

September / October 2010

150 SAFETY

LAWN MOWER SAFETY

Yes it is late in the season and yes we are all tired of:

“Cutting the grass”

This is NOT the time to become

“Complacent”

There is still plenty of grass to be cut!

Did you know that OSHA has regulations regarding lawnmower operation?

1910.243(e)

1910.212

According to the American Academy of Pediatrics, each year more than 68,000 people are taken to the emergency room due to lawnmower related injuries. In addition, more than 9,000 of these injuries are caused to people less than 18 years old.

Operating a lawnmower may seem like a task that anyone should be able to do safely. But, without the knowledge of what could happen, safe work practices may not be used. Make sure that your children understand the possible consequences of not wearing the proper shoes, safety glasses and hearing protection when operating a lawnmower or other lawn-care equipment.

Make sure that your lawnmower is safe to use around your family!!!

Information compiled by your Safety Committee from recent safety publications

RULES OF OUR ORGANIZATION

Safety Committee

In accordance with our Agreement - Section 13.03

“There shall be a Joint Safety Committee consisting of three (3) members representing the Employer and (3) members representing the Union”

On August 4th, 2010 we held our first meeting.

As per the agreement:

“The duties of this Committee shall be to develop and recommend safe work rules to the parties to this agreement for general dissemination and possible inclusion in this agreement”

Your INPUT is always welcome!

The Safety Committee will meet on every first Wednesday of every even month

A means to report an accident is on the LU 150 website:

www.ibew150.org

Click on Safety Committee

Click on Accident Reports

NFPA 70E

is the standard for

Electrical Safety in the Workplace

FACTS

9,400,000

Total number of off-the-job disabling injuries suffered by workers in 2008.

Head Injuries were the most common fatal body injury for construction workers in 2007.

According to NIOSH:

1 out of every 4 workers will become hearing impaired at exposures to 90 dBA

(federal permissible exposure limit for construction work)

SAFETY COMMITTEE

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