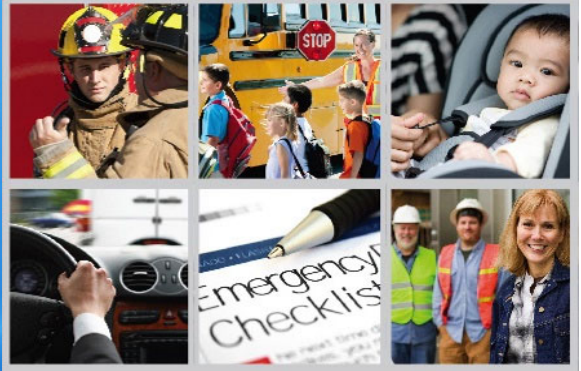


Safety Matters



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EMPLOYEE SAFETY NEWSLETTER

Happy St. Patrick's Day



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Eye Safety Month

More than 700,000 Americans injure their eyes at work each year.

Most of these injuries are caused by dust, cement chips, metal slivers, or wood chips striking or scraping the eye.

However, other eye injuries include blunt-force trauma from running into objects; penetration of nails, staples, or slivers of wood or metal through the eyeball; or chemical and thermal burns to one or both eyes.

Fortunately, most workplace eye injuries are preventable when companies implement and strictly enforce the key elements of an eye safety program:

1) Survey the work area

Observe work areas, access routes, power machinery, and heavy equipment for possible eye hazards and sources of possible injury.

Study eye accident and injury reports to help detect hazards.

2) Identify sources of hazards

List all tasks and operations that include hazards caused by power machinery, heavy equipment, or moving tools.

Detail all hazards associated with chemical exposure, optical radiation (welding, brazing, ultraviolet lights, etc.), heat, electricity, and flying particles.

Include sources of hazards

caused by workplace layout and location of personnel.

3) Organize and analyze data

Next, determine the risk of injury from the identified hazards.

For some hazards, like stored, unopened chemicals, the risk of injury may be low.

The following categories may be used to make a risk assessment:

Likely – the risk is clear, and an injury is likely.

Possible – while unlikely, it is reasonable to conclude that an injury could occur.

Negligible – there is no reasonable way for an injury to occur.



4) Select proper safety eye-wear

OSHA requires employers to provide workers with eye safety protection designed for specific jobs and hazards.

Ensure employees always wear the right safety goggles, face shields, welding helmets, or full-facepiece respirators as required

by OSHA's eye protection standards.

Look for eyewear that has the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) 787.2 labeling and a "Z87" or "Z87+" mark to indicate that the lenses, frames, and side shields meet high-impact standards.

5) Provide training programs

Conduct new employee orientation and ongoing training on how to properly use eye protection. Include information on eye injury statistics and guidelines to prevent eye injuries.

Teach employees how to give basic first aid for eye injuries in an emergency.

6) Install emergency eye-wash stations

Place eyewash stations in easy-to-access areas, especially where chemicals are used.

Stock first aid cabinets with eyedrops, gauze, and eyewash.

7) Encourage workers to get regular eye exams

An annual eye exam can help employees correct vision problems that can cause accidents.

It can also help them identify potential eye diseases that can result in damaged vision.

As an eye protection measure, regularly remind employees about the importance of eye exams.



Children put many things in their mouths. To a child, a button battery might look like candy.

Cute As A Button

When a child swallows a button battery, the saliva triggers an electrical current.

This causes a chemical reaction that can severely burn the esophagus in as little as two hours.

The scary part is that it may not be obvious at first that there is something wrong, since kids can still breathe and act normally after ingesting a battery, though it may seem like your child has a cold or flu.

Repairing the damage from battery ingestion is painful and can involve multiple surgeries.

Even after a battery is removed, kids can experience terrible side effects to their vocal chords and windpipe.

Search your home, and any place your child goes, for gadgets that may contain coin-sized lithium batteries.

These include remote controls, singing greeting cards, digital scales, watches, hearing aids, thermometers, some children's toys, calculators, key fobs, flameless or tea light candles, flashing holiday jewelry or decorations all contain button batteries.

If you suspect your child has ingested a battery, go to the hospital immediately.

Don't induce vomiting or have your child eat or drink anything until assessed by a medical professional.

The symptoms may be tricky to recognize (they include coughing, drooling and discomfort), so if you have even the smallest doubt, don't take any chances.

For more information on this and other child safety topics:

www.safekids.org



There For A Reason

Consider the following statistics from the National Safety Council:

There are more than **1 million accidents annually** on stairs.

This makes stair accidents the **second leading cause of**

unintended injury, second only to car accidents.

There are **12,000 deaths** a year.

Most of these accidents could be prevented if the individuals involved used the handrails.

But, have you ever gone up or

down a flight of stairs and noticed that you were not maintaining a hold on the railing?

Falling down stairs can cause major injuries.

Those handrails are there for a reason.

Make sure you use them.

An easy way to make sure you don't have any products that have been recalled

So Many Recalled Products

There have been a number of products are being pulled from store shelves recently.

Some baby formulas are being recalled after reports of a dangerous bacterial infection. FitBit is recalling some of their products due to a potential burn risk and there have also been several vehicle recalls.

There is a way you can stay up to date with recalls for products you might have.

Go to the website <https://www.recalls.gov/>. You can check there for recall notices or click on "Sign up for Email."

There you can sign up to receive recall emails from the Consumer Product Safety

Commission, the Food and Drug Administration, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and/or the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

You can even specify which recalls you want to know about. For example, just vehicle recalls, or just food recalls, etc.

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Public Affairs



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News Release

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 59, Stuart, Announces a Celebration for 80 Years of Continuous Service to the USCG and the Treasure Coast Boating Community, Saturday, March 26, 2022 at Sandsprit Park.

