

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Wednesday, May 21, 2008, 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Royal Fork (Columbia Mall)

Networking / Round Table - "MEDICAL SURVEILLANCE PROGRAMS"

OSHA Aims to Keep Teen Workers Safe and Healthy this Summer

(Published May 9, 2006, but still applies - VERY INFORMATIVE!)

WASHINGTON -- As millions of American teens prepare for their summer jobs, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) is focusing on keeping these vulnerable workers safe and healthy. While teen workers earn extra money and gain valuable work experience, the risk of a serious or even fatal injury is present.

"Summer is peak time for teen employment," said OSHA Administrator Ed Foulke. "Every year, young people join the U.S. workforce for the first time. Their enthusiasm and eagerness to succeed can put them at risk of workplace injury. We do not want to tell them to be afraid, but we do want them to be cautious. That is why we are working to help educate teens on workplace dangers and offer solid safety tips that will help them stay safe and healthy on the job."

Approximately 80 percent of U.S. teens work annually at some time during their high school years, many during the summer. The Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that in 2004, more than 38,000 teen workers were injured on the job, and another 134 were fatally injured.

To address this challenge, OSHA recently kicked-off its [Teen Summer Job Safety Campaign](#), a multi-year campaign that will focus on industries that young people are likely to work in during high school or college. This year's campaign theme is "[Landscaping -- Plant Your Feet on Safe Ground](#)."

As part of the campaign, OSHA developed a resource kit to educate young workers, parents, employers and educators on workplace safety. The kit -- which can be downloaded at www.osha.gov/SLTC/teenworkers/index.html -- offers educational resources such as fact sheets on workplace rights and responsibilities, hazards on the job, ways to prevent injuries, work hours, job restrictions and more.

OSHA also developed a series of drop-in articles -- brief ready-for-publication articles -- that discuss common summer job hazards and injuries, and how to avoid them. The articles address working in the [Sun and heat](#), protecting against [pesticide](#) hazards, avoiding [strains and sprains](#), and working safely in [landscaping](#).

Video samples of landscaping safety tips -- a collection of safety demonstrations performed by high school students -- along with high-resolution photos for each demonstration, are available online in the [OSHA Newsroom](#). Background video (B-roll) is available upon request.

Under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, employers are responsible for providing a safe and healthful workplace for their employees. OSHA's role is to assure the safety and health of America's workers by setting and enforcing standards; providing training, outreach, and education; establishing partnerships; and encouraging continual process improvement in workplace safety and health. For more information, visit www.osha.gov.

U.S. Labor Department news releases are accessible on the Internet at www.dol.gov. The information in this release will be made available in alternative format upon request (large print, Braille, audio tape or disc) from the COAST office. Please specify which news release when placing your request. Call 202-693-7773 or TTY 202-693-7755.

Another site with useful information is:

<http://www.osha.gov/SLTC/teenworkers/residentialconstruction/index.html>

Food For Thought!

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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 → June 5th

- Our "Fall Seminar" is now in the planning stage - *your help is always welcome!*
- Summer may be short, but it is a very busy time of the year for most of us. - *Any "topic suggestions" for our GM meetings to meet your company's needs are appreciated.*

BOARD MEMBERS

*Steve Harken (President)
Dale Dahlen (Vice President)
Joe Strang (Treasurer)*

*Tracy Cameron (Secretary)
Pat Balstad ♦ Carol Gierszewski
Robert Hewitt ♦ Bonnie Knutson
Cedric Masa ♦ Lyle Ross ♦ Annette Shane*

COMMITTEES

Communication Committee

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

- Need one of our application forms for a potential member? Go to our website @ www.nosha.net → Become A Member → Application Form or → NOSHA Brochure

Education Committee

(Bonnie Knutson, Pat Balstad)

(Upcoming GM Meeting Presentations)

- **June 18, 2008**
- "AED Demo - Cardiac Symptoms to Watch For", Jerry Vein, Grand Forks Fire Dept.
- **July 16, 2008**
- "Jeopardy First Aid/CPR Event", Jackie Anderson, Continuous Improvement Specialist/RN, Northland College

Membership Committee

(Davis Hoverson)

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NOSHA is a non-profit organization formed to provide area safety professionals a direct way of sharing safety concerns, goals and ideas to promote workplace safety. As a member of NOSHA, you will be joining area safety professionals dedicated to their profession, energized on career enhancement and who have a genuine interest for safety in the work place

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE LUCKY WINNERS OF THE "Chippers" (DOOR PRIZES FOR OUR April GM MEETING)!



MOWING AND DRINKING DOESN'T CUT IT!