

JOB SAFETY STARTS WITH YOU!

Thank you for being a leader!

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Trends to Watch

Work Zone Safety...

Pennsylvania is taking the lead in work zone safety with several new laws that will crack down on speeders in work zones.

Now people traveling more than 11 miles per hour over the speed limit can have their drivers' licenses suspended for 15 days.

The new law went into effect on June 23rd.



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WHY SHOULD YOU BE SAFE?

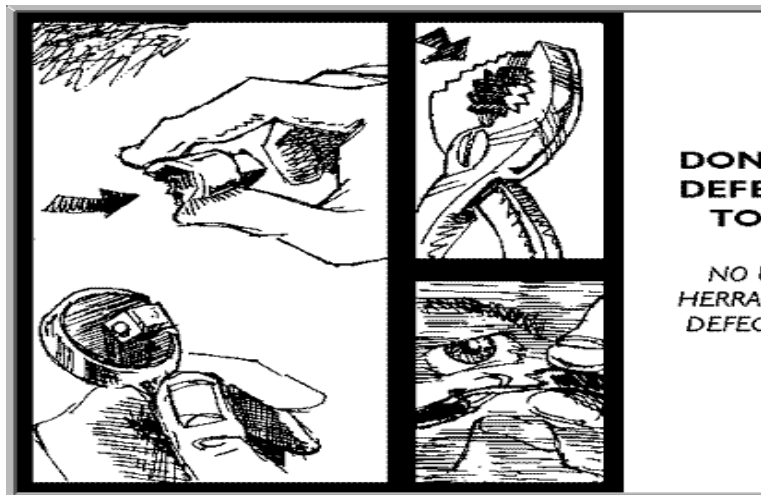
When it comes to preventing on-the-job injuries, no employee is exempt from responsibility. You have a responsibility to:

- Your Family** - Any Injury may prevent you from providing for your family
- Your Co-Workers** - Your unsafe actions could impact the life of another individual
- Your Employer** - When an injury occurs, there is a negative impact on the entire company
- and most important...YOURSELF** - Think about all the things that you do outside of work, then think about not being able to do those things because of an injury that could have been avoided.

Look at the big picture...accidents hurt everyone

Great job...

- Mat Avilla & Crew for surviving an OSHA sweep with no violations! Merrydale Road, San Rafael on 5/23 & 6/10/03
- Angel Olvera! Thanks for keeping those subcontractors in compliance.
- Scott Groff for completing the OSHA 10 certification!
- Todd Alameda for exceptional accident response! Job #03033
- Les McWilliams & Crew for a clean sweep by OSHA! Job #03075



GCC TAILGATE SAFETY TOPICS

Chemical Safety; Cold Weather Safety; Confined Space Operations; Construction Site Flagger; Eye Safety; Fire Extinguishers; Forklift Operations: General Safety; Head Protection; Hearing Conservation; Heat Stress; Heavy Equipment: The Dangers; Heavy Equipment: Tips for the Operator; Hydraulic Hoses; Job Site Emergencies; Job Site Housekeeping Safety; Lifting and Material Handling; Machinery Equipment Safeguards; New Job Site Safety Checklist; Personal Protective Equipment; Rattlesnake Bites; Respirator Refresher; Safe Driving Tips; Sun Exposure/Outdoor Safety; Trenching Excavation Safety; Unsafe Equipment: Report It; Using Portable Fire Extinguishers; Viruses - Sewage & Wastewater Exposures; Why Accidents Occur

GCC safety materials can be accessed at <http://www.ghilotti.com/employee-safety.html>. or in the Shop Trailer. If you have a suggestion for a new Tailgate Topic, please email Julie@Ghilotti.com or place your suggestion in the box in dispatch.

Safety Reminders:

- ☛ When working around double-bottom trailers always watch the truck trailers when dumping - *Vincent Bean*
- ☛ Check equipment before, during, and after your shift - *Tony Ghilotti*
- ☛ Remember to check the trench (dirt and shoring) before performing work. Team effort will help ensure safety! - *John Peretto*
- ☛ Always know what is in all confined spaces. If you don't know, ask your Foreman or Supervisor! - *John Peretto*
- ☛ Watch for rolling rocks! - *Jess Todd*

Real Accidents

Accident Type: Caught Between

Injury: Broken Hip/Leg/Internal Injury

Type of Work: Excavation/Trenching

Equipment: Excavator

Safety Equipment: Trench Box (Manufactured)

Description: A worker left the protection of the trench box during the installation of a sanitary sewer line in an excavation approximately 8 feet deep to perform a physical probe for a second existing sanitary sewer line in order to perform a temporary tie in. The side of the excavation fissured and caved in trapping the employee up to the waist.

Direct Cause: Worker left the engineered shoring and became trapped when the side of an excavation caved in.

Contributing Causes:

- The competent person, on site, trained in excavation safety, was not assisted to direct the excavation work.
- The weather conditions at the time were drizzle with surface saturation.
- The contractor's site safety plan and hazard analysis clearly addressed excavation safety procedures, but was not enforced.
- Safe means for access to the trench supporting system was not being utilized at the time of the incident.
- Workers were quickly trying to tie in the new line temporarily before leaving for the day.

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.

Employee Comments:

“Worker’s input is very important when going through safety checklists. They have good input.”

John Peretto



Thanks to...

Jim Kruse for addressing the exposures of sewer and wastewater and the importance of washing your hands and keeping them away from your face!

John Peretto for reminding employees to always survey the scene before operating equipment, and communicating the importance of our flaggers who act as the “safety sheild” for the rest of the workers!

Vincent Bean for stressing the importance of good housekkeeping (avoiding injuries!).

Tony Ghilotti for discussing the issues of working in dense fog and in tight corners. (*Safety Tailgate topic about working in fog is being developed!*)

Nick Basich for discussing specifics about traffic in and around project.

Jess Todd for bringing to our attention the need to relocate the GPS mounting on B1!

Rich Dericco for reminding operators to pay attention to the location of gradsetters and soil techs. Eye contact, please!

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.