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THE OSHA DIRTY DOZEN

The list below was taken from the "Greenpatch" newsletter of the Michigan Turfgrass Association, and was submitted for publication by Tom Harris of C. L. Cornell Company. Tom mentioned that Cornell has already been inspected by OSHA.

Recent Occupational Safety and Health inspections indicate that the following list of items represent some of the areas often cited by a Federal Compliance officer.

1. Slippery surfaces around dangerous machinery, stairs, walkways, entrances and loading ramps.
2. Failure to control insects and rodents.
3. Failure to provide proper employee cleanup procedures.
4. Dirty and dangerous electrical equipment and motors that can be a fire hazard.
5. Failure to provide adequate grounding on electrical cords and outlets.
6. Blocked fire extinguishers; lack of marking on extinguishers; extinguishers not inspected on a regular basis.
7. Aisles not maintained in a clean safe condition; aisles not marked; aisles blocked.
8. Failure to provide point of operation guarding such as: saws, grinders, etc. not color coded to show danger.
9. Failure to maintain housekeeping such as: passageways covered with oil, dirty water fountains, failure to keep restrooms clean, failure to keep areas free of rags and waste and to store in approved containers, etc.
10. Failure to repair or remove broken ladders from service.

11. Flammable materials not in proper containers. Safety cans not labeled and color coded as to contents. Improper or inadequate grounding of flammable drums or containers.
12. Failure to install a readily visible sign indicating exit.

Editor's Note:

Other areas of equal importance

1. Air pressure for cleaning. Perhaps the OSHA violation cited more than any others is the requirement limiting air pressure for cleaning equipment to 30 p.s.i. Inspectors are quite fussy about this one," the council report warns.
2. Fan Guarding. All fans within seven feet of the floor must be guarded; openings should be no greater than 1/2" width.
3. Overhead storage areas overloaded or without guard rails.
4. Machines without guard rails.
5. Bench grinders with chipped wheels or without proper workrests or guards.
6. Oxygen and fuel gases unsecured or stored together.
7. Battery charging areas with unmarked exits, no "no smoking" signs, no water available for diluting spilled electrolytes, and improper ventilation.
8. Poorly ventilated welding areas.
9. Paint and flammable materials stored outside proper areas and near welding areas.
10. Paint spray booths that are too small and force painting outside the booth.

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