Superintendent's safety and compliance checklist

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The ever-expanding job description for golf course superintendents now includes employee safety and compliance in the workplace.

So detailed and technical is this task that safety committees are meeting regularly—making this effort more efficient and lowering insurance premiums.

The following checklist features some of the more salient points accomplished in day-to-day operations all types of courses:

**SAFETY & COMPLIANCE ISSUES**

- Right-to-know stations/employees sign-off that they have received proper training
- MSDA sheets—pesticides—fertilizers—all other chemicals/compounds. register all pesticide with local fire department
- Hazardous Communication (Haz Com) Program
- Lock out/tag out program
- OSHA 200 Form — display as equired
- CPR training & certification
- CPR instruction poster
- Emergency telephone number poster
- Safety training videos/notebooks
- Wetlands/Army Corp of Engineers
- Federal minimum wage & work laws — bilingual
- State minimum wage & work laws — bilingual
- Local minimum wage & work laws — bilingual
- Emergency evacuation plan
- Pesticide licenses
- Pesticide usage records
- Fertilizer usage records
- Burn permits
- Used oil/liquids permit
- Fuel storage/spill containment/fire extinguishers/emergency shut-off switch/safety signs bilingual/properly vented
- Pesticide storage — 24-hour/day exhaust fan-spill containment-no floor drain-safety shelving-explosion proof sprinkler system-heated/coolcd
- Fertilizer storage — 24-hour/day exhaust fan-spill containment-no floor drain-safety shelving-explosion proof sprinkler system-heated/coolcd
- Fertilizer shower/eye-wash station
- Irrigation pumphouse/first-aid kit-fire extinguisher/electrical/bilingual piping proper signage/heated/coolcd/ventilated
- Fire extinguishers — inspected monthly with signature on inspection tag
- First-aid kits
- Eye-wash bottles
- Disposable ear plugs
- Portable oxygen bottles
- Goggles
- Body armor
- Paint masks
- Head protection
- Spray technicians/respirators, with spare cartridges/rubber gloves/rubber boots/pesticide apron/spray suits/goggles/safety glasses
- Safety bingo
- Bilingual safety signs
- Safety floor marking
- Safety electrical & piping sign markiings bilingual
- Sign signifying "days without an accident" bilingual
- Handicap parking spaces & signs
- Insurance company safety audit
- Worker's compensation safety compliance voluntary inspection and
- Employee suggestion box.

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