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IMPORTANT Dates to Remember

- **Safety Awards Program -**
Reporting forms
Due April 1st

OSHA 300 LOG

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) requires employers to post the 2018 OSHA 300A Log on all jobsites from February 1, 2019 to April 30, 2019.

This form is a summary of all occupational injuries and illnesses throughout the previous year logged on the OSHA 300 form.

Please be certain the individual responsible for preparing and signing the form can certify the totals are correct.

If you have not received the form, you can obtain a copy on OSHA's website at www.osha.gov or call the Marlton, NJ OSHA Office at 856-596-5200.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Association Office.

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Tool Box Safety Talk

Winter Storms Hazards/Precautions

In addition to cold stress, there are other winter weather related hazards that workers may be exposed to when performing tasks such as driving in the snow.

Winter Driving: Although employers cannot control roadway conditions, they can promote safe driving behavior by ensuring workers recognize the hazards of winter weather driving, for example, driving on snow/ice covered roads; are properly trained for driving in winter weather conditions; and are licensed (as applicable) for the vehicles they operate. Employers should set and enforce driver safety policies.

Stranded in a Vehicle: If you are stranded in a vehicle, stay in the vehicle. Call for emergency assistance if needed, response time may be slow in severe winter weather conditions. Notify your supervisor of your situation. Do not leave the vehicle to search for assistance unless help is visible within 100 yards. You may become disoriented and get lost in blowing and drifting snow. Display a trouble sign by hanging a brightly colored cloth on the vehicle's radio antenna and raising the hood. Turn on the vehicle's engine for about 10 minutes each hour and run the heat to keep warm. Also, turn on the vehicle's dome light when the vehicle is running as an additional signal. Beware of carbon monoxide poisoning. Keep the exhaust pipe clear of snow, and open a downwind window slightly for ventilation.

Watch for signs of *frostbite* and *hypothermia*. Do minor exercises to maintain good blood circulation in your body. Clap hands and move arms and legs occasionally. Try not to stay in one position for too long. Stay awake, you will be less vulnerable to cold-related health problems. Use blankets, newspapers, and even the removable car mats for added insulation.

Spotting the Spoofers

Telemarketers and robocalls masks the true identity of the caller and can lead to identity theft or financial loss. Helping clients understand the risk, as well as ways to avoid getting “spoofed”, is another value-added service of the professional insurance agent.

The last two decades have seen the rise of caller ID spoofing. The Caller ID Act of 2009 considers it a crime only if it causes harm or defrauds someone. The spoofing companies market it as a way for businesses and professionals to protect their identity, i.e., their real phone numbers and names. This is very helpful for robocalls and sales calls. It has also been useful for private detectives and bill collectors.

Spoofing is also used by spammers who are marketing some item or service. For the most part this is merely an unwanted and annoying practice. They will use a technique called neighborhood spoofing, where the spoofed caller ID is the same area code and first three digits as the unsuspecting recipient, making it more likely they will pick up.

The serious trouble is when those with intent to defraud use the spoofing tools to their advantage. A scary feature about caller ID spoofing is the ability by scammers to insert legitimate phone numbers.

The FTC (Federal Trade Commission) recently reported scams targeting older citizens. A caller with the ID from a well-known company claims to be from technical support. They then sell ‘necessary’ support that requires immediate payment. Another scam is bogus sweepstake winnings. The victim will be asked to pay a small fee in order to receive the bogus winnings.

When scammers are able to obtain personal information, social security numbers, bank account numbers, or even login information to retirement accounts, very serious identity theft damage can also occur. Bank and retirement accounts can be drained, as well as credit cards and mortgages taken out in the victim’s name.

There are defenses against caller ID spoofing. For cell phones, apps are available that will recognize and block spoofed caller IDs. Landline call blockers are also on the market and easily accessible (www.trapcall.com). In any case, personal information such as social security number or bank or credit account numbers should never be given out over the phone, or to an unsolicited e-mail. Request that all demands be sent via regular mail.

It is important to note that spoofing is not (Cont.)

limited to phone numbers. Hackers also like to send e-mails that appear to be from an employer, friend, bank or government institution. These often include requests to transfer money or provide personal information. They may tell you to click on a link, which can lead to virus or malware infections on your computer. Spoofing can lead to identity theft, or significant financial loss, and can be done either on the phone or via e-mail. Submitted by: **Glenn Insurance, Inc.**



Reported From ACCNJ

December Materials Prices Drop But Are Up Overall in 2018:

Construction costs spiked nearly every month in 2018, according to AGC of America’s analysis of Labor Department data, so December was a small respite at year-end. Diesel fuel prices dropped sharply in December, down 12.1% for the month but up 5% for the year. Also per the PPI, steel pipe and tube costs slid 0.9% in December but were 21.3% higher than December 2017, fabricated structural metal costs edged down 0.3% for the month but were up 12% for the year, asphalt paving mixtures and blocks remained the same for the month, up 10.2% for the year, and aluminum mill shapes dropped 0.4% for the month, up 6.3% for the year.

Downtown Camden Roads to Get \$10 Million Make-over:

NJ DOT awarded a \$10 million grant to Camden County to improve roads in the city of Camden. The Federal and Market Streets Feeder Road Improvements Project will redesign both roads to accommodate two-way traffic between Haddon and Delaware avenues (Federal is County Route 537 and Market is County Route 537 Spur). Other improvements on these roads in downtown Camden include replacement of traffic signals, installation of dynamic message signs and reconfiguration of the interchange at Flanders Avenue and Federal Street. That interchange, providing access to and from Route 30, will be realigned and reconstructed while the westbound Route 30 on-ramp from Flanders will be moved 500 feet west to the other side of Federal to improve access to Route 30 westbound

Ørsted Wind Applies for Wind Farm Off AC:

Last Friday, Ørsted US Offshore Wind announced its application to build and operate a wind farm 15 miles off the coast of Atlantic City that would provide enough electricity to power more than 500,000 homes. The application states 1,000 construction jobs would be created during the two or three years of the project build.