

**JOB SAFETY STARTS WITH YOU!**

Thank you for being a leader!

**SAFETY COMMITTEE**

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**Reminder:**  
**Back belts are available for your use. See**

**Damon Calegari to obtain a copy of the GCC Back Safety Policy (or see on-line version!)**

Email topic suggestions for the next Newsletter to Julie@Ghilotti.com

**WAY TO GO...**

**John Freitas** for saving the day and putting out the fire!

**John Cole** for making that trucker get back in the truck!

**Gary McKay** for your excellent maintenance of the equipment!

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## Safety Contest!

GCC is in need of a new company Safety Slogan to be used on safety documentation and supplies. Submit your suggestion, no later than September 30th, and earn a Star Bucks safety scratch-off ticket (Superintendents and Managers are exempt). Suggestions can be emailed to Julie@Ghilotti.com or placed in the safety suggestion box in the Santa Rosa dispatch office.

**THE TOP TEN TYPES OF CLAIMS (DIRECT COSTS TO EMPLOYERS)**

Rank	Type	Cost Per Year
1.	Overexertion Injuries	\$11.9 billion
2.	Falls on the same level (slip & fall)	\$5.4 billion
3.	"Bodily Reaction" injuries (bending or slipping without falling)	\$4.4 billion
4.	Falls to a lower level (from a ladder or scaffold)	\$3.6 billion
5.	Being struck by an object	\$3.5 billion
6.	Repetitive Motion	\$3.5 billion
7.	Highway accidents	\$2.3 billion
8.	Being caught in or compressed by equipment	\$1.8 billion
9.	Being struck against an object	\$1.7 billion
10.	Assaults and violent acts	\$500 million

**Knowing the most costly types of claims can help focus prevention efforts to minimize these types of exposures. Performing a risk analysis of exposures at the job site can help pinpoint trouble areas.**



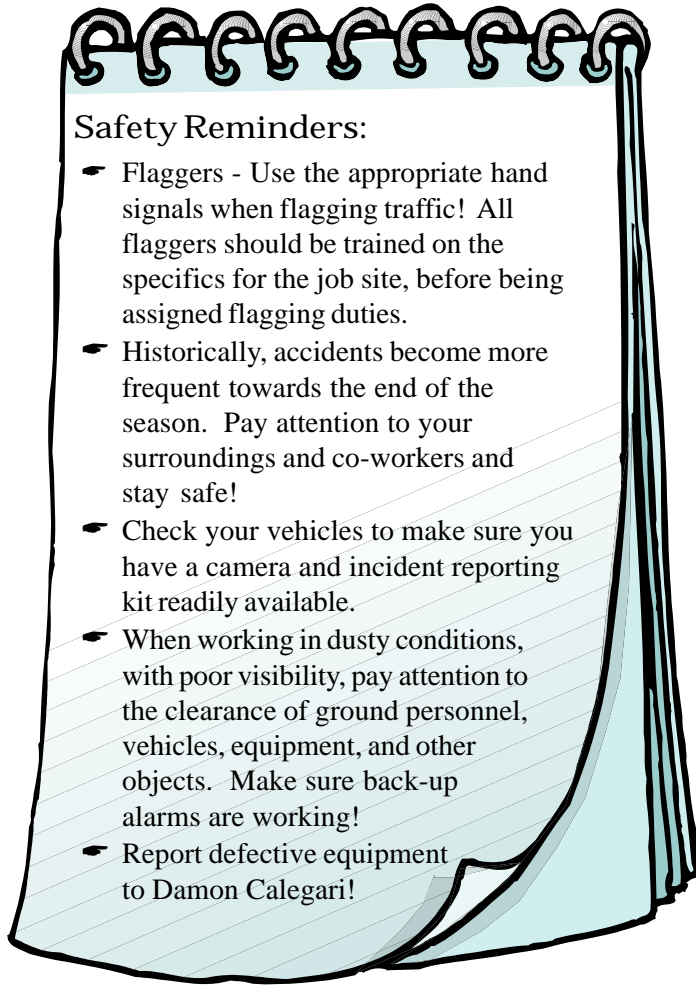
## Foremen Wanted!

Volunteers are needed for the **Monthly Foremen Committee Meeting**. GCC recognizes the value of your experience and knowledge of exposures at the job site and needs your input. Take this opportunity to contribute to the safety and efficiency of field operations. The committee meeting is held the first Tuesday of every month at 5 p.m. at the Santa Rosa yard. Please R.S.V.P. to Julie at (707) 585-1221.

