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"Going To Work Should Not Be A Grave Mistake!"

THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

OSHA: Lloyd Industries in Montgomery Township fined more than \$800K

MONTGOMERY TWP. >> A duct manufacturing business in Montgomery Township is facing more than \$1 million in fines after what the U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) says are numerous safety violations that resulted in workers' injuries.

According to a press release from OSHA, there have been "40 serious injuries (at Lloyd Industries) since 2000. These injuries include serious lacerations as well as crushed, fractured, dislocated and amputated fingers."

Lloyd Industries, which has a facility at 231 Commerce Drive, manufactures fire dampeners and HVAC products, according to its website.

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House Dem calls on OSHA to protect nail salon workers

By Lydia Wheeler

Democratic Rep. Kathleen Rice (N.Y.) wants the Obama administration to create stronger protections for nail salon workers.

In a letter to David Michaels, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration's (OSHA) assistant secretary of labor, Rice said she's deeply concerned with recent media reports highlighting dangerous working conditions for those in the nail salon industry.

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OSHA Issues New Safety Rule for Workers in Confined Spaces

Construction workers in confined spaces like manholes and tanks will come under a new federal rule intended to give them similar protections to workers in manufacturing and other industries.

The rule is being issued by the Labor Department's Occupational Safety and Health Administration. Officials say it will prevent about 800 serious injuries and deaths each year. It takes effect Aug. 3.

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Job Safety and Health IT'S THE LAW!

All workers have the right to:

- A safe workplace.
- Raise a safety or health concern with your employer or OSHA, or report a work-related injury or illness, without being retaliated against.
- Receive information and training on job hazards, including all hazardous substances in your workplace.
- Request an OSHA inspection of your workplace if you believe there are unsafe or unhealthy conditions. OSHA will keep your name confidential. You have the right to have a representative contact OSHA on your behalf.
- Participate or have your representative participate in an OSHA inspection and speak in private to the inspector.
- File a complaint with OSHA within 30 days (by phone, online or by mail) if you have been retaliated against for using your rights.
- See any OSHA citations issued to your employer.
- Request copies of your medical records, tests that measure hazards in the workplace, and the workplace injury and illness log.

The poster is available free from OSHA.

Employers must:

- Provide employees a workplace free from recognized hazards. It is illegal to retaliate against an employee for using any of their rights under the law, including raising a health and safety concern with you or with OSHA, or reporting a work-related injury or illness.
- Comply with all applicable OSHA standards.
- Report to OSHA all work-related fatalities within 8 hours, and all inpatient hospitalizations, amputations and losses of an eye within 24 hours.
- Provide required training to all workers in a language and vocabulary they can understand.
- Prominently display this poster in the workplace.
- Post OSHA citations at or near the place of the alleged violations.

FREE ASSISTANCE to identify and correct hazards is available to small and medium-sized employers, without charge or penalty, through OSHA-supported consultation programs in every state.

Contact OSHA. We can help.

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The OSHA Job Safety and Health: It's the Law poster, available for free from OSHA, informs workers of their rights under the Occupational Safety and Health Act. All covered employers are required to display the poster in their workplace. Employers do not need to replace previous versions of the poster. Employers must display the poster in a conspicuous place where workers can see it.

If you are in a state with an [OSHA-approved state plan](#), there may be a state version of the OSHA poster. Federal government agencies must use the [Federal Agency Poster](#).

OSHA's regulations on the OSHA poster are at [29 CFR 1903.2](#). [READ MORE](#)

(Poster is available in other languages.)

USMWF'S VIDEOS *(click each video to view)*



Tammy Miser, Executive Director of United Support and Memorial for Workplace Fatalities, during the hearing testifies before the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Education and the Workforce's Subcommittee on Workforce Protections hearing entitled "Investigating OSHA's Regulatory Agenda and Its Impact on Job Creation" on Thursday, February 15, 2011



Marie interviews Tammy Miser about the work of USMWF. Tammy works diligently to ensure that every worker is safe in the workplace and advocates for victims, and their families. USMWF offers support, guidance and resources to those affected by preventable work-related deaths or serious injuries.

WORDS FROM USMWF FAMILY MEMBERS

"When my husband was killed on the job in September, 2002, I was MAD! His company didn't have insurance on their workers, I didn't have anyone to sue, and I felt they needed to be accountable. I had two small boys, and felt alone. I wanted someone else to be there who understood what I was going through, and was as mad as I was. Since I was a computer geek even then, I searched the internet and found an obscure message board about deaths at work, and it had about 6 members. Two of them were the administrators-Tammy and Mary. This was the precursor to USMWF. I left a message, and they responded, and I didn't feel alone anymore! Flash forward a year or so, and USMWF was born. There was just a core group, and we became close, even though we lived far apart. We met in Washington DC and from that day on, (cont. next page)



DONATION:

Did you know that you can help support the USMWF Family members with a monthly donation? *For as little as approximately .33 per day (\$10.00 per month) you can support USMWF and help us make a difference.*

There are approximately 12-14 workers each day that die in the U.S. For each worker there may be 1-30+ family members that are affected by the loss of that worker. Please help us reach out to these family members and offer them support and guidance during their grief.

Our large yearly funding hurdle is \$70,000.00 and we still have a long way to reach this goal.

DONATE TODAY!!!

THANK YOU!!!!

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we were family-always. We always have each others backs. Always. We get it. We understand. Meanwhile, I met Jordan and Celeste the first time I spoke in front of a Congressional Committee, in 2003. Through Jordan's blog, I found out about others who were grieving, and found out how I could make a difference. USMWF has brought all of us together. We have helped raise each other's children. We have shared our dreams, our sorrows, our grief, and our happiness. Through our tragedies, we have bonded.

Through our emotions and anger, we make a difference.

Through love and friendship, we are forever friends."

-Holly Shaw-Hollis-



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HEALTH AND SAFETY



John Newquist's Safety Corner:

Improving Your Incident Investigations Ten Common Mistakes to Avoid.

This pdf covers near misses, precursors to larger issue. This pdf includes identifying root causes, training, reports, fact finding, interviews and much more.

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USMWF VOLUNTEERS:

USMWF is largely a volunteer organization comprised of individuals who have lost loved ones from workplace hazards. Like the USMWF staff, they want to see improvements in workplace safety policies so other families do not have to suffer the same pain and loss that they have endured.



Katherine lost her father in a workplace incident in 2004. Since then she has joined both the National Council for Occupational Safety and Health (NCOSH) and the Houston Council for Occupational Safety and Health as a board member. Katherine also serves as a proud board member with USMWF.

Through USMWF, Katherine and her family have worked with the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, the Chemical Safety Board and the United Steel Workers with various workplace safety and family issues. Katherine and her family have been active in bringing attention to current workplace safety laws and regulations and continues to fight for a safe work environment for all workers. Katherine is a certified public accountant by profession in industry.

We want to thank Katherine for all of her dedication and time to USMWF.