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## *SAFETY BULLETIN*

### **JPK CORNER**

**"I think I will get hurt at work today." or maybe "Today is a good day to lose a finger on the table saw at home."**

While these statements can, and sometimes do become reality, no one starts their day with these thoughts. As we move through our days, weeks, months and years we can some-

times lose sight of what is really important because we become complacent with our tasks.

"We usually get hurt doing what we have done before" – Think about that statement!

As spring and summer unfold, be aware of the tasks we perform at home and some of the associated dangers.

Think about the distractions at work as we look outside at the bright sunshine and warmth and wish we could be outside instead of at work.

**PAY ATTENTION TO  
YOUR TASK AT HAND  
AND BE SAFE!**

*Jeff P. Koch*  
President

**Safety  
comes  
before  
schedule  
only in the  
dictionary.**

~author unknown

### **OSHA CITATIONS**

#### **REGION 2**

Jan 2010— Long Island, NY— company faces [proposed fines of \\$233,500](#). Most issues revolve around emergency exit hazards, blocked extinguishers and crushing hazards.



Feb 2010—Depew, NY—OSHA inspections that began in 2009 have yielded [proposed fines of \\$62,350](#).

#### **REGION 5**

Feb 2010—Bradner, OH—high injury and illness rates initiate an OSHA inspection which brings about [\\$55,500 in proposed fines](#).

April 2010—Columbus, Wis—Worker using a grinder in the presence of flammable gases dies in explosion. [26 serious violations yield possible fines of \\$108,450](#).



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FORGET!**



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#### OSHA Fines—Top 10 in last 12 months

- Largest Fine Ever: BP — [\\$87.4 million](#) in fines for the explosion at the TX refinery. Unfortunately, this was followed by [over \\$3 million](#) more in fines for issues at an OH refinery. Also, relating to the TX blast, they paid a \$50 million fine for violating the US Clean Air Act.
- Prison time and large fines: RPI Coating — if convicted, 2 executives face [jail time](#) and up to [\\$1million](#) in fines.
- **Per employee citations** lead to [\\$1.2 million](#) fine — G. S. Robbins & Co.—21 egregious willful citations
- Employee complaint regarding LO/TO leads to a [\\$1.14 million](#) fine — Milk Specialties
- Owner sentenced to 9 months in jail and \$248,000 fine; supervisor sentenced to 30 days in jail — [ANC Roofing](#)
- OSHA uses the *General Duty Clause* to fine Wal-Mart [\\$7,000](#) for worker trampling accident.
- Another instance of **per employee citations** — 202 willful violations at Smalis Painting Co. lead to fines of [\\$1.09 million](#)
- Working with OSHA leads to [lowering of fine from almost \\$900,000 to \\$470,000](#) — A-1 Excavating agrees to go above and beyond regulation requirements.
- [\\$3 million fine & other conditions](#) — Cintas changing their attitude toward safety. They'll hire a team of experts to review controls, hire safety staff to conduct inspections, and address employee concerns.
- [\\$750,000 fine and cuts in pay of unsafe supervisors](#)—Broadway Concrete of NY

## WORKERS MEMORIAL DAY

The anniversary of the Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA) - April 28th - was designated Workers Memorial Day to direct attention to workers who have been killed or injured on the job. This day was chosen because it is the anniversary of OSHA's inception. Today, labor unions, employers, community groups and others

around the world now mark April 28th as an International Day of Mourning. On this day, we remember those who have suffered and died on the job. We also remember those who have suffered diseases due to exposure to toxic substances or been



injured because of dangerous conditions. It becomes an opportunity to reflect on the need to improve health and safety in the workplace. It takes each and everyone of us to help provide a safe working environment. Please do your part! Let's keep families together.