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Does your company have what it takes to be SHARP?

In this article, I will provide you with specific SHARP information exclusively for the construction industry. We will discuss the advantages of being a SHARP company, the process it takes to get it going and the program requirements. The Florida Construction SHARP Pilot (FCSP) is new to Florida. As with the other SHARP, this is designed to recognize and award the construction sector employers in Florida for their superior leadership in occupational safety and health management. [Read More](#).

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Think SHARP

OSHA's Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program awards and exempts businesses with exemplary safety and health management systems from OSHA inspections for a period up to two years. Qualifying businesses must participate in a comprehensive on-site safety and health analysis and also have Days Away, Restricted or Transferred (DART) and Total Recordable Case (TRC) rates lower than their industry average.



From the Program Director

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As the economy and workplace continue to evolve, so does the safety and health requirements. Implementing an effective safety and health program is vital to the sustainability of any workplace. Ensuring workplace safety and health begins with taking a proactive approach. [Read More](#).

OSHA News

OSHA fines on the rise

In August 2016, OSHA fines increased as part of a budget bill. Additionally, the bill allowed for annual inflationary increases at the discretion of OSHA.

The second increase in fines will take effect with any citations issued after January 13, 2017, even if the inspection occurred on an earlier date. (dol.gov, 2017.)

The fine schedule is as follows:



Main Metal Recycling (Jacksonville) - Proud Recipient of the SHARP Award!

Main Metal Recycling has been providing scrap metal recycling services to industries and individuals for over 60 years.

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What's Wrong With This Picture

Photographs are a learning tool of how accidents can be prevented. Thank you to [Jim Ulseth](#), our USF SafetyFlorida contributor for January.



Injuries caused by overload lifting equipment can be devastating and can be prevented. Can you identify the potential hazard in the image above?

- Maximum repeat and willful: \$126,749
- Maximum serious and other-than-serious: \$12,675
- Minimum for willful: \$9,054

The increase is 1.64%, the annual U.S. inflation rate calculated in October 2016.



The USF OTI Education Center will offer the following courses in February 2017:

3095 - Electrical Standards – January 30-February 2 – Wesley Chapel, FL

5400 - Trainer Course in Occupational Safety and Health Standards for the Maritime Industry – January 30 – February 2 – Wesley Chapel, FL

5410 - Occupational Safety and Health Standards for the Maritime Industry – February 6-10 – Wesley Chapel, FL

511 - Occupational Safety and Health Standards for General Industry – Maitland, FL

500 - Trainer Course in Occupational Safety and Health Standards for the Construction Industry, February 6-9 – Wesley Chapel, FL

3115 - Fall Protection – February 13-15 – Wesley Chapel, FL

40 Hour Hazwoper – February 13-17 – Wesley Chapel, FL

510 - Occupational Safety and Health Standards for the Construction Industry, February 20-23 – Ft. Lauderdale, FL

501 - Trainer Course in Occupational Safety and Health Standards for General Industry – February 20-23 - D'Iberville, MS

6000 - Collateral Duty Course for Other Federal Agencies, February 27-March 2 - Ft. Lauderdale, FL

Answer: The synthetic sling is required to have legible maximum load capacity labels on it at all times.

Hazards:

Construction Industry --

1926.251(a)(1): Rigging equipment for material handling shall be inspected prior to use on each shift and as necessary during its use to ensure that it is safe. Defective rigging equipment shall be removed from service .

1926.251(a)(2) - 1926.251(e)(1)(ii): Employers must ensure that rigging equipment; has permanently affixed and legible identification markings as prescribed by the manufacturer that indicate the recommended safe working load ; not be used without affixed, legible identification markings ;The employer shall have each synthetic web sling marked or coded to show rated capacities for the type of hitch.

General Industry --

1910.184(c) - 1910.184(i)(1): Safe operating practices. Whenever any sling is used, the following practices shall be observed, employers must not load a sling in excess of its recommended safe working load as prescribed by the sling manufacturer on the identification markings permanently affixed to the sling . Employers must not use slings without affixed and legible identification markings . *Synthetic web Sling identification.* Each sling shall be marked or coded to show the rated capacities for each type of hitch and type of synthetic web material.

Consequences: The overloading of slings or jacks can cause load failures injuries which can be very severe. "Struck by injuries" such as fractures, crushing injuries, lacerations, abrasions, amputations and contusions from contact with the falling loads are very serious and can even be fatal.

Corrective Actions: Remove these defective lifting devices from service. Make certain that the rated load capacity label is clearly visible and remains legible on each and every lifting device so that the employee using them knows how much the lifting device can safely lift. Ensure that all lifting devices are inspected by people who have been trained and are knowledgeable in the requirements and procedures for inspecting lifting equipment. This needs to be done before use for visible defects and legible load ratings, as well as on a periodic basis and after any occurrence that could affect its safe use. The employer shall be responsible for the safe condition of all tools and equipment used by employees, including tools and equipment which may be furnished by employees.

Conclusion: It's much safer (and less costly over time) to train employees to inspect all lifting devices, and ensure they are in safe working order. In addition, they should ensure that devices are legibly labeled with the maximum load carrying capacity, than to face the consequences. It is vital to train your employees on how to inspect each and every lifting device and also on how to use them correctly and safely (and then, you, the employer shouldn't be cited by OSHA). Employees should be properly trained to take defective lifting devices out of service and then to report to you any lifting device which does not have a legible maximum rated load capacity label or marking, so that you can take corrective actions.

Reaching Out in Safety

510 - Occupational Safety and Health Standards for the Construction Industry – February 27- March 2 - Home2 Suites - D'Iberville, MS

5400 - Trainer Course in Occupational Safety and Health Standards for the Maritime Industry – February 27- March 2 – Wesley Chapel, FL

2264 - Permit-Required Confined Space Entry, February 27 – March 1 – Wesley Chapel, FL

For information about these courses as well as the center's professional certificate program for construction, general industry and the maritime industry, click [here](#) or e-mail usfotioutreach@health.usf.edu.





Congratulations to Rehrig Pacific Company for receiving USF SafetyFlorida's Sunshine State Safety Recognition Award. The award is given to Florida employers and employees in all industries who proactively and routinely engage in job safety.

To learn more about the Sunshine State Safety Recognition Award and how to qualify, click [here](#).

Top 10 Safety and Health Hazards Identified



The following were the top 10 most frequently cited standards by Federal OSHA in fiscal year 2016 (October 1, 2015, through September 30, 2016):

1. Fall protection, construction ([29 CFR 1926.501](#))
2. Hazard communication standard, general industry ([29 CFR 1910.1200](#))
3. Scaffolding, general requirements, construction ([29 CFR 1926.451](#))
4. Respiratory protection, general industry ([29 CFR 1910.134](#))
5. Control of hazardous energy (lockout/tagout), general industry ([29 CFR 1910.147](#))
6. Powered industrial trucks, general industry ([29 CFR 1910.178](#))
7. Ladders, construction ([29 CFR 1926.1053](#))
8. Machinery and Machine Guarding, general requirements ([29 CFR 1910.212](#))
9. Electrical, wiring methods, components and equipment, general industry ([29 CFR 1910.305](#))
10. Electrical systems design, general requirements, general industry ([29 CFR 1910.303](#))

Division of Workers' Compensation

The State of Florida, Department of Financial Services, Division of Workers' Compensation offers free seminars for Florida employers regarding workers' compensation and workplace safety. Seminars are held in various locations around the state and are from 9 a.m. until noon. To learn more and to register, click [here](#).

[2017-January-June-Seminar-Registration-Form](#) 61.00 kB

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