Workers exposed to extreme heat may be at risk of heat stress. Extreme heat exposure can result in occupational injuries. Heat stroke is the most serious heat-related disorder.

When heat stroke occurs, the body temperature can rise to 106 degrees or higher within just 10 to 15 minutes. Heat stroke can cause death or permanent disability if emergency treatment is not given. For more information about heat stress protection, go to http://www.suncoastucc.com/articles.html

Workers’ Comp Costs…

Employers have a much better chance of controlling costs and reducing case length if they develop a partnership with a medical facility knowledgeable in the area of Worker’s Comp. The medical record produced directly after injury occurrence can contain information helpful to the employer.

- Resist the “easy fix” temptation of sending employees to emergency rooms unless absolutely necessary….WHY?...because E.R. costs are much higher, reports tend to be less detailed and less specific and therefore less useful for workers’ comp purposes.

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DID YOU KNOW?

- OSHA maintains a Spanish language web page at; www.osha.gov/asopa/spanish/index.html and a page with compliance assistance resources for employers with Hispanic employees at; www.osha.gov/hispanic. In addition, Spanish-speaking operators are available at (800) 321-OSHA. Many OSHA publications, training materials, and videos are also available in Spanish.

- Pharmaceutical giant AstraZeneca agreed to pay $250,000 to settle sex discrimination lawsuit brought by US Labor Department. ...124 current and former female employees will share in settlement involving equal pay. http://www.dol.gov/opa/media/press/ofccp/OFCCP20110829.htm

- Illicit drug users are five times more likely to file a workers’ compensation claim.

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Arrests for Florida Workers Comp …

Workers Nabbed using stolen Social Security numbers

A recent statewide crackdown on identity theft and workers' compensation fraud, resulted in the arrests of three Lake Worth men.

The men had apparently been using stolen social security numbers to fraudulently gain employment.

Other employees were also determined to be using stolen social security numbers and warrants are being sought for their arrests.


Distracted drivers take their eyes off the road for an average of 4.6 out of every six seconds. At 55 MPH, that means a texting driver travels the length of a football field, including the end zones, without looking at the road.

15 Indicators of Workers Comp Fraud

Directory of Services

The following services and programs are available to your Company or Organization

Health & Safety
- Workers Comp Injury Treatment
- Exposure Monitoring
- OSHA Surveillance
- First Responder/CPR/First Aid Training

Medical Evaluations
- Employment/DOT Exams
- Drug Testing DOT/Federal
- Breath Alcohol Testing
- Surveillance Exams
- RESP Clearance Exams
- Audio/Vision Testing
- Ability To Work Exams
- Physical/Occupational Therapy Referral

Employers Urged to Adopt Policies Against Distracted Driving

Officials said that a distracted driving policy helps companies save lives, reduce time lost from work due to accidents and injuries, reduce insurance premiums, and save money.

"Distracted driving has become a deadly epidemic on America’s roads," U.S. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood said. "We know that educating people about the risk of distracted driving works."

To that end, the national website of the Better Business Bureau will soon feature a link to a free tool kit with a suggested distracted driving policy; a sample memo to employees on that policy, a sample company press release, and other materials.

We will let you know as soon as more information becomes available.

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