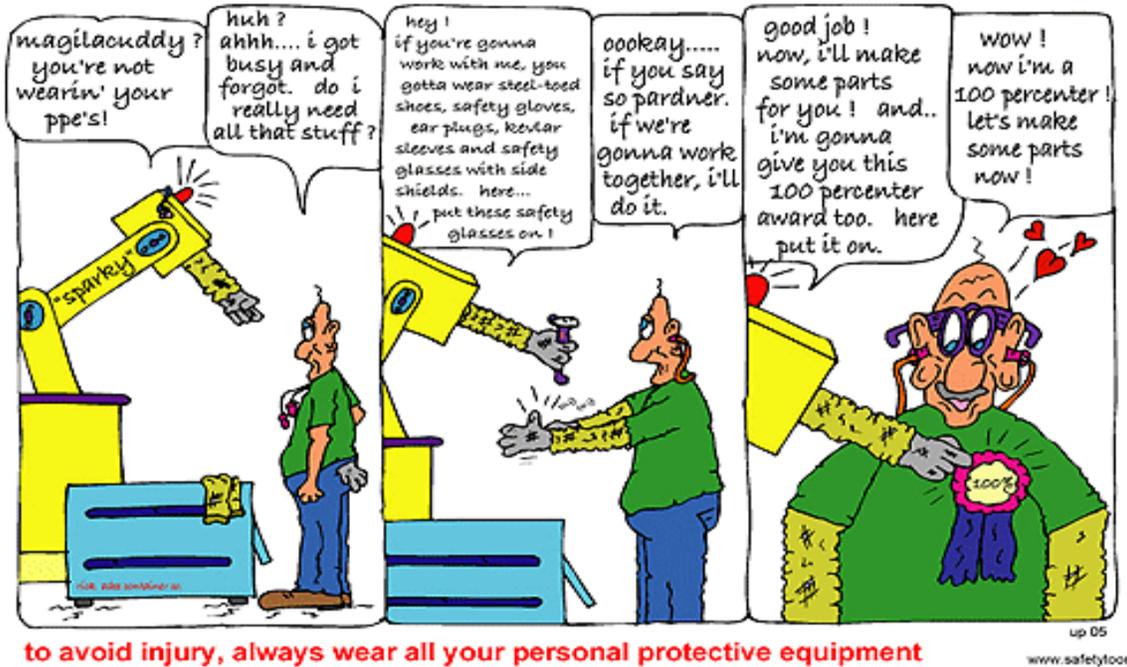
Ensure that operators are properly supervised, and assess each operator's performance on a regular basis.

Maintain utility vehicles as specified by the manufacturer or a professional engineer. Keep maintenance and repair records.

Remove from service any vehicle with a defect that affects safe operation. Repairs must be done by—or under the direct supervision of—a qualified person.

2011 Summer Injuries Due to Lack of PPE

personal protective equipment (ppe)



to avoid injury, always wear all your personal protective equipment

NEW Safety Committee

In the past the Facilities Safety Committee was an extension of the FACT Committee which is being reorganized, to further enhance employee safety and accomplish the goals established by our organization. The new safety committee will consist of 12 members that represent a wide spectrum of the functions performed by Facilities. Each

member appointed will serve a two year term. As a member you will receive specialized training designed to increase your knowledge base in the area of health and safety management. OSHA stresses the importance of employee participation in creation of a successful program, see below. If you are not serving on another Campus committee and

are interested in becoming part of a team which makes a positive difference in the lives of others, please contact the Safety Office by August 31st. The new committee is scheduled to launch in September.

Tom Brokaw

It's easy to make a buck. It's a lot tougher to make a difference.

OSHA tells employers:

You can demonstrate the depth of your commitment by involving your employees in planning and carrying out your efforts. If you seriously involve your employees in identifying and resolving safety and health problems, they will bring their unique insights and energy to achieving the goals and objectives of your program. The men and women who work for you are among the most valuable assets you have. Their safety, health and goodwill are essential to the success of your business. Having them cooperate with you in protecting their safety and health not only helps to keep them healthy-it makes your job easier.