

Safety Tip

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A recent safety bulletin came by my desk that I believe serious enough for everyone to make safeguards against this possible hazard.

"In the last 30 days, the Union Pacific Railroad has had two fatal accidents caused by butane lighters. These accidents occurred in welding areas when an employee was welding with a butane lighter in his pocket. A spark from the welder landed on the butane lighter, burned through, exposing the fluid in the lighter which exploded. One lighter was in a shirt pocket and killed the individual instantly; the other lighter was in the pants pocket and caused an amputation. The man later died. **There is the same amount of force in a butane lighter when it explodes as there is in approximately three sticks of dynamite.**

Please inform everyone in welding areas that they should not carry disposable butane lighters on their body during welding or even when in the area.

Welding or cutting takes place in almost everyone of our plants. Make sure all personnel in your plants understand the danger of this situation.

1980 Mid-Atlantic Meetings

- Jan. 7, 8, 9
Maryland Turfgrass '80
- Feb. 17-22
51st International Turfgrass Conference and Show
- March 11
Brentton Woods, Germantown, Md.
Gerald Gerard — host
- April 8
Eastern Shore — site not determined as yet
- May 13
Maryland Golf & CC, BelAir, Md.
Ronald Hall — host
Annual Superintendent/Pro Tournament
- June 10
Sparrows Point, Baltimore, Md.
Alex D. Watson — host
- July 8
Columbia CC, Chevy Chase, Md.
George B. Thompson — host
- Aug. 12
Annual Mid-Atlantic Picnic
- Sept. 9
Philadelphia Association host for the Annual Joint Meeting. Site not determined as yet.
- Oct. 14
Hillendale CC, Phoenix, Md.
Michael Larsen — host
- Nov. 11
Chevy Chase Club, Chevy Chase, Md.
William J. Emerson — host

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