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Developing a Company Safety Goal

As part of our safety and health consultation services, while on-site, consultants complete a company "safety policy and procedures" evaluation as part of our safety review. One of the 58 questions we ask is, "What is your safety goal for this year?" The typical answer is, "our goal is no accidents this for this year." [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 [Pat Stark](#), our USF SafetyFlorida contributor for July.



From the Program Director

Charlene Sitterly, MS.Ed., CWCP

A special thanks to all who were able to join us during the heat stress webinar. I hope you found the information extremely valuable, and will make use of the plethora of resources we provided. Remember that heat-related illnesses are indeed preventable through Water, Rest and Shade. [Read More](#).

OSHA News

- July 18 - [Region 4](#) - OSHA investigation finds safety failures led to the death of 3 workers who entered a manhole containing lethal gases
- July 18 - [Federal Register 82:32874](#) - Susan Harwood Training Grant Program, FY 2017
- July 14 - [Trade Release](#) - OSHA launches application to electronically submit injury and illness data on August 1
- July 14 - [National Release](#) - US Labor Department announces



Can you identify the hazard in the photo above? Read below to find out.

Hazards

This is a general industry setting and the step ladder is being improperly used for access to this mezzanine.

Related OSHA Standards:

CFR 29 1910.23(b)(8), 1910.23(c)(2), 1910.23(c)(8), 1910.23(c)(11), or 1910.25(b)(7)

Consequences:

Step ladder kick-out due to improper positioning leading to worker falling to lower level; miss-step by worker accessing ladder from mezzanine leading to fall to lower level

Corrective Actions:

Discontinue the use of this ladder at this mezzanine access.
Provide proper ladder or if feasible, proper stairway, to access this mezzanine.
Provide ladder training to all applicable supervisors, managers, and workers on basic proper/safe use of all types of ladders used by workers.

\$10.5M funding opportunity for Susan Harwood Training grants to support worker safety, health training

- July 6 - [Federal Register 82:31252-31253](#) - Walking-Working Surfaces and Personal Protective Equipment (Fall Protection Systems) for General Industry; Approval of Collections of Information
- July 3 - [Trade Release](#) - OSHA announces policy change on monorail hoists in construction
- July 3 - [Federal Register 82:30910-30911](#) - Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Ethylene Oxide Standard

Program News

What's happening in August!

The USF SafetyFlorida Consultation Program and USF OTI Education Center will be attending the 72nd Annual Workers' Compensation Conference from August 6-9, 2017 at the Orlando World Center Marriott. The USF OTI Education Center will be offering the 10-Hour General Industry course.

To register to attend the conference or for more information regarding the OSHA 10-Hour GI course, visit www.wci360.com.



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

- [General Industry](#)
- [Construction Industry](#)
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** Please note, all course registrations must be purchased via*

Employer needs to develop or improve the company safety and health program—to include systematic, assigned and formalized observations, inspections of work areas and workers.

For more information regarding ladder safety, click [here](#).

Reaching Out in Safety



Congratulations to Tutor Perini Corporation for receiving USF SafetyFlorida's Sunshine State Safety Recognition Award for their Panorama 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](#).

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](#).

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