OSHA Inspectors Now Visiting Area Clubs

Golf Courses in Virginia, Baltimore and Washington are now getting visits from OSHA inspectors — and fines!

Most frequently violated standards (listed in descending order of frequency).

1) Failure to ground lines and equipment; overloading lines; frayed wires; improper insulation; unprotected switch and fuse boxes.

2) Unguarded belts, fly wheels, drive chains and gears.

3) Outdated fire extinguisher inspections, improper mounting and inaccessible locations.

4) Inadequate point-of-operation guards for all machines.

5) Unguarded saw blades on wood working machinery.

6) Unprotected drops of four or more feet with in floors, wall openings, or holes.

7) Unclean and wet working areas; projecting nails and splinters.

8) Improper storage of compressed gases.

9) Improperly adjusted grinder tool rests and missing guards.

10) Unmarked exits, sometimes locked or improperly lighted.

11) Improper storage of flammable and combustible liquids.

12) Sanitation.

13) Spray painting using flammable materials and failure to post "No Smoking" signs.

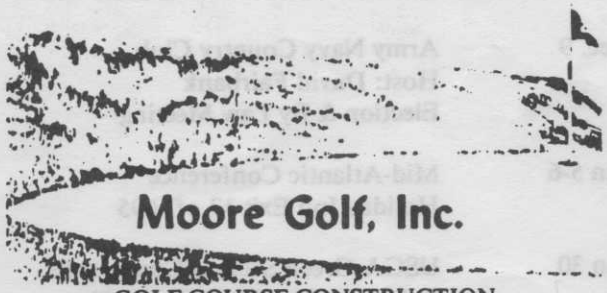
14) Failure to ground or replace guards on hand and portable power tools.

15) Portable ladders with broken or wobbly legs, broken or missing rings.

16) Inadequate or missing first aid kits.

17) Failure to provide and have employees wear protective clothing or goggles.

Footnote: Dick Anderson of Burning Tree C.C. in Bethesda Maryland was fined for not having the proper pressure nozzle on his air compressor.



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