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## Safety & Health: Personal Protective Equipment

Over the past couple weeks, I have received several telephone inquiries on the topic of personal protective equipment (PPE). Specifically, the following questions arise most frequently:

1. Who decides what PPE is needed, and when and where is it to be used?
2. How do I determine what is the right choice of PPE to provide?

The whole PPE decision process begins with an assessment of the workplace and work processes by the employer to determine if there are hazards which truly require the use of PPE. [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 [Mylene Kellerman](#), our USF SafetyFlorida contributor for May.*



## From the Program Director

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### The Importance of Recordkeeping

Recordkeeping is a very important aspect of any establishment covered by OSHA. OSHA's recordkeeping policy ensures improved safety for workers and can contribute to the employers' bottom line. One of OSHA's goals with respect to recordkeeping is to improve the accuracy of the data in which they collect. [Read More](#).

## OSHA News

### Update on Recordkeeping and Reporting Requirements

In support of our efforts to keep you informed of agency activities related to the OSHA Recordkeeping Rule – Improve Tracking of Workplace Injuries and Illnesses, we wanted to let you know that OSHA intends to propose extending the July 1, 2017 date by which certain employers are required to submit the information



*Lighting installed at incorrect heights can cause injuries and illnesses? Read below for more information.*

#### **Hazard(s):**

[29 CFR 1910.305\(a\)\(2\)\(ix\)](#) Several tube lights used for general illumination at work stations were within arm's reach (less than 6 ft. from the ground) of workers.

#### **Consequences:**

Being within easy reach, the tube lights could break and shatter from accidental contact. This could result in eye, head and other bodily injuries from shattered broken glass and illness from exposure to mercury vapors.

#### **Corrective Action:**

Install clear, unbreakable polycarbonate sleeves over the tube lights for protection against fluorescent lamp breakage. These sleeves help retain the shattered glass and phosphors. The sleeves also keep out dirt, dust and insects, reducing cleaning and minimizing lamp replacement due to accidental breakage.

Lamps for general illumination can also be protected from accidental contact or breakage by a suitable fixture or lampholder with a guard. Brass shell, paper-lined sockets, or other metal-cased sockets may not be used unless the shell is grounded.

Alternatively, you can raise the height of the lights above 8 ft. to keep them out of reach of workers.

## **Reaching Out in Safety**

from their completed 2016 Form 300A to OSHA electronically. A public statement announcing the proposed delay in initial compliance deadline is posted on the [OSHA home page](#).

### **Program News**

**Interested in attending a free class on Silica exposure in Construction?** The USF OSHA Training Institute Education Center will be offering a free training on Respirable Silica Exposure for worker's in the Construction Industry on June 9th in [Orlando, FL](#). The one-day training session is intended to educate frontline employees and foreman about OSHA's new silica standard for the construction industry. This course will offer an overview of the new silica standard, as well as information on how to recognize, avoid and abate silica dust hazards.

Participants will also learn about allowable housekeeping techniques, and be offered the opportunity to participate in a hands-on workshop regarding respiratory protection use.

[Click here](#) to register to attend for the June 9, 2017 class.



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.*



Congratulations to Greystar Development & Construction Company, LP 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.

Also, a special thanks to KD Construction for their dedication to safety during this project. KD Construction believes that Safety is paramount. They are committed to not only complying with OSHA's standards and regulations, but they are willing to go the extra mile to ensure the safety and health of their employees.

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

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## Save the Date: Safe + Sound Week Event

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](mailto:usfotioutreach@health.usf.edu).

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# Safe+Sound Week



**June 12-18, 2017**

Looking for an opportunity to show your commitment to safety? Join us during the week of June 12-18th for an epic event that will raise awareness and understanding of the value of proactive safety and health programs in workplaces.

The USF SafetyFlorida Consultation Program and USF OTI Education Center are inviting you to participate in our Introduction to Safety and Health Management training to help further your company's commitment to safety, as part of national Safe + Sound Week.

The OSHA 7500 - Introduction to Safety and Health Management Training will cover the effective implementation of a company's safety and health management system. This training will also address the four core elements of an effective safety and health management system, and the central issues that are critical to each element's proper management.

**See the schedule below to register in an area near you!**

June 12th - Miami, FL - [Click here to register](#)

June 14th - Fort Lauderdale, FL - [Click here to register](#)

June 16th - Wesley Chapel, FL - [Click here to register](#)

**Questions?** Contact the USF OTI Education Center at [usfotioutreach@health.usf.edu](mailto:usfotioutreach@health.usf.edu) or (813) 994-1195.

**Thank you for helping to make your company a safe workplace and a sound business!**

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