November 2014 Safety Statistics

There were a total of 4 incidents involving employees. The incidents were a laceration (2); contusions (1); strain (1); sprain (1). There were a total of 5 Workers’ Comp claims. (1) strain; (3) contusions; (1) bite resulting in a total of 1 Lost work day during the month.

December 2014

Smoke Detectors:
Seventy percent of all home fire fatalities occur in homes where there are no smoke alarms or alarms that work. Nearly one quarter of home smoke alarms are not working. According to the NFPA, 19 out of 20 homes have at least one smoke alarm. However, four out of 10 reported home fires occurred in the small percentage of homes that did not. For your safety:
* Choose a smoke alarm that has the name of a recognized testing lab.
* Install smoke alarms on every level and outside the sleeping areas of the home (for added safety; in every room where people sleep).
* Install a new battery every year, immediately if the alarm “chirps”.
* Test alarms once a month with the test button or approved smoke substitute, clean the unit according to manufactures instructions.
* Buy special smoke alarms for persons who are deaf or hard of hearing.
* Replace your smoke alarms when they are 10 years old.
* Develop an exit plan with the whole family.
* Check your smoke alarms.

Christmas Trees:
The National Christmas Tree Association estimates 36 million trees are sold each year. Christmas trees are involved in about 400 fires annually, resulting in 10 deaths, 80 injuries and more than $15 million in property damage. To reduce the chance of becoming a statistic, we suggest:
* Choose a fresh tree, cut 1 to 2 inches off of the trunk and put it in a stand designed to support the tree, the trunk of the tree should be “mushed” to allow it to soak up water.
* Place the tree away from heat sources, exits and flammable materials.
* Water the tree daily, a 6’ tree will lose a ½ gallon of water a day.
* Check lights for damaged sockets, frayed or bare wires and loose connections. No more than 3 strands connected together.
* Shut off the lights before you leave or go to sleep.
* Tree should not lose needles if you tap on the trunk.
* Dispose of tree properly (not in the fire barrel on New Years Eve) consider recycling your tree.

Extension Cords:
Should be Underwriters Laboratories listed with the correct amperage stamped in the cord.
* Do not plug an extension cord into an extension cord.
* For multiple cords, use a fused power strip.
* Do not fold, staple or mutilate the cord (shut in door, walked on/driven over, under carpet).
* Do not modify the ground feature of any electrical cord.