

Superintendent's safety and compliance checklist

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WILLIAMSBURG, Va. — 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/em-

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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 required
- CPR training & certification
- CPR instruction poster
- Emergency telephone number poster

- Safety training videos/note-books
- 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/fluids 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 light-sprinkler system-heated/cooled-rinced tanks to reuse water-fire extinguisher
- Fertilizer storage — 24-hour/day exhaust fan-spill containment-no floor drain-safety shelving-explosion proof light-sprinkler system-heated/cooled-fire extinguisher
- Safety shower/eye-wash station
- Wash rack-rinse aid to reuse water-oil separator
- Irrigation pumphouse/first-aid kit-fire extinguisher/electrical/bilingual piping proper signage/heated/cooled/ventilated
- Fire extinguishers — inspected monthly with signature on inspection tag
- First-aid kits
- Eye-wash bottles
- Disposable ear plugs
- Portable oxygen bottles
- Goggles
- Glasses
- Face shields
- 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 markings 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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