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Risk Management & Advantages and Disadvantages of Various Safety Training Methods

When conducting on-site safety and health visits, I often times find that those individuals who are designated the role of safety coordinators or representatives are not aware of other forms of training, one specifically called Risk Management (RM). So, during the safety audit, I ask the company representative to describe for me how they conduct their safety training. Usually, the answer I receive is along the lines that they rely on "Tool Box Topics" to provide the training for them. [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 [Keith Brown](#), our USF SafetyFlorida contributor for August.



From the Program Director

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Natural Disasters and Preparedness

Dear Reader,

My heart and prayers go out to those affected by Hurricane Harvey.

As I am certain you are all aware, Hurricane Harvey made landfall in August 2017, and has caused severe damage to parts of the Caribbean and the Southeastern Texas region. Excessive rainfall has contributed to flooding that has displaced more than 30,000 residents, and destroyed thousands of homes and property. To date, we know that Harvey has killed at least 38 people in the Caribbean and United States. [Read More](#).

OSHA News

- 08/30/2017 - [OSHA Trade Release](#)
- OSHA Issues Proposed Rule to Extend Compliance Deadline for



Can you spot that hazard in the image above? Read below to find out.

Hazards:

A flight of stairs less than 44" in width, having at least three treads and at least four risers, was not equipped with a stair rail along its open sides. **29 CFR 1910.28(b)(11)(ii)** – Each flight of stairs having at least 3 treads and at least 4 risers is to be equipped with stair rail systems and handrails in accordance with Table D-2 of this section.

Consequences:

Potential sprains, strains, and fractures from inability to grasp a stable support in the event of a slip, trip, or fall while ascending or descending the stairs.

Corrective Actions:

Install a stair rail and hand rail along the open sides of the stairway in accordance with 29 CFR 1910.29(f), to provide personnel with a means of supporting themselves while ascending or descending the stairs.

Reaching Out in Safety

Crane Operator Certification Requirements

- 08/25/2017 - [Region 2 OSHA News Release](#) - Public, Private Partnership Promotes Safety During LaGuardia Airport Redevelopment Project
- 08/25/2017 - [Region 5 OSHA News Release](#) - OSHA Cites Wisconsin Steel Pipe Manufacturer for Safety Hazards
- 08/25/2017 - [Region 7 OSHA News Release](#) - OSHA, Mason Contractors' Association of St. Louis Renew Partnership for Worker Safety
- 08/25/2017 - [Region 8 OSHA News Release](#) - OSHA Cites South Dakota Company After Worker Buried in Trench Collapse
- 08/16/2017 - [Region 2 OSHA News Release](#) - OSHA Cites New York Paperboard Mill for 61 Safety, Health Hazards
- 08/14/2017 - [OSHA Trade Release](#) - OSHA to Hold Second Public Meeting to Solicit Suggestions for Growing, Strengthening Voluntary Protection Programs
- 08/11/2017 - [Region 1 OSHA News Release](#) - OSHA Investigation Finds Psychiatric Hospital Workers Remain Exposed to Serious Workplace Hazards
- 08/09/2017 - [Region 4 OSHA News Release](#) - North Florida Roofing Company Cited Again for Workplace Safety Hazards



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The award is given to Florida employers and employees in all industries who proactively and routinely engage in job safety.

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Division of Workers' Compensation

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