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Protect Your Business from Fires

After surviving two of the worst hurricanes in recent Florida history, businesses watched as wildfires raged in Napa, Sonoma, Solano, Lake and Mendocino Counties in California. Approximately 8,000 homes and businesses were lost, over a hundred thousand people were displaced, and sadly 42 people died. Seven of Napa Valley's nearly 500 wineries were damaged or destroyed in the ensuing fires. Economic losses will be in the billions of dollars. Recovery will take years. [Read More](#).



From the Director's Editor

Dear Small Business Owner,

As we welcome FY2018, we are excited to share new and exciting outreach and training initiatives, as well as safety and health resources with Florida's small business community. Keep reading to see what's in store!

Program News

On-Site Magazine Update. The 2017 On-Site Magazine is underway! Be sure to check out our [website](#) within the next two weeks for the 2017 edition.

The On-Site Magazine is an executive report on consultation services to Florida small businesses.

OSHA News

- **10/27/2017** - [Region 2 OSHA News Release](#) - U.S. Department of Labor and New York Manufacturer Reach Settlement to Improve Safety

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.



Congratulations to Melitta USA, Inc. for receiving continued exemption from programmed OSHA inspections!

Melitta USA, headquartered in Clearwater, Florida, is part of the privately held Melitta Group of Minden, Germany.

Melitta USA is responsible for the sales and marketing of Melitta coffee filters, coffee and non-electric coffee systems in the US. This distribution is to all retail channels in the USA.

Worldwide, the Melitta Group manufactures and markets a wide variety of consumer products including foils and wraps, air cleaners and humidifiers, vacuum bags and cleaning products, and, of course, under the Melitta brand name, the full range of coffee preparation products for which the company is best known.

For more information regarding the SHARP program or to see previously profiled success stories, [click here](#).

What's Wrong With This Picture

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



Do you know what hazard is occurring in this picture? Read below to find out.

An employee is using a hand held grinder for floor grinding inside a structure for more than four hours. This will expose the employee to respirable crystalline silica above the permissible exposure limit.

The OSHA standard regarding respirable crystalline silica in [Table 1 Specified Exposure Control Methods](#) When working with Materials Containing Crystalline Silica 1926.1153 (c) (1) (xii) states that an employee using a hand held grinder for uses other than mortar removal must use a grinder equipped with a commercially available shroud and dust collection system. The tool must be operated in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions to minimize dust emissions. The dust collector must provide 25 cubic feet per minute (cfm) or greater of airflow per inch of wheel diameter and have a filter with 99% or greater efficiency and a cyclonic pre-separator or filter cleaning mechanism. When the grinder is used indoors for more than four hours the employer must wear respiratory protection with an assigned protection factor (APF) of at least 10. This is typically an N95 or P100 filter face air purifying respirator. If the equipment is properly, the employer is in compliance with 1926.1153 and not further monitoring is necessary.

However, the employer must develop a silica exposure control plan and have a written respirator program complies with 1910.134. Additionally, the employer must provide medical monitoring to this employee if the task occurs more than 30 days per calendar year.

and Health

- [10/24/2017 - Region 1 OSHA News Release](#) - U.S. Department of Labor and Massachusetts Packaging Company and Staffing Agencies Reach Agreements to Enhance Workplace Safeguards
- [10/23/2017 - Region 2 OSHA News Release](#) - OSHA Investigation Finds Hazards Remain at North Jersey Warehouse
- [10/23/2017 - Region 3 OSHA News Release](#) - OSHA Cites Pittsburgh Contractor after Hazards Lead to Fatal Electrocution
- [10/17/2017 - Region 3 OSHA News Release](#) - Contractor Cited for Scaffold Hazards at Philadelphia Work Site
- [10/17/2017 - Region 4 OSHA News Release](#) - Birmingham Company Cited for Exposing Employees to Fall Hazards
- [10/13/2017 - Region 3 OSHA News Release](#) - Pittsburgh Builder and OSHA Align to Promote Workplace Safety
- [10/13/2017 - Region 8 OSHA News Release](#) - Education and Training Alliance to Focus on Colorado Construction Workers
- [10/12/2017 - Region 6 OSHA News Release](#) - OSHA and American Society of Safety Engineers Working Together To Provide Resources to Those Affected by Hurricane Harvey
- [10/11/2017 - Region 3 OSHA News Release](#) - OSHA Alliance to Promote Worker Safety and Health in Lehigh Valley
- [10/10/2017 - Region 6 OSHA News Release](#) - OSHA

Reaching Out in Safety



Congratulations to KVC Constructors, Inc. for receiving USF SafetyFlorida's Sunshine State Safety Recognition Award for their Museum Garage Project. 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](#).

OSHA's 10 most frequently cited standards



OSHA has issued a preliminary list of 10 most frequently cited standards cited by the agency's inspectors during FY2017.

This list is released annually to increase awareness of the standards so employers can take necessary steps to locate and fix the hazard to prevent injury or illness.

To view OSHA's Top Ten Citations and/or to read the Oct. 18, 2016 blog, [click here](#).

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](#).

Resumes Regular Enforcement in Texas and Louisiana



To view upcoming courses offered by USF OSHA Training Institute Education Center, please select from the following links:

- [General Industry](#)
- [Construction Industry](#)
- [Maritime Industry](#)
- [Disaster Site Worker](#)

** Please note, all course registrations must be purchased via Credit Card only.*

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