

Weekly Safety Tip



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SCI Safety Tip: Lawncare Safety

Sources: <http://www.tdi.state.tx.us/pubs/videoresource/t5lawnequip.pdf>

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Many injuries result from the misuse of power push mowers and power line trimmers. Many accidents involving power lawn equipment result in severe lacerations and often amputations. Wounds caused by these accidents are prone to infection due to the unsanitary conditions of the environment. Help reduce these accidents by following a few simple safety precautions.

Power Push Mowers

- Read the operator's manual and know how to operate the machine properly.
- Don't disable or bypass safety devices.
- Read all equipment warning labels.
- Protect yourself and others against thrown objects by clearing the work area of rocks, sticks, toys, or any other materials that could become a missile if struck by the mower blades.
- Keep the discharge chute guard or grass catcher in place at all times.
- Keep bystanders, especially children, away from the mowing area.
- Keep hands and feet away from the mower blades while it is running. If the discharge chute clogs or the grass catcher is full, stop the engine before attempting to clear the clog or empty the grass catcher.
- Never leave a running mower unattended.
- Stop the engine before adjusting the wheels of the mower.
- Mow in a forward direction whenever possible.
- Do not walk backwards while pulling the mower toward you. If you trip, the mower could end up on top of your feet or legs.
- Mow across the slope of hillsides. Do not mow up and down the slope.
- To ensure good footing, wait until the grass is dry before mowing.
- Handle fuel safely. Before refueling, stop the engine and allow it to cool. Wipe up spilled fuel or allow it to evaporate before starting an engine.
- Never refuel gasoline-powered equipment indoors.

Power Line Trimmers

- Read the operator's manual and get proper instructions before operating a trimmer.
- Never operate the trimmer with the guard removed.
- Clear the work area of objects such as sticks, rocks, wire, etc., before starting work.
- Clear the work area of people and animals for a radius of approximately 35 feet around the operator.
- Always wear eye protection.
- Keep the cutting line or blade away from your feet and legs.

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Safety Slogan

Trim your chances of injury with lawncare safety

James Lehrke-SCI

of the week

- Position the trimmer away from your body to avoid contact with the muffler or other hot engine parts.
- Move the trimmer in a sweeping motion away from your body.

Clothing and Maintenance

- Wear close-fitting clothes, long pants or slacks, and closed-toe shoes with traction soles. Do not operate any power equipment while barefoot, or when wearing thongs or sandals.
- Loose clothing, scarves, dangling jewelry, and untucked shirt tails can snag on controls or get caught in moving parts.
- Protect your eyes with safety glasses or goggles, and your ears with earplugs.
- Wear gloves to service or adjust equipment, especially when working on the blades.
- When working on equipment with blade guards removed, take out the spark plug and ground the spark plug wire to prevent accidental engine start.

Remember to practice safety. Don't learn it by accident.

OSHA News: US Department of Labor's OSHA seeks applications for \$2.75 million in new-targeted topic safety and health training grants

Source: <http://www.osha.gov>

Date: July 6, 2010

WASHINGTON - The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration is soliciting applications for \$2.75 million in Susan Harwood Targeted Topic Training Grants to provide training and education programs on safety and health for workers and their employers. For fiscal year 2010, the program offers 28 targeted topic areas including crane safety, combustible dust, maritime, oil and gas, and eye safety. "These grants will provide workers and employers with the tools they need to create targeted training programs to ensure safe workplaces," said Assistant Secretary of Labor for OSHA Dr. David Michaels. "These grants will enable workers to gain the knowledge and tools they need to save lives and protect their health." Training grants will be awarded for a 12-month performance period. Applications are due Aug. 6, 2010. A notice about these grants is published in today's Federal Register at <http://s.dol.gov/3T>. The complete solicitation for grant applications is available at <http://www.grants.gov>. Applicants can complete the mandatory online registration at any time; however, registration must take place before beginning the application process. Applicants are encouraged to complete registration as soon as possible, as the process takes multiple days to complete. Grant applications must be received electronically no later than 11:59 p.m. EDT on Aug. 6. No extensions of the deadline will be granted. OSHA recently published a separate solicitation for the Susan Harwood Capacity Building Training Grants available under Funding Opportunity No. SHTG FY-10-01. That solicitation closed July 2. Questions from the public regarding this announcement should be directed to HarwoodGrants@dol.gov or Linda Vosburgh at telephone number 847-759-7700. Further information on the Susan Harwood Training Grant Program is available on OSHA's website at <http://www.osha.gov/dte/sharwood/index.html>. Under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, employers are responsible for providing safe and healthful workplaces for their employees. OSHA's role is to assure these conditions for America's working men and women by setting and enforcing standards, and providing training, education and assistance.

