KSU Facilities Safety Bulletin

Congratulations!!!!! Below are the 2015 OSHA Refresher Door Prize Winners:

Grand Prize: DeWalt Drill-Tim Goyette

Milwaukee T-Shirts: Bill Hynek, Zunilda Dominguez, Dan Marshall, and Kevin Minihan.

Milwaukee Back Packs: Julie Porter and Charlie Kranz.

 $\textbf{Walmart \$50.00 Gift Certificates:} \ \textbf{Alan Stevens and Stephanie Brecheisen}.$

Proto Tool: Evans Pittman, Gerardo Negron and Eugene Williams.

Brute Pencil Holders: Kit Tebbutt, Mary Grubbs, Hye Suk Stoddard, Alex Schump, Stacy Mahan, Cathy Hodges, Mark

George, Brian Prockish, John Lehmer, Josh Mackay, Rollin Coberly, and Steve Bishop.

OSHA 2015 Vendor Fair Questions and Answers

1. Why can you not put a 6" abrasive wheel in a 4 ½" grinder?

Answer: The 6" abrasive is not rated to spin at the RPM of a 4 ½" grinder.

2. A screwdriver can be used as a punch, chisel, or a scraper?

Answer: False

3. What is the number one way to reduce absenteeism and improve health and well-being for university employees?

Answer: Proper Hygiene (wash your hands).

4. How many points of contact are required at all times when on a ladder?

Answer: Three

5. What does LED stand for?

Answer: Light Emitting Diode

6. What technology is Milwaukee building into their cordless tools to prevent injury against tool bind up?

Answer: Overload protection (Electronic Cell Protection)

7. When inspecting an electrical cord, what are several indicators to look for that suggest the cord is damaged?

Answer: Missing ground, frays, breaks, and cuts.

8. What does a vented Brute mean?

Answer: Vented trash liner creates no vacuum and makes liner 50% easier to

lift.

9. According to OSHA, what are the average direct and indirect costs for a simple sprain or strain while on the job? Total amount?

Answer: Direct-\$28,000, Indirect-\$31,000, & Total-\$59,000

10. Who is the most important person in SAFETY?

Answer: You are

Thanks to Grainger and everyone that attended!



Joe Brandel: DBI Sala/Little Giant



Joseph Dieker: Square D



lason Durstock: Milwaukee













Holiday Safety Tips for the Workplace

While celebrating holidays around the workplace helps make the work environment less of a grind, safety is an important consideration. Employees and managers alike should remain vigilant even during holidays to prevent mishaps. Decorations, holiday foods and special activities are all welcome holiday additions to the workplace, but they should be enjoyed with safety in mind.





Food for Thought

Many people enjoy bringing special foods to work during holiday periods to share with their coworkers. If you do this, label any foods that contain nuts so those with allergies are aware of the food content. Offer one batch of cookies with nuts and one without, clearly labeling each. It's nice to include a note listing the ingredients of anything you might bring to work, as many people are vegetarians, vegans or have restricted diets. Don't leave perishable foods sitting around the office where they might go bad. Don't share cups or bottles and

risk spreading colds and disease.

Source: eHow

Fire Safety Considerations for Holiday Décor

Be mindful of potential fire hazards when selecting holiday decorations and determining where to place them. Make wise choices about the types of holiday lights you use. Do not use any type of decoration in your office that has an open flame. If your Christmas tree is metallic, do not place any types of lights on it at all.

It's also important to make sure that you use holiday lights properly. Never place staples or nails through strings of lights, power cords, or extension cords. Do not connect too many strands of lights together. If you decorate the outside of your office, verify that any lights you use are rated for exterior use.

Make sure that all illuminated items are turned off when the office is closed so there's no risk of a fire breaking out when the building is unattended. It's a good idea to put one person in charge of this task, so there's no confusion regarding whether or not the lights need to be checked at the end of each workday.

Before starting the process of decorating your office for the holidays, it's a good idea to verify that all of your fire safety equipment is in proper working order. Make sure that your smoke detectors are working, and verify that the fire extinguishers are fully charged and easily accessible. It's a good idea to get into the habit of doing this several times each year, and it makes sense to use the occasion of decorating for the holidays as a reminder to check out your fire safety equipment.

OSHA Compliance and Holiday Decorations

Keep all relevant OSHA regulations in mind when deciding how to decorate your workplace for the holiday. Without proper planning, holiday decorations can result in dangerous tripping hazards. Think carefully before using extension cords to connect lights or to illuminate other types of decorations. Avoid placing Christmas trees, gifts, or freestanding decorations in heavily trafficked areas where people might run into them or trip over them.

It's also essential to make sure that your holiday décor in no way compromises the ability of workers and visitors to exit the workplace in the event of an emergency. Do not place any type of decorative items in exit corridors or on the sprinklers. It's essential to verify that none of your decorations block exit signage or fire safety equipment.

Source: lovetoknow

Please note K-State only allows Artificial Trees.