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Housekeeping – how essential is it to your workplace?

'Housekeeping in the workplace' essentially refers to the routine upkeep, maintenance and cleanliness of the work environment. Workplace housekeeping activities include keeping work areas organized, maintaining aisles clear of debris, swift clean-up of spills and waste materials and maintenance of building facilities and equipment all of which help safeguard worker safety and health, prevent workplace injuries and illnesses and make work operations more efficient. [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.

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 [David Ashman](#), our USF SafetyFlorida contributor for April.



From the Program Director

Charlene Sitterly, MS.Ed., CWCP

“Every year, more than 400 workers die on the job and nearly four million workers are injured or made sick at work.” ([osha.gov](#), 2017)

I would like to personally thank each and every one of you who joined us during our weeklong Workers' Memorial Day Event from April 24th-28th to commemorate the many workers who lost their lives while working on the job due to unsafe working conditions. [Read More](#).

Region IV OSHA News

- April 26 - [[Region 4 News Release](#)]
- 2017 - 04/26/2017 - OSHA
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- April 25 - [[Region 4 News Release](#)]
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Do you know what hazard is occurring in the above image? Read below to find out.

Hazards:

[1926.451\(b\)\(1\)](#) Each platform on all working levels of scaffolds shall be fully planked or decked between the front uprights and the guardrail supports.

[1926.451\(e\)\(1\)](#) When scaffold platforms are more than 2 feet (0.6 m) above or below a point of access, portable ladders, hook-on ladders, attachable ladders, stair towers (scaffold stairways/towers), stairway-type ladders (such as ladder stands), ramps, walkways, integral prefabricated scaffold access, or direct access from another scaffold, structure, personnel hoist, or similar surface shall be used. Cross braces shall not be used as a means of access.

[1926.451\(f\)\(7\)](#) Scaffolds shall be erected, moved, dismantled, or altered only under the supervision and direction of a competent person qualified in scaffold erection, moving, dismantling or alteration. Such activities shall be performed only by experienced and trained employees selected for such work by the competent person.

[1926.451\(g\)\(1\)](#) Each employee on a scaffold more than 10 feet (3.1 m) above a lower level shall be protected from falling to that lower level. Paragraphs (g)(1) (i) through (vii) of this section establish the types of fall protection to be provided to the employees on each type of scaffold. Paragraph (g)(2) of this section addresses fall protection for scaffold erectors and dismantlers.

[1926.451\(g\)\(1\)\(v\)](#) Each employee on a walkway located within a scaffold shall be protected by a guardrail system (with minimum 200 pound top rail capacity) installed within 9½ inches (24.1 cm) of and along at least one side of the walkway.

[1926.451\(h\)\(2\)\(ii\)](#) Where there is a danger of tools, materials, or equipment falling from a scaffold and striking employees below, the following provisions apply: [1926.451(h)(2)]

- A toeboard shall be erected along the edge of platforms more than 10 feet (3.1 m) above lower levels for a distance sufficient to protect employees below, except on float (ship) scaffolds where an edging of ¾ x 1½ inch (2 x 4 cm) wood or equivalent may be used in lieu of toeboards;

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 • April 10 - [\[Region 4 News Release\]](#)
 - 2017 - 04/10/2017 - Safety Stand-Down events aim to improve safety for landscape workers

Program News

FREE Safety in Construction Workshop in Miami, FL!

Sumymca International and Miami Dade College will be hosting a Safety in Construction presentation to which you are cordially invited!

Don't miss the special presentation on Safety in Construction offered by USF SafetyFlorida's very own Safety and Health Consultant, Gabe Garcia on Thursday, May 11, 2017 from 9:00 am to 12 noon at the [Miami Dade College – North Campus](#).

Mr. Garcia will discuss why OSHA is important, the hierarchy of protection, administrative and engineering controls, personal protective equipment, and much, much more.

Additional presentations on heat-related illnesses will also be provided.

To register to attend, please visit: <http://bit.ly/2oandk7>

What's happening in May?



The Alliance for Central Florida will

Consequences:

Falls that could result in fractures, laceration, contusions, concussions, or death.

Corrective Actions:

- Remove the employee(s) from the scaffold.
- Train employees on the hazards related to scaffolds, working at height, and the requirement of standard (planking, fall protection, toe boards, etc.).
- Have competent person on site when erecting or altering the scaffold.
- Communicate to employees that if they are not a competent person that they are not allowed to erect or alter the scaffold.
- Have a superintendent on site at all times to ensure the previously mentioned items are being followed.

For more information regarding scaffolding:

<https://www.osha.gov/SLTC/etools/scaffolding/supported/index.html>

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Reaching Out in Safety



Congratulations to Nautique Boat Company for receiving USF SafetyFlorida's Sunshine State Safety Recognition Award.

Recently, Nautique Boat Company was the proud recipient of the Sunshine State Safety Recognition Award for excellence in manufacturing safety.

According to a press release issued by the company, "At Nautique Boat Company, we recognize the importance of our team in our continued success. An enhanced focus on the safety of each team member is our highest priority," stated Nautique's President, Greg Meloon.

To view the full press release, click [here](#).

The award is given to Florida employers and employees in all industries who proactively

be hosting their premier annual safety day event on Wednesday, May 17, 2017 at the [Hilton Orlando](#) – International Drive from 7:00am-4:00pm.

Don't miss out on the opportunity to network with your peers, and gain insight on new product offerings and technology from the various vendors that will be in attendance.

USF SafetyFlorida and USF OTI Education Center will be present. Be sure to stop by our booth for fun prizes and giveaways.

Interested in attending? Click [here](#).

Want to be a vendor? Click [here](#).

4th Annual National Safety Stand-Down



Falls from elevated surfaces continue to be the leading cause of death in the construction industry, accounting for 350 of 937 construction related fatalities recorded in 2015, according the BLS data. The purpose of the National Fall Prevention Stand-Down is to raise awareness of preventing fall hazards in construction ([osha.gov](#)).

Join USF OTI Education Center and USF SafetyFlorida in the movement to prevent falls in construction!

Free training sessions in support of this initiative will be offered in Wesley Chapel and Miami, FL.

Wesley Chapel, FL:

<https://usfseminars.wufoo.com/forms/osha-7405-wesley-chapel-may-11th/>

Miami, FL:

and routinely engage in job safety.

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

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

OSHA 7000 Series Training available in Tallahassee, FL.



* **OSHA 7205** - Health Hazard Awareness - 5/1/2017 - 8:00am-3:30pm

[Click here to register](#)

* **OSHA 7005** - Public Warehousing and Storage - 5/2/2017 - 8:00am-4:00pm

[Click here to register](#)

* **OSHA 7115** - Lockout/Tagout - 5/3/2017 - 8:00am-4:30pm

[Click here to register](#)

* **OSHA 7505** - Intro to Incident [Accident] Investigation - 5/5/2017 - 8:00am-4:30pm

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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.*

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.

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