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HAVE YOU SEEN THIS?



Special Interest Articles:

- Slips and Falls
- Cross-tells
- AFOSH Rights and Responsibilities



If you do see any hazards such as the ones shown below, report them to your supervisor or safety representative:



Broken/deteriorated steps that create a tripping/fall hazard. *In this picture a person's heel could catch on the rebar or sharp concrete edges causing them to fall.*

Missing cover off an electrical junction box. *This exposes electrical wiring to damage and personnel to electrical shock.*



Wires pulled out of electrical plug. *No cord insulation on the wires. Wires are easily cut exposing employees to live electrical wires inside.*

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SLIP and FALL MISCONCEPTIONS

-Slip and fall injuries are not very serious.

Hill employees have had broken ankles, multiple broken bones in legs, crushed knees, broken wrists and arms and lower back injuries.

-Macho and athletic people don't fall.

Slip and fall injuries can happen to anyone. Very fit people have been injured.

Don't Slip and Fall in Parking Lots

Wear proper footwear. Wear a shoe with good gripping tractions. Change shoes inside your building if necessary.

Realize that despite snow removal efforts you are going to have to walk on snowy or icy parking lots and sidewalks.

Keep the body over the feet. Use shorter shuffle steps.

Know how to fall. The magnitude of the injury is often related to how the person fell and landed. When people take ski lessons, one of the first things they learn is how to fall.

During inclement weather give yourself extra time.

Watch for clear ice. Snow melts during the day, freezing at night into a clear ice sheet that is hard to see. Many injuries occur when people hit clear ice patches.

ACCIDENT CROSS-TELL

Supervisors please review with you employees the following accident scenarios to see if the lessons learned apply to your work area.

Broken Front Teeth

Employee was trying to remove a pin from a part by pulling on the pin with some pliers. The pliers slipped off the pin coming back into the workers mouth.

Lessons Learned:

- ❑ Do not place any part of the body in the direction of force of tools used to pry, pull, or lift.
- ❑ Ensure the right tool for the right job

Sharp metal objects in eye, cutting eye

Employee was working overhead with a tool that created sharp metal shavings. Worker had safety glasses on. Sharp metal objects fell between the safety glasses and face into the employee's eye, cutting the eye.

Lessons Learned:

- ❑ Be sure you select and wear the proper eye protection for the task.
- ❑ Supervisor should have done a job safety analysis (JSA) to determine the proper PPE for this task.
- ❑ In this case safety goggles that sealed on all sides should have been used. A face shield, in addition to the safety glasses, would offer maximum protection. The face shield could have been use to deflect dropping shavings. Face shields are used as an additional safety protection with the safety glasses.

Broken ankle in parking lot

Employee stepped out of car onto icy parking lot, fell, weight of body landed on ankle breaking the ankle. Employee was wearing high heel shoes with very slick bottoms.

Lessons Learned

- ❑ In this case shoes were a major factor. High heel shoes and slick dress shoes are a poor choice for an icy parking lot. Wear shoes that have good traction from the car to your work area. You can change shoes once inside your building.



AF Personnel Rights and Responsibilities under the AF OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH PROGRAM

“Comply with Air Force policies and directives relative to the safety and health program.”

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RIGHTS

- Participate in the Air Force occupational safety and health program. Personnel shall be authorized official time to participate in these activities.
- Have access to OSHA standards, AFOSH standards and applicable safety and health criteria in Air Force directives
- Have access to installation occupational injury and illness statistics.
- Comment on alternate standards proposed by the Air Force or your installation.
- Report, and request inspection of, unsafe or unhealthful working conditions to local safety and health officials or to other appropriate

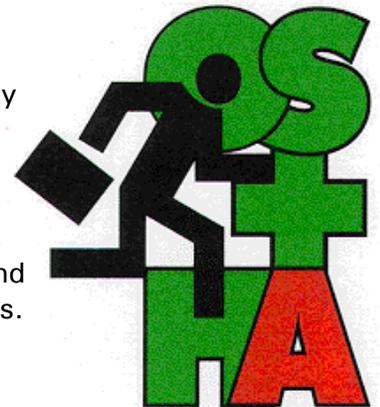
officials including the Secretary of Labor. However, the Secretary of Labor encourages the use of Air Force procedures for reporting hazardous conditions as the most expeditious means to achieve abatement. The USAF Hazard Report, AF Form 457, is used for this purpose. Anonymity is assured if requested.

directives relative to the safety and health program.

- Use personal protective equipment and safety equipment provided by your installation.
- Report hazardous conditions, injuries, job-related illnesses or other mishaps promptly to your supervisor or the safety or health contact for your installation.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Comply with safety and health requirements of OSHA standards, AFOSH standards, technical orders and Air Force directives.
- Comply with Air Force policies and



About Our Organization...

Our mission is to implement the OO-ALC Commander's Flight, Ground, System and Weapons safety and ORM program ensuring the OO-ALC mission is accomplished in a safe and efficient manner.

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