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Concrete Advice

Working with concrete can pose hazards, including occupying confined spaces, skin and respiratory irritation, inadequate guards, overexertion, noise exposure and falls. Be sure you understand how to perform all your tasks and use tools and equipment safely. Take this advice to ensure your safety:

→ **Follow confined space procedures** when cleaning and working in mixer drums, hoppers, tanks and other places with potentially serious mechanical hazards, such as blades or sloping sides.



→ **Wear appropriate personal protective equipment** such as: hearing protection to protect against excessive noise exposure; eye protection when chipping and cleaning forms, products or mixers; alkali-resistant gloves, coveralls with long sleeves, full-length pants and waterproof boots when working with wet concrete; and a P-, N- or R-95 respirator to minimize inhalation of cement dust.



→ **Check that trucks are in good working order** and use audible backup warning signals before operating them.

→ **Ensure that machine guards are in place** to protect you and coworkers when using mixers, block makers, cubers and metalworking machinery.

→ **Follow lockout/tagout procedures** when servicing equipment.

→ **Avoid working beneath cuber elevators**, conveyor belts and stacker-destacker machinery.

→ **Ensure that guards are in place** to protect workers using mixers, block makers, cubers and metalworking machinery, such as rebar benders, cutters and cage rollers.

→ **Wash contaminated skin areas** with cold, running water as soon as possible.

→ **Secure chutes and hatches** to reduce injuries from swinging parts.

→ **Ensure that formwork, casting and stressing operations** are adequately braced and chocked to avoid a sudden release of materials.

B-O-O!

Halloween Safety Reminder

This Halloween, keep your children safe by teaching them to remember B-O-O!

Be sure your costume is the correct size to prevent trips and falls. It should also be light colored or have reflective strips or stickers. **Tip:** Carry a glow stick or flashlight.

Observe traffic signals, walk on sidewalks or paths and cross at crosswalks. If there aren't sidewalks, make sure you walk facing traffic. Watch for cars and never dart into the street.

Open all candy at home so your parents can inspect it.



5 WAYS to Protect Yourself from Data Breaches

How can you protect yourself against hacking? Here are 5 basic tips:

- 1 Watch out for scams or fraudulent emails. Always call a company to confirm after receiving any email that claims a data breach — don't use phone numbers in the email or respond to the email.
- 2 Set up account alerts for credit and debit cards as well as bank accounts.
- 3 Use complicated passwords and change them often.
- 4 Guard against identity theft. Freeze accounts if you suspect you've been hacked. According to Javelin Strategy & Research, 1 out of 3 people who are hacked will be a victim of identity theft.
- 5 Monitor your credit reports.

FROM RODENTS TO RAIN: Unexpected Fire Starters



Be especially mindful of these surprising fire starters during National Fire Prevention Week, October 7 to 13:

Rodents: These pests can chew through rubber-covered electrical lines and when the lines are exposed to other electrical wires, the chance of fire increases. Best bet: Keep rodents out by covering vents, patching holes and sealing cracks.

Dishwashers: Dishwasher fires are more common than you think. They happen when water comes in contact with the appliance's wires. Don't turn it on before going to bed or leaving the house.

Glass jars or objects: Glass can refract sunlight onto dry wood and start a fire. While it's rare, fire experts say to never store flammable liquids, such as gasoline, cleaning fluids, paint thinners and even cooking oils in glass jars if you plan on leaving them out in the sunlight.

Laptops and cell phones: When they're charging, some of these devices have the tendency to overheat so they never should be left on a bed or flammable surface when not in use. Instead, charge on a flat surface away from flammable materials. Never use a damaged or frayed charger; get a new one.

Rain: While this scenario is unusual, if water is exposed to electricity, it can cause a leakage current, which in turn can cause a fire. This is often due to exposed wiring, overloaded outlets or faulty switches.



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LEAVE It Alone

Jumping in leaf piles is all part of harmless fall fun, right? Well, it depends. Before you or your children dive in, keep some of these hidden dangers in mind:

MOLD: If leaves are wet, there's a risk of exposure to dangerous bacteria such as mold. For kids with allergies or asthma, this can be especially dangerous.

PARASITES: Bugs such as ticks can be in the piles. If the pile has been there for a few days, even snakes can slither in for a quiet place to rest.

STICKS AND STONES: If rocks and branches have been raked along with the leaves, they can pose danger to a child.

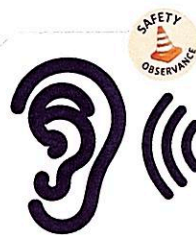
EXTRA CAUTION: Advise your child to never hide in leaf piles, especially those along a road. There have been incidents of children who have been run over by cars while hiding in leaf piles.



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National Protect Your Hearing Month

Did you know that excessive noise is the No. 1 cause of hearing loss? Protect your hearing, especially when working in noisy environments, where noise is over the 85dB level.



October is National Crime Prevention Month.

10 Home Security Tips

We all know to lock our doors and windows to prevent crime, but what else can we do to make sure our home is secure?

- 1 Install an alarm system or purchase and display fake alarm system decals if you can't afford a system.
- 2 Keep shrubs, trees and bushes away from windows and entrances and keep everything neatly trimmed to eliminate areas for intruders to hide.
- 3 Install motion-detecting lights.
- 4 Mount real or dummy surveillance cameras or invest in a doorbell that doubles as a surveillance camera.
- 5 Don't leave expensive empty electronics boxes on the curb. Instead, hide them in a larger container.
- 6 Say goodbye when you leave your home (even if no one is there).
- 7 Put ladders away after using them. Leaving a ladder near a window is an invitation to would-be burglars.
- 8 Place entry-hall mirrors with care. A thief could look into your window to see if your alarm is unarmed in the reflection.
- 9 Never leave house keys available outside (under doormats, in planters, etc.).
- 10 Take precautions when you go away for more than a day: get someone to pick up your mail, newspapers, packages and other deliveries; use a timer for your lights; and get your grass mowed if you're gone more than a few days.

