

JOB SAFETY STARTS WITH YOU!

Thank you for being a leader!

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GCC PROVIDES BACK BELTS FOR EMPLOYEES USE

Although at this time there are no definitive studies on the effects of wearing back belts, GCC will provide a back belt for an employee's use, with the understanding that GCC is not promoting or discouraging its use.

Employees with existing medical and/or back ailments must obtain written certification from their physician approving their wearing of a back belt. Pregnant employees must also obtain medical certification. Employees will be required to provide the medical release (if applicable), and sign the Fact Sheet/Authorization Form, before being issued a back belt.

Copies of the GCC Back Belts - Back Safety Policy are available for your review. Please see Damon Calegari in the Shop Trailer.

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GCC is pleased to announce the recent launch of our new website. There is an Employee Safety section which provides access to GCC Safety Statements and Policies (and "mandatory to communicate" topics), and Tailgate Safety Topics. Please check it out!

Check the 6/10/03 Safety Memo for the Username & Password



Without a Hitch...



Suisun City Bridge

Congratulations to Charly Whitney's crew on the placement of the Suisun City Bridge. **Excellent Job!**

PROCEDURAL REMINDERS:

- Accident/Incident reports must to be completed and turned in to Julie at the GCC Santa Rosa Yard within 1 working day.
- Are you using the current GCC Incident Report Form (edition date 10/02)? If not, supplies are available in Dispatch.
- Near-miss accidents should be always be reported to evaluate any potential hazards that need to be addressed by the Safety Committee.
- Failure to Drug Test after occurrence of an accident that results in bodily injury or property damage, and is attributed to/caused by the actions of the employee, will result in disciplinary action, up to and including termination of employment.
- Cal/OSHA Construction Safety Orders (section 1511) requires that *prior to the presence of its employees...* a thorough survey of the conditions of the site must be performed to determine the predictable hazards to employees and the extent of safeguards necessary to complete the work in a safe manner. All hazards and applicable corrections should be documented on the Daily Time Sheet.
- Remember - Completion of the ClickSafety New Hire Orientation Training is mandatory for all active employees!

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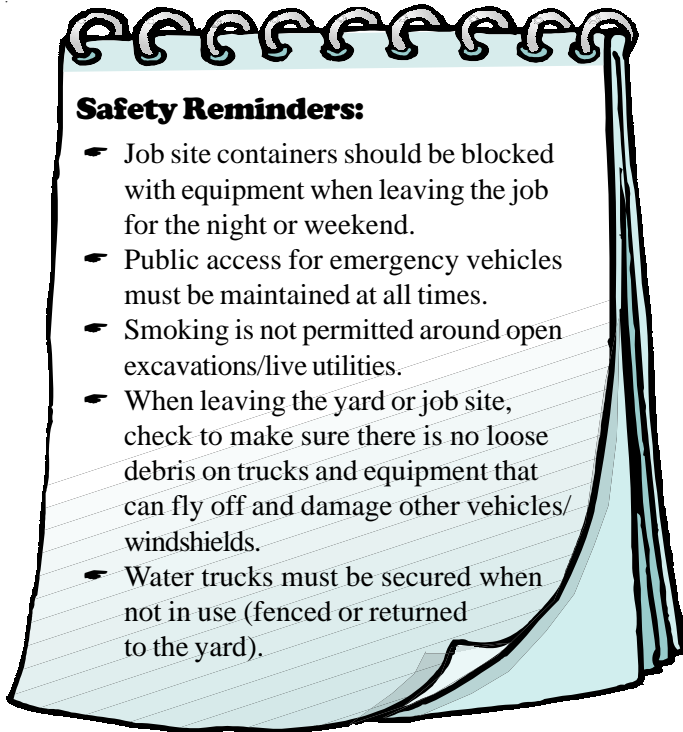
GCC Announces New Safety Incentive Program

GCC is implementing the Safety Star Bucks Reward Program, effective July 1, 2003. The Star Bucks program will replace the current Safety Incentive Raffle Program.

HOW IT WORKS: Positive safety behavior will earn you a safety Star Buck scratch-off ticket, which will have a point value. Employees can redeem accumulated points for gifts that are ordered by, and delivered directly to, the employee. Gifts range from emergency flashlights to CD players to trips.

WHO HANDS OUT THE STAR BUCKS?: Members of the Safety Committee, Managers, and Superintendents.

Additional information will be available in Dispatch after July 1st.



Safety Reminders:

- Job site containers should be blocked with equipment when leaving the job for the night or weekend.
- Public access for emergency vehicles must be maintained at all times.
- Smoking is not permitted around open excavations/live utilities.
- When leaving the yard or job site, check to make sure there is no loose debris on trucks and equipment that can fly off and damage other vehicles/windshields.
- Water trucks must be secured when not in use (fenced or returned to the yard).

CELL PHONES AND GASOLINE DON'T MIX!

Courtesy of Better Roads May 2003 edition

Drivers need to keep their cell phones turned off when gassing their vehicles! Shell Oil Company recently issued a warning after 3 incidents in which cell phones ignited fumes during fueling. In the first case, the phone was placed on the car's trunk lid during fueling. It rang and the ensuing fire destroyed the car and the gasoline pump. In the second case, the driver suffered severe burns when fumes ignited as she answered a call while refueling. In the third case, the driver suffered burns to the thigh and groin as fumes ignited when the phone, which was in his pocket, rang while he was fueling his care.

Mobile phones can ignite fuel or fumes if a phone lights up, is switched on, or when it rings. These can release enough energy to provide spark for ignition.

The Four Leading Causes of Death on the Job

1. **Heavy Highway Workzones**
2. **Excavation/Trench Hazards**
3. **Falls from Heights**
4. **High Voltage Electrocutions**

Over 300 construction laborers are killed each year at the worksite. Most of the deaths are preventable. According to nationwide studies, out of every 200 construction laborers, 3 will be killed on the job over their 45-year work life. Of the four leading causes of death among LIUNA (Laborers International Union of North America) members, "struck-by's" account for nearly 1/4 of the fatal accidents. The National Institute for Occupational Safety & Health (NIOSH) estimates that more than 130 highway construction workers lose their lives on highways each year. Laborers working on heavy and highway construction projects make up a large portion of all LIUNA on the job deaths. Most of these deaths occurred inside the workzone.

PAY ATTENTION TO YOUR SURROUNDINGS AT ALL TIMES AND WATCH OUT FOR YOUR CO-WORKERS!

Safety Word Search

Amputation	Y	Y	N	L	F	L	F	J	B	I	W	R	T	K
Authorized	C	T	O	K	A	O	V	F	N	T	Q	M	D	K
Burns	N	S	I	K	Z	C	D	O	N	R	C	D	G	Q
Chemical	E	N	T	C	D	K	I	P	E	J	W	R	R	M
Electricity	G	R	A	V	I	T	Y	M	S	C	F	W	I	Q
Gravity	A	U	T	H	O	R	I	Z	E	D	L	H	U	J
Heat	T	B	U	M	J	D	T	M	S	H	O	C	K	J
Lock	H	I	P	K	L	F	R	C	C	K	C	S	V	J
Motion	I	T	M	Q	O	P	P	R	E	S	S	U	R	E
Pressure	L	V	A	O	C	W	I	K	N	L	L	Z	J	M
Shock	D	D	U	E	Z	Y	G	R	X	R	E	O	B	U
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Thanks to...

Jim Kruse for discussing the importance of Lockout/Blockout Procedures with your crew!

John Peretto for reminding flaggers to stay alert!

Nick Basich for communicating the need to observe safe driving practices, and paying attention to the pedestrians and traffic around the job site.

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.