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Fire Safety at Home (Looking for holiday gift ideas?)

Kidde Fire Extinguisher Recall

If you have a Kidde fire extinguisher at work or at home (and everyone should have an extinguisher at home), be aware there has been a recall of Kidde models with plastic handles. It is very easy to submit the information needed to get a replacement - you need only the model and serial number. [Additional information can be found here.](#)



Stove Top Fire Stop

South Metro Fire Department recently had a fire save due to a Stove Top Fire Stop installed in a residence - pictured. The resident was heating oil to cook hash browns. She turned her back for what she described as a few seconds, but it was long enough for the oil to ignite. She was fortunate: the Stove Top Fire Stop activated quickly, limiting the amount of damage. Stove Top Fire Stops are small canisters placed above the burners - under the stove vent hood or attached to the over-the-stove microwave. The canisters contain a fire suppressing powder, released when flames impinge on a fuse at the bottom of the canister. [More information about the Stove Top Fire Stops can be found on their web site, here.](#)

OSHA Record Keeping and Environmental Deadlines

It's that time of year again. Note the following deadlines, through April 1, for OSHA recordkeeping, hazardous waste generators and air quality permit holders.

When	What	Who's Affected
Dec. 15	Hazardous waste management reports due for Hennepin County	SQG and VSQG hazardous waste generators
Dec. 31	Wastewater sampling needed	Those holding MCES wastewater permits
Jan. 30	LEF Air Permit reporting	Those with LEF permits

Jan. 31	Hazardous waste management annual report and license renewal for all metro counties except Hennepin	SQG and VSQG hazardous waste generators
Jan. 31	Industrial wastewater discharge report due	Those holding MCES wastewater permits
Jan. 31	OSHA 300A log summary - post from February 1 through April 30	Employers with 10 or more employees at any time during the year
Mar. 1	Tier II reports due	Companies that have more than threshold amounts of specific chemicals
Mar. 31	Industrial Stormwater annual reports due	Companies within specific industry codes. Does not affect companies with No Exposure exclusion.
Apr. 1	Air permit (VOC) reports due (Forms should be mailed mid-December to early January)	Air Quality Permit B, C and Permit D holders, LEF permit holders

For companies outside the Twin Cities metro area, hazardous waste reports are not due until August 1, but it is a good idea to gather all of your information early in the year.

If you are a CHESS maintenance client, we will be contacting you to set up a time to help complete your recordkeeping. If you are not a maintenance client and would like assistance, please contact Carol at 651-842-9210 or carkey@chess-safety.com.

OSHA Updates

Recordkeeping: Electronic Submission of Injury & Illness Records

Minnesota has not yet adopted the requirement for companies to submit injury records online (Injury Tracking Application or ITA). We expect this to come by the end of the year. When Minnesota does adopt this requirement, it will apply to government entities as well as companies. The rule will require companies with 250 or more employees to submit their OSHA 300A summaries, their OSHA logs, and specific information about each injury. Just the OSHA 300A will need to be submitted by companies with 20-249 employees in certain industries (including all manufacturing but not including vehicle repair).

Penalty Increases

Minnesota still needs to make a decision about adopting the penalty increases that the Feds have adopted (the penalties will now be adjusted for inflation, with the maximum penalty for a serious violation going up from \$7000 to about \$12,500). Stay tuned.

Walking and Working Surfaces (slips, falls)

Minnesota OSHA adopted the Walking and Working Surfaces standard, with an effective date of September 19, 2017. OSHA entirely rewrote Subpart D of the standard, including 1910.21 through 1910.30. For Minnesota companies, the biggest change is the need to train employees on slips and fall hazards. The new standard clarified existing standards and brought some of the general industry standards in line with construction. For example, employers have more flexibility in how they provide fall protection when work is being done on roof tops (fall restraint, guard rails, personal fall arrest, taller parapets, etc.).

For more information on these new standards, please see the [summary on our web site](#):

We Say Hello and Good-bye

We are excited that **Lisa Lundberg**, MPH, joined our staff in September. Lisa will be our First Aid/CPR/AED trainer. She graduated from the University of Minnesota with a Master of Public Health, specialty in industrial hygiene. She is helping with Right to Know training, respirator fit testing, silica program development, compliance walkthroughs, safety committees and more. Lisa also has a BA in clinical laboratory science.

We said goodbye to **Jake Thorson** in early July. He moved back to South Dakota to be close to family as their first child, a baby girl, Ester, was born at the end of July.

CHESS is looking for another safety consultant. The full [job posting](#) is available on our web site: If you know of anyone who might be interested, please ask them to contact Carol at carkey@chess-safety.com.

Questions? Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have safety-related questions or just need more information about something or the services we offer. Please contact us by phone (651-481-9787) or email (eparrish@chess-safety.com) if you no longer want to receive newsletters or if you want them in a different format (mail).

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