

Weekly Safety Tip



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Our Weekly Safety Tip provides valuable and current safety information relevant for Work, Home & Play.

And, you will be kept current on the latest Safety Compliance issues.



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We want to hear from you! Send us your feedback and give us ideas for future safety topics.

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Safety Slogan

**Attention!
Supervised children
are safe children
James Lehrke-SCI**

of the week

SCI Safety Tip: Keeping Kids Safe From Home Falls

Sources: <http://www.nsc.org>

Date: April 9, 2009

A home may represent a haven of safety and security. But for young children, it can be also a minefield of potentially dangerous falls. The following tips from the National Safety Council will help make your home free of fall hazards.

Falls from furniture

- Don't leave babies alone on beds, changing tables, or sofas.
- Always strap children into highchairs and strollers.

Falls from heights

- Don't let children play alone on fire escapes, high porches or balconies.

Slips and falls from floor surfaces

- Secure area rugs. Especially on wood, ceramic tile or linoleum floors, area rugs can cause anyone to slip. Secure them with a piece of foam carpet backing, double-sided tape or a rubber pad, available at many carpet and department stores.

Falls on the stairs

- Keep stairs clear. Kids must spend as much time running up and down stairs as they do going in and out the back door. As it is, stairs figure in a large percentage of home falls. Combine a child's boundless, yet reckless, energy with a staircase full of junk, and you could end up taking an emergency trip to the hospital.
- Use safety gates if there are infants and toddlers in your home. At the top of the stairs, attach the gate to a wall. Avoid accordion gates with large openings—a child's neck can get trapped.

Window falls

- Be aware of the danger of falls from windows by unsupervised young children.
- Keep your windows closed and locked when children are around. When opening windows for ventilation, open windows that a child cannot reach.
- Set and enforce rules about keeping children's play away from windows or patio doors. Falling through the glass can be fatal or cause serious injury.

- Keep furniture—or anything children can climb—away from windows. Children may use such objects as a climbing aid.
- Never depend on an insect screen to keep your child from falling out of the window. Screens are intended to keep insects out, not children in.
- Unguarded windows opened only five inches pose a danger to children under ten. In some cities, landlords are required by law to place window guards in apartments where children live; such guards prevent windows from being opened wide enough for a child to crawl through. Be sure to check with your local fire department and building code official to make sure guards or security bars comply with all applicable requirements.

In the bathroom

- Always use a rubber mat or slip resistant stickers in the tub. Never leave a child unattended in the tub. Should they slip and fall, they may be unable to cry for help.
- Dangers that are obvious to adults are not necessarily that apparent to children. They need extra guidance and an ever-vigilant eye. By following these simple suggestions, you help make your home a safer and more secure place for everyone.

OSHA News: Severe Violator Enforcement Program (SVEP)

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

Date: August 13, 2010

OSHA's latest muscle flex is of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), its newly created "Severe Violator Enforcement Program" (SVEP), which targets employers who "have demonstrated indifference to their occupational safety and health obligations through willful, repeated or failure-to-abate violations. "

The bottom line is that if your company is cited for a violation that meets the criteria for the SVEP, you'll likely be targeted for follow-up OSHA inspections (extending companywide), receive adverse publicity, and be subject to up to four times higher penalties.

Join us on September 13 for an in-depth webinar with an OSHA insider and attorney to learn more about the SVEP and how to stay off OSHA's violator's list. Include your supervisors and managers - they're the ones whose actions will keep your employees safe and your company off OSHA's hit list.

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You and your colleagues will learn:

- Why OSHA created the "Severe Violator Enforcement Program" (SVEP) and how it will be implemented
- How OSHA will compile its severe violator list and how to know whether you're in OSHA's sights
- Which cases are most likely to be included in the SVEP and how to proactively avoid making the SVEP target list
- What to do if you become a target of OSHA's SVEP and how to work with OSHA to avoid future citations and judgments

How OSHA's new approach to penalties affects even employers that are not considered severe violators

September 13, 2010 1:30 - 3:00 p.m. (Eastern Time)

An Interactive Webinar with Practical Compliance Strategies

About your Speaker: Brad Hammock, Esq., is a partner in the Washington, D.C., region office of Jackson Lewis, practicing exclusively in the safety and health area, and heads Jackson Lewis' Workplace Safety Compliance practice group. Hammock's national practice focuses on all aspects of occupational safety and health law, and he works closely with employers to help them understand and implement OSHA rules. He joined the firm in 2008 after serving for ten years as an OSHA attorney within the Department of Labor including, most recently, for more than three years as lead counsel for safety standards.

Mr. Hammock received his B.A. in American Government from the University of Virginia in 1992. In 1996, he received his J.D., *magna cum laude*, from the Syracuse University College of Law, where he was editor-in-chief of the *Syracuse Journal of International Law and Commerce*, and associate editor of *The Labor Lawyer*.

Mr. Hammock has published numerous articles on occupational safety and health law and is the author of the "OSHA Law Blog (<http://www.oshalawblog.com>)" which provides insight and commentary on safety and health issues in the workplace. He is a frequent guest speaker and lecturer on OSHA issues.

Unlimited listeners per phone line! Invite your colleagues to join you around a speakerphone and computer to share the benefits of this information-packed webinar. Your cost per listener drops drastically with each additional listener.

SCI Health Facts: Salmonella Outbreaks Spur Nationwide Egg Recall

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

Date: August 20, 2010

Eggs are the culprit behind a U.S. salmonella outbreak that caused hundreds of illnesses each week in June and July. A nationwide egg recall now involves more than a dozen major brands that got eggs from Wright County Egg.

The CDC and state investigators found clusters of salmonella food poisoning among people who ate eggs at the same restaurants. Those restaurants got eggs that came from Wright County Egg. Investigations continue in Arizona, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Maryland, North Carolina, Nevada, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, and Texas.

According to WebMD:

"The brand names included in the recall are Lucerne, Albertson, Mountain Dairy, Ralph's, Boomsma's, Sunshine, Hillandale, Trafficanda, Farm Fresh, Shoreland, Lund, Dutch Farms, and Kemps. Recalled eggs are in six, dozen, and 18-egg cartons."

Sources:

[WebMD August 17, 2010](#)

WebMD Food Safety Tips

The FDA recommends these practices for all fruits and vegetables to prevent food poisoning:

- Wash hands with soap and warm water before and after handling them.
- Wash produce thoroughly under running water, not in a tub or sink.
- Use a clean cutting board and utensils. Don't let produce come into contact with other raw foods or surfaces they have touched.



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*In Loving
Memory of Jessica Lehrke*

Salmonella Symptoms and Treatments

Symptoms of salmonellosis include abdominal cramps, diarrhea, and fever that develop 12 to 72 hours after infection. Most people recover in four to seven days and don't require treatment other than drinking plenty of fluids. People with severe diarrhea may require rehydration with intravenous fluids. Antibiotics are usually not used unless the salmonella infection has spread beyond the intestines. Serious -- and potentially fatal -- cases are more likely in young children, frail or elderly people, and people with weak immune systems.

Source: <http://www.webmd.com/food-recipes/food-poisoning/slideshow-salmonella>