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Safety is priority one

RTL to introduce new fall protection standard



RTL Construction will introduce a new “zero tolerance” policy for fall protection.

Powder actuator training coming soon ...

Powder-actuated nailers (ramset guns) are charged by a .22 caliber safety cartridge, each round creating enough force to drive a hardened nail into steel or concrete. The typical powder-actuated tool used in construction releases the nail at a velocity approaching 500 feet per second.

This technology was developed during WWII for the United States Navy to temporarily repair damage to ships by fastening steel plates over the damaged areas.

Because of Australia’s strict firearms laws, owners in Australia need to register their tools, and operators need to be trained and licensed.

Look for further training on powder-actuated tools after the first of the year. Until then, treat the tools as you would a firearm - wear goggles and hearing protection, handle with respect and safety, never leave tools loaded and never point a loaded tool at another person.

There is nothing that we do worth compromising yours’ or a co-worker’s safety.

After the fall at the Minnesota Vikings new stadium left one worker dead and another seriously injured, RTL Construction is raising its standard on fall protection. The new standard will be a “zero tolerance” policy on workers who fail to utilize fall protection when working at a height greater than six feet.

Failure to comply will result in immediate termination, and reinstatement only upon

“Most importantly, protect the number one asset of RTL, the employees that work here.”

Steve Gilman
Safety Director

completion of OSHA 10 and fall protection training offered through the union.

Employees are required to attend one of three sessions, Oct. 19th, Oct. 20th or Oct. 27th at 1:45 p.m. at RTL’s shop. Employees will be equipped with a harness and lanyard at the time of the training.



There are many uses for powder actuated fasteners in the field. RTL Construction will provide further training sometime after the first of the year to further ensure safe practices when using these high powered tools.

News and Notes

Get your flu shots

Flu season can begin as early as October and last into May. One way that you can reduce your chances of getting seasonal flu and/or spreading it to others is to get a seasonal flu vaccine, either through a shot or a nasal spray. At minimum increase your vitamin C intake.

Deer hunting safety

The DNR is expecting that hunters will see more deer this year, in part a result of 2014 when Minnesota had its most conservative hunting season in 20 years. Expect the same this year, as most parts of the state have a one deer per hunter limit. Last year’s harvest was 139,000, the lowest in 20 years.

Halloween fun ...

From the Celtic holiday of Samhain evolved what we know as Halloween. More than 2,000 years ago, the Celts believed that the dead could walk among the living during this time. Keep an eye out for those little trick-or-treaters. Use crosswalks, minimize distractions and make that dental appointment.

NFC North update

The Green Bay Packers (4-0) cling to first place in the NFC North like their fans cling to a wedge of cheese. The Minnesota Vikings have been humbled twice, resting 2-2 and awaiting a bye week. The first of two matchups between the Purple-Helmeted-Horned Warriors and the “G” Stamped Yellow Hats is Nov. 22 in Minnesota.

Christmas party

RTL’s 19th Annual Fall/Holiday Dinner is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 21 at the Wild’s Golf Club in Prior Lake. No word yet on whether venison will be on the menu. More details to come.