

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Wednesday, October 17, 2007, 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Royal Fork (Columbia Mall)
"Road Watch" Doug Miller, Minnkota Power Cooperative

WHAT WAS MANKIND'S FIRST TOOL?

THE HAND, OF COURSE!



Can you imagine any occupation that does not make use of the hand? Hands are so important because of their utility. They provide us with the dexterity needed to perform most daily activities. In fact, hands, as tools, are so versatile and can perform many intricate functions more than any single known tool developed by mankind.



Hand injuries account for 80% of all occupational injuries. This is because the hands are engaged in almost all activities on the job.

There are many dangerous conditions on the job to which the hand is always exposed. Sharp edges, pinch points, protruding objects, splinters, exposed blades on unguarded machinery and many more. These conditions may not always be too obvious to the working person.



Precautions must be taken to reduce the level of danger. Our hands are subject to cuts, bruises, burns, and poking. Handling sharp objects, hot objects, and rough materials, without the necessary hand protection, are sure signs of invitation for hand injury.

A necessary precaution to take is to wear approved work gloves. Not all gloves protect you from all hand injuries. There are specific types of gloves for specific types of tasks. Check the appropriateness of the glove for the task before using them.



Locking out machinery and power before reaching into the machine, this is another precaution to take. Making sure Machines are properly guarded at all times and not wearing rings or wedding bands when working with machinery can also save your hands and fingers.

Check and clear doorways and aisles and make sure you have proper hand clearance before you move loads through. Do not pick up broken glass or sharp needles with your bare hands.

Remember, your hands will obey any commands your brain sends them.

**Use your brain. Avoid dangers and protect your hands.
 You need them as long as you live.**



[info found at www.maricopa.gov/safety/tips.asp]

BOARD MEETING

BOARD MEMBERS MEET THE FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH / 6:00 - 8:00 PM.
 GRAND FORKS PARK DISTRICT
 1210 7TH AVENUE SOUTH
NEXT MEETING → November 1ST

- **WHAT GOES ON AT A BOARD MEETING?**
Join us and see! Just contact Steve Harken at sharken@undeerc.org and let him know you will be attending so he can plan our food accordingly!
- **We need candidates for the upcoming Board election.** Please consider serving as a Board Member - THERE ARE 4 SPOTS TO FILL. The following Board Member terms are ending in December (Davis Hoverson, Al Maloney, Debbie Pierson and Annette Shane). *Please feel free to contact any member of our Board to see how easy and rewarding it is to serve as a "Safety Leader"!*

BOARD MEMBERS

Steve Harken (President)
Al Maloney (Vice President)
Joe Strang (Treasurer)
Debbie Pierson (Secretary)
Pat Balstad • Robert Hewitt
Davis Hoverson • Bonnie Knutson
Cedric Masa • Lyle Ross • Annette Shane

COMMITTEES

Communication Committee

(Linda Wiley, Carol Gierszewski, Bonnie Knutson, Annette Shane)

- *Has your contact information changed?*
 Please e-mail Linda Wiley at info@nosha.net with any updates.

Education Committee

(Bonnie Knutson, Pat Balstad)

(Upcoming GM Meeting Presentations)

- **November 21, 2007**
 - Networking/Round Table
- **December 19, 2007**
 - 2008 Board Elections

Membership Committee

(Davis Hoverson)

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