## GCC POLICIES AND PROCEDURES AVAILABLE ON LINE

Accident Reporting Procedures; Back Belts; CalOSHA Site Visit; Code of Safe Practices; Contaminated Projects; Daily Hazard Inspections; Designated Medical Facilities; DMV Pull Notice Program; DMV Pull Notice Program Form (English); DMV Pull Notice Program Form (Spanish); Documenting Safety Violations; Dump Truck Safety; Emergency Action Plan - Field; Emergency Action Plan - Office; Employee Safety Information Form; Eye Protection; Field Safety Incentive Program; Flagger Safety Checklist; Hazard Communication Program; Hazcom Notice (English); Hazcom Notice (Spanish); Hearing Protection; Incident Fill in Reporting Form - Other; Incident Fill In Reporting Form - WC; Incident Reporting Form - Other; Incident Reporting Form - Work Comp; Job Site Safety Survey Form; Lockout/Blockout Program; OnSite Post-Accident Drug Testing; PPE Provisions; PROP 65 Warning; Respiratory Protection Policy, Rest and Meal Periods (English); Rest and Meal Periods (Spanish); Return to Work Program, Safety Acknowledgement Receipt; Safety Disciplinary Policy; Star Bucks Safety Incentive Program; Subcontractor Safety Orientation Policy; Substance Abuse Summary; Tailgates-and-Posting-Notices; USA Marking Policy; Utility - Claim Procedures; Utility Delineation & Excavation; Vehicle Equipment Checklist (English); Vehicle Equipment Checklist (Spanish); Vehicle Use Policy; Vehicle Use Policy - Rules of the Road; Workplace Violence

1 GCC safety materials can be accessed at <http://www.ghilotti.com/employee-safety.html>. or contact Julie at the Santa Rosa Office. Please email suggestions to Julie@Ghilotti.com or place in the box in dispatch.



**Safety Reminders:**

- Flaggers - Use the appropriate hand signals when flagging traffic! All flaggers should be trained on the specifics for the job site, before being assigned flagging duties.
- Historically, accidents become more frequent towards the end of the season. Pay attention to your surroundings and co-workers and stay safe!
- Check your vehicles to make sure you have a camera and incident reporting kit readily available.
- When working in dusty conditions, with poor visibility, pay attention to the clearance of ground personnel, vehicles, equipment, and other objects. Make sure back-up alarms are working!
- Report defective equipment to Damon Calegari!

**Real Accidents**

**Accident Type:** Collapse of Shoring

**Injury:** Fatality

**Employee's Experience:** 18 years

**Type of Work:** Boring and Pipe Jacking Excavation

**Safety Equipment:** Steel Plate Shoring

**Description:** Four employees were boring a hole and pushing a 20-inch pipe casing under a road. The employees were in an excavation approximately 9 feet wide, 32 feet long and 7 feet deep. Steel plates 8' x 15' x 3/4", being used as shoring, were placed vertically against the north and south walls of the excavation at approximately a 30 degree angle. There were no horizontal braces between the steel plates. The steel plate on the south wall tipped over, pinning an employee (who was killed) between the steel plate and the pipe casing. At the time the plate tipped over, a backhoe was being operated adjacent to the excavation.

**Inspection Results:** As a result of its investigation, OSHA issued a citation for two alleged serious violations of its construction standards.

**Accident Prevention Recommendations:**

- Provide an adequately constructed and braced shoring system for employees working in an excavation that may expose employees to the danger of moving ground.
- If heavy equipment is operated near an excavation, stronger shoring must be used to resist the extra pressure due to superimposed loads.

**This is not a GCC related incident, but the facts presented emphasizes the importance of following established policies and procedures. GCC employees are held accountable for complying with safe work practices.**



**Thanks to...**

**Jess Todd** for communicating to his crew about the need to always be aware of the condition of the equipment.

**Vincent Bean** for reminding employees to pay attention when working around Double Bottom Dumps. "Watch out for the trailer, it can cheat over and hit you, especially if the truck is dumping on a turn."

**Vincent Bean** for communicating the need to always paying attention to the other trades working around you that may not be familiar with working around large equipment.

**Jim Kruse** for taking the time to review the Material Safety Data Sheets, and document that you did it!

**Jess Todd** for addressing the right-of-way of scrapers and reminding operators to stay focused (no playing!).

**Rich Dericco** for talking about the need to keep the cabs on the equipment clean and clear of garbage. Maintain good visibility is a must!

**Charlie Williams** for communicating and documenting the review of Material Safety Data Sheets, and discussing rigging and the use and condition of chains.

**Safety starts with you!**

Members of the Safety Committee want to help create a program that benefits all employees. Your input is important, so please do not hesitate to speak with any of the committee members, or complete a Safety Information Form available in dispatch. The GCC Safety Newsletter will be published bi-monthly. If there is a topic that you would like to see published, contact Julie @ (707) 585-1221.