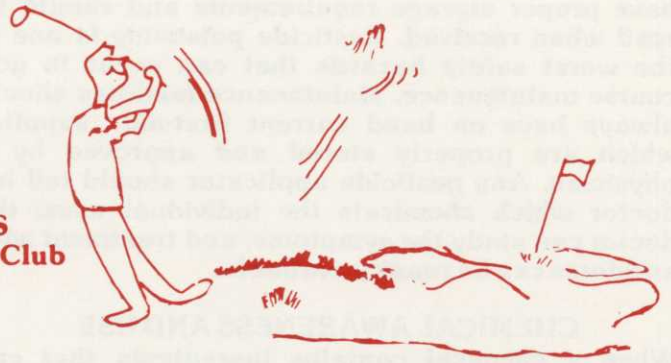


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'Flirting With Disaster?'

The number of times superintendents pass in and out of their maintenance facilities in a day would probably stagger the imagination. The same old walkways, entrances, storage areas take on a mesmerizing affect as the daily routine drags on. We are conscious but unconscious to situations that lurk off our beaten path. What will make one take notice of potential disasters to be; a lost finger, an eye put out, severe burn or a maintenance facility destroyed in the night?

But wait, I have been in the business 25 years, no such thing has happened to me. Why all the fuss and bother?

Have you ever stopped and thought why local, state and federal agencies spend millions of dollars a

year for something called SAFETY? Are these people crazy or is there a justified need for fingers, eyes, legs and life?

When we determine as professional managers how safe our maintenance facilities and programs are, we in essence have put a value judgement on human life. Sound a bit dramatic? Life and Death sound more than dramatic to me.

How does one know when and if he is flirting with disaster? Compiled in this article is a list of questions partially taken from HEW Publication No. (NIOSH) 75-119 pages 67-84 that I feel pertain to the golf course industry environment. Use them as an aid to help you look for potential disaster areas.

Let us collectively take pride in our industry by showing to our peers, members, and staff that safety is of utmost concern.

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GOLF COURSE MAINTENANCE SAFETY CHECK LIST

	YES	NO
1. Are all places of employment kept clean and orderly?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Are floors, aisles, and passageways kept clean and dry and all spills cleaned up immediately?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Are floor holes, such as drains, covered?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Are permanent aisles appropriately marked?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Are wet surface areas covered with non-slip materials?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Are platforms, storage lofts, balconies, etc., that are more than four feet above the floor protected with standard guardrails?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Are all doors that must be passed through to reach an exit always free to access with no possibility of a person being locked inside?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Are all exit routes always kept free of obstructions?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Are eye wash fountains and safety showers provided in areas where chemicals, such as caustics, are used?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. Are all containers, such as vats, storage tanks, etc., labeled as to their contents?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. Are employees required to wear personal protective equipment when handling hazardous materials (gloves, eye protection, respirators, etc.)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12. Are flammable liquids kept in closed containers when not in use (e.g., parts cleaning tanks, pans, etc.)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13. Are all spills of flammable or combustible liquids cleaned up promptly?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14. Is combustible waste material (oily rags, etc.) stored in covered metal receptacles and disposed of daily?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15. Are gasoline and other flammable liquids stored in approved containers?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
16. Do storage rooms for flammable and combustible liquids have explosion-proof lights?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
17. Are LP-gas storage tanks guarded to prevent damage from vehicles?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18. Are storage cabinets for flammable and combustible liquids labeled "FLAMMABLE-KEEP FIRE AWAY"?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
19. Is personal protective equipment provided, used, and maintained wherever it is necessary?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20. Is eye protection available where debris or flying objects could be a hazard?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
21. Is the proper respirator in use for the hazards present? (For example, dust masks do not protect against solvent vapors.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
22. Are respirators provided where necessary?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
23. Is the user instructed and trained in the proper use of respirators?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
24. Are respirators cleaned and disinfected after use?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
25. Are restrooms and washrooms kept in clean and sanitary condition?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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26. Are all outlets for water that is not suitable for drinking, clearly posted as "UNSAFE FOR DRINKING, WASHING, OR COOKING?"	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
27. If employees are permitted to eat on the premises, are they provided with a suitable space for that purpose?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
28. Are employees prohibited from eating in areas where toxic materials are present?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
29. Are first aid supplies readily available, inspected and replenished?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
30. Is at least one employee on each shift currently qualified to render first aid in the absence of a nearby clinic or hospital?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
31. Are medical personnel readily available for advice and consultation on matters of employee health?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
32. Is there a first aid kit easily accessible to the work area?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
33. Are emergency phone numbers posted?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
34. Where employees may be exposed to injurious corrosive materials, are they provided with quick-drenching and flushing facilities for immediate emergency use?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
35. Are extinguishers selected for the types of combustibles and flammables in the areas where they are to be used?		
Class A. Ordinary combustible material fires	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Class B. Flammable-liquid or grease fires	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Class C. Energized-electrical-equipment fires	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
36. Are extinguishers fully charged and in designated places?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
37. Are extinguishers locations free from obstruction or blockage?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
38. Are extinguishers located along normal paths of travel?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
39. Have all extinguishers been serviced, maintained, and tagged at intervals not to exceed one year?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
40. Are air tanks drained regularly?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
41. Are pulleys and belts on compressors and motors completely guarded?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
42. Is the pressure-relief device and gauge in good operating condition?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
43. Is battery charging on electric units performed only in designated areas?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
44. Are "NO SMOKING" signs posted near electric battery charging units?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
45. Are chain hoists, ropes and slings adequate for the job?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
46. Are motorized vehicles and mechanical equipment inspected daily or prior to use?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
47. Are goggles or face shields always worn when grinding?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
48. Are jacks checked periodically to see if they are still in good condition?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
49. Are tools and equipment (both company and employee-owned) in good condition?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
50. Have employees been instructed that the use of compressed air to blow debris from clothing or body is prohibited because it can enter the body and cause serious harm?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
51. Have deteriorated air hoses been replaced?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
52. Have employees been made aware of the hazards caused by faulty or improperly used hand tools?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
53. Are cylinders secured and stored where they cannot be knocked over?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
54. Are cylinder protective caps in place except when the cylinder is in use?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
55. Are only instructed employees, who are judged competent by the employer, allowed to use oxygen or fuel gas equipment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
56. Is welding always conducted at a safe distance from flammable liquids?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
57. Are all compressed gas cylinders legibly marked for identifying the content?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
58. Have exposed wires, frayed cords, and deteriorated insulation been repaired or replaced?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
59. Is all metal fixed electrical equipment grounded?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
60. Do storage rooms for flammable and combustible liquids have mechanical or gravity ventilation (at least six air changes per hour)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>