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**LOCAL EMPHASIS PROGRAM FOR AMPUTATION
TO TAKE EFFECT NOVEMBER 1, 2014**

SALT LAKE CITY– Utah OSHA Directive 2014-002, Local Emphasis Program (LEP) for Amputation will be in effect on November 1, 2014.

The operation of machinery and equipment can be extremely dangerous and often results in death or permanent disability. Utah OSHA's inspection history indicates that employee exposures to unguarded or inadequately guarded machinery and equipment, together with associated hazardous energy exposures during servicing and maintenance activities occur in many workplaces. Compliance with Utah OSHA's machine guarding and hazardous energy control standards needs to be improved throughout general industry.

Utah OSHA has identified industries which typically have equipment and/or machinery that are known to cause serious injury, including amputations, and death. Establishments identified under this LEP will be selected for inspection using an established randomized method. For information regarding selection and scheduling of sites for inspection and guidance on the types of machinery and equipment most often associated with amputations please see: laborcommission.utah.gov/2014 Amputationlep.pdf.

Additionally, the Utah Labor Commission and Utah OSHA will commit a number of resources to address this issue, including enforcement, outreach, training and onsite consultation.

Qualifying establishments may request assistance from Utah OSHA Consultation and Education Services. For further information, refer to CSP 02-00-002, Consultation Policies and Procedures Manual and [29 CFR 1908, Consultation Agreements](#).

For details regarding Utah OSHA Directive 2014-002, Local Emphasis Program for Amputation, please visit the Utah Labor Commission web page or select the following link: laborcommission.utah.gov/2014 Amputationlep.pdf

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