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Harris Rebar Achieves SHARP Status

The Utah OSHA Consultation Program congratulates Harris Rebar for attaining SHARP status. The Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program (SHARP) rewards small employers who operate an exemplary safety and health management system. Acceptance in SHARP distinguishes a business as being a member of a very select group of businesses that are models of workplace safety and health. Harris Rebar Salt Lake Inc. employs 40 people as a lead distributor in North America, fabricating and distributing concrete reinforcement steel or rebar. The company's forty teammates achieved SHARP certification in May 2012 and will hold this status until April 2014 when they can request a renewal of up to 3 years.

Harris Rebar Salt Lake Inc. has successfully reduced their EMOD rating (workers compensation experience modification formula) each of the last three years. Jon Nelson, Area Manager, and Dennis Stone, Northwest Safety Manager, initiated the process to improve safety and health efforts at the local level. Each has been actively involved in pursuing long term goals and addressing potential hazards to benefit the organization as a whole. Shop Superintendents, Bill Warren and Frank Bost, played key roles in assessing hazards and implementing improved safety and health work practices on the job line. All employees participate through mentoring, JHSC (Job Hazard Safety Committee) membership and the 'Caught Doing Something Safe' program. Their achievements are a reflection of their vision, 'Being the Safest, Most Profitable, Most Customer-Focused Rebar Contractor in North America'.

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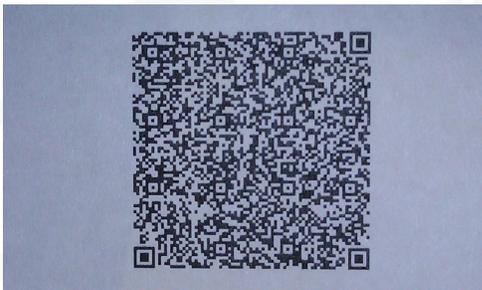
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Utah OSHA Releases New Required Poster

The Utah Occupational Safety and Health Act (the Act) of 1973 requires Utah employers to provide a safe and healthful workplace, free from recognized hazards that are likely to cause death or serious physical harm to employees. To notify employers and employees of their rights and responsibilities under the Act, employers are required to post this notice. This notice must be posted in a conspicuous place where notices to employees are customarily posted. Each employer shall take steps to insure that such notices are not altered, defaced, or covered by other material. A new version of this notice has been released by Utah OSHA and is now available on the Utah Labor Commission Website.

To download this notice and all other Federal and State required notices, without charge, follow this link: <http://laborcommission.utah.gov/common/RequiredPosters.html>. If you are unable to download the Utah OSHA notice please call our office and we will mail you a copy (801-323-9801). A revised Spanish notice will be available on the website in the coming weeks.



Utah Workplace Fatalities Decrease to 39 in 2011



According to a recent press release from the Utah Labor Commission, Utah recorded a preliminary count of 39 work-related fatalities in 2011, compared to 41 incidents in 2010, reflecting a five percent decline in the number of fatalities.

Transportation incidents remained the most frequent type of work-related events and accounted for 24 of the 39 fatal occupational injuries to Utah workers during 2011 (62 % of the total).

Following is a list of other causes of workplace fatalities:

Three fatalities occurred from assaults and violent acts (8% of the total).

Falls to lower level accounted for five fatalities (13 % of the total).

Contacts with objects and equipment also accounted for five fatalities (13 % of the total).

Out of the 39 workers fatally injured in 2011:

37 were men

35 were white (non-Hispanic)

9 were self employed

The age categories with the highest number of workplace fatalities included:

15-34 years old, with 10 deaths

Followed by 35-44 years old, with 9 deaths

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The Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries (CFOI) Study includes data for all fatal work injuries, whether or not they are covered by the Occupational Safety and Health Act or other federal or state agency regulations, or are outside the scope of regulatory coverage. Data for 2011 are preliminary.

The CFOI, conducted throughout the nation, is part of a U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) program that provides a complete count of fatal work injuries in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. The Utah Labor Commission Statistics Department compiles detailed information on all work-related fatalities that take place within the State of Utah and works in close proximity with the BLS program. Fatality statistics are used to fulfill a commitment to increasing safety in the workplace.

Nationally the preliminary results show that the number of fatal work injuries in 2011, were slightly lower than final results from 2010. Last year (2011), 4,609 workers died from work-related injuries down from a total of 4,690 in 2010.

The Statistics department annually releases total fatality counts and descriptive data in an effort to provide the most accurate information to assist employers, safety departments, and employees in identifying occupational safety and health issues in the state.

Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries data, are available at:

<http://laborcommission.utah.gov/divisions/IndustrialAccidents/bls.html>

For additional information, or to request a copy of the report, contact Edward Denning at (801) 530-6926 (Edenning@utah.gov) or Jennifer Roundy at (801) 530-6823 (Jroundy@utah.gov) at the Utah Labor Commission Statistics Department.

Utah OSHA Consultation Services and Compliance Division Participation in the Southern Utah Home Builders Association Annual Conference

Utah OSHA was fortunate to have had such a great opportunity to gain and share knowledge of Safety and Health services and work practices with those in the Construction Industry in the great Southwest of Utah. The Southern Utah Home Builders Association (SUHBA) a trade association representing building industry businesses throughout Southern Utah, sponsored the annual Southern Utah Building Industry Conference 'Sharpen Your Skills'.

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Keynote speaker Jeremiah Wilson, author of *“Jump: Life Beyond Mediocre”* got everyone excited for the days events. There were a number of breakout sessions designed to provide professional credits for approximately seventy (70) attendees. Utah OSHA Consultant Eric Steadman presented Big 4/Prevention 4 in Residential Construction. Utah OSHA Consultant Catherine Van Duser presented an Introduction to Utah OSHA Consultation Services and teamed with Dennis Crenshaw, Utah OSHA Compliance Officer, to present Consultation Connection: How to Write a Safety Program. Discussions in the three sessions were directed towards distinctions between Compliance and Consultant activity, achieving active worker participation, and knowing the steps to resolve disparate understanding or knowledge of compliance requirements. There were about 20 attendees, many General Contractors, in each of the sessions allowing for quality interaction with participants.



Utah OSHA personnel look forward to more opportunities to share experiences and knowledge toward implementing safe and healthy work environments that reduce accidents. Utah OSHA Consultation Services are available to all in the Construction industry, providing a non-penalty approach that includes site surveys to assist in hazard recognition, training, and analysis that may include sampling for potential health hazards. An online request form is available on the Home Page of the Utah Labor Commission website under ‘Get Assistance in Identifying Unsafe Working Conditions’.



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