SCI Health News: Why is Drug Company with 50 Years of Proven Safety Violations Using Taxpayer Money to Make Next Gen Flu Vaccine?

Source: <http://www.mercola.com>

Date: July 10, 2010

One of the more dangerous companies with a recurrent history of life threatening recalls is now in commissioned by government to make a new vaccine.

But can you really trust Baxter to produce a safe flu vaccine?

Baxter has a decades-long history of making mistakes that have led to recalls, lawsuits, and even deaths. So what guarantees do we have that they can produce a safe vaccine using a novel method?

As recently as May 18, a Baxter partner, Halozyme Therapeutics, publicly questioned the quality and capabilities of Baxter's manufacturing processes, when flake-like particles were discovered in a product that Baxter packages for Halozyme.

That product, Hylenex, which is used with an injected drug that helps rehydrate sick children, was recalled on May 17 after the contamination was discovered.

This action came only two weeks after the FDA on May 3 announced a recall of Baxter's Colleague infusion pumps,

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**Jim Ruffolo, President
Burger Boat Company**

which deliver fluids such as nutrients and medications into a patient's body. The recall was listed as Class I, defined as "a situation in which there is a reasonable probability" that the use of, or exposure to, the product in question "will cause serious adverse health consequences or death."

It was Baxter's fourth Class I recall this year, and the mainstream press paid very little, if any, attention to them. But the news literally flew around the world May 7, when a jury ordered Baxter to pay \$144 million to a Nevada man who contracted hepatitis C from the use of a Baxter product during a routine colonoscopy.

Sources:

FDA News Release May 3, 2010
Las Vegas Review Journal May 14, 2010
Wall Street Journal May 17, 2010

SCI Road Side Safety Alert: *112 on your cell phone

Some knew about the red light on cars, but not the *112. It was about 1:00 p.m. in the afternoon, and Lauren was driving to visit a friend. An UNMARKED police car pulled up behind her and put his lights on. Lauren's parents have always told her never to pull over for an unmarked car on the side of the road, but rather to wait until they get to a gas station, etc.

Lauren had actually listened to her parents advice, and promptly called *112 on her cell phone to tell the police dispatcher that she would not pull over right away. She proceeded to tell the dispatcher that there was an unmarked police car with a flashing red light on his rooftop behind her. The dispatcher checked to see if there were police cars where she was and there weren't, and he told her to keep driving, remain calm and that he had back up already on the way. Ten minutes later 4 cop cars surrounded her and the unmarked car behind her. One policeman went to her side and the others surrounded the car behind. They pulled the guy from the car and tackled him to the ground. The man was a convicted rapist and wanted for other crimes.



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I never knew about the *112 Cell Phone Feature, but especially for a woman alone in a car, you should not pull over for an unmarked car. Apparently police have to respect your right to keep going to a safe place.

Never pull over for an unmarked police car. Instead call *112 to ask for verification from police dispatcher that there is an unmarked police cruiser behind you.

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*Speaking to a service representative at ** Bell ** Mobility confirmed that *112 was a direct link to State trooper info. So, now it's your turn to let your friends know about *112.

You may want to send this to every woman (and man) you know; it may save a life. This applies to ALL 50 states!!!

*In Loving
Memory of Jessica Lehrke*