STUART- The USCG Auxiliary Flotilla 59, Stuart, and the 2020 National Flotilla of the Year Award, sits in Sandsprit Park (one of the most popular boating areas in Martin County). Flotilla 59 broke ground on their facility in 1986. However, on April 11, 1942, Flotilla 59, Stuart, was chartered and those volunteer citizens patrolled the beaches of Martin County on horseback. They also performed coastline observations during World War II by keeping watch from the House of Refuge for U-Boats and smugglers.

In recognition of these 80 years of continuous service to the Treasure Coast, Auxiliary Flotilla 59, Stuart invites the public to a free lunch and open house on 26 March, 2022 from 10:00am-2:00 pm in Sandsprit Park.

Currently, this all civilian arm of the United States Coast Guard provides recreational boating safety classes, vessel safety checks and routine patrols along the waterways to assist the Coast Guard.

Come have lunch, enjoy the park, and Team Coast Guard. The Martin County Sheriff Office Grill Team will be cooking lunch until they run out. Special presentations at 12 noon.

This is a special honor for these dedicated civilians who believe strongly in the U.S. Coast Guard and its missions and they want to thank the community. For more information, contact call 772-288-0509 or email flotilla59@gmail.com or go to their website cgaux59.org. |

U.S. Department of
Homeland Security
**United States
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Auxiliary**



COME SEE US / HAVE LUNCH!



**United States Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 59, Stuart
Community Appreciation and Open House**

(Food as long as it lasts)

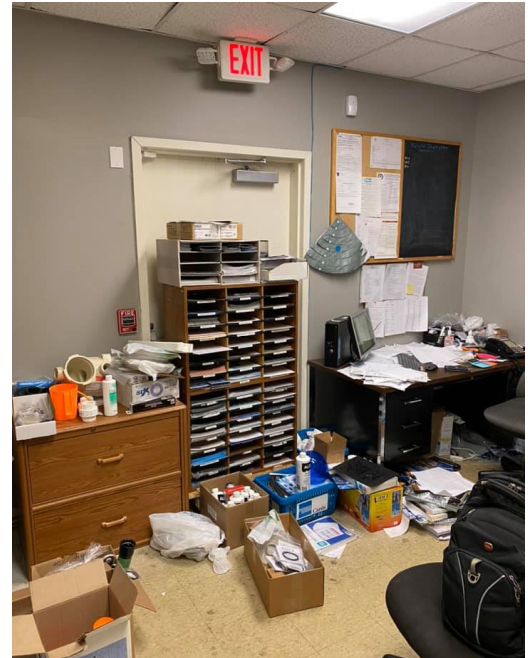
**3443 S.E. St. Lucie Blvd
Sandsprit Park
Stuart, Florida**

Saturday, MARCH 26, 2022 |

10:00 am -2:00 pm

Celebrating 80 years of Service to the Treasure Coast

In Case Of...?



Some Tips About Chippers

Not a very safe place to be

Never reach into a chipper while it is operating.

Do not wear loose-fitting clothing around a chipper.

Always follow the manufacturer's guidelines and safety instructions.

Use earplugs, safety glasses, hard hats and gloves.

Workers should be trained on the safe operation of chipper machines.

Always supervise new workers using a chipper to ensure that they work safely and never endanger themselves or others.

Protect yourself from contacting operating chipper components by guarding the infeed and discharge ports, and preventing the opening of the access covers or doors until the drum or disc completely stops.

Prevent detached trailer chippers

from rolling or sliding on slopes by chocking the trailer wheels.

Maintain a safe distance (i.e., two tree or log lengths) between chipper operations and other work/workers.

When servicing and/or maintaining chipping equipment (i.e., "unjamming") use a lockout system to ensure that the equipment is de-energized.



Under Pressure

Three out of four drivers wash their cars regularly, but only one out of seven correctly checks tire pressure.

The leading cause of tire failure is underinflation.

Proper tire inflation also:

Improves vehicle handling;

Helps protect you and others

from avoidable breakdowns and accidents;

Increases the life of your tires;

Improves fuel economy.

Not only are underinflated tires more dangerous, they can cause decreased gas mileage by up to 5¢ per gallon.

With radial tires, it is difficult

to visually tell if a tire is low on air pressure.

Check your tire pressure monthly.

AND, REMEMBER TO CHECK YOUR SPARE TIRE ALSO!

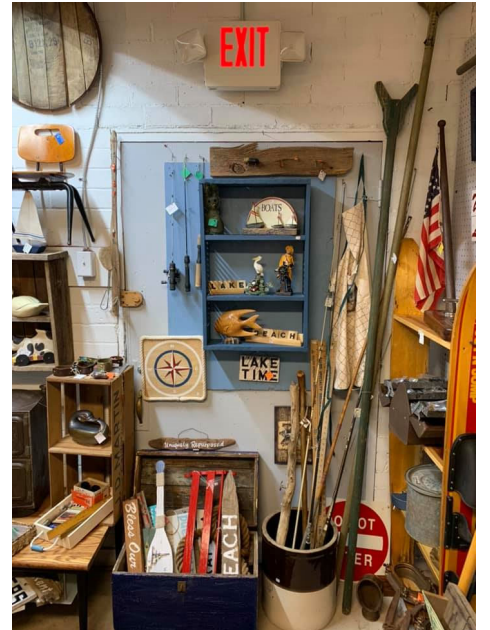


32 psi (100% pressure)



16 psi (50% pressure)

About 30% of cars & light trucks have at least one tire underinflated by 8psi or more





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OUR NUMBER STAYS
THE SAME.**

POISON HELP: 1-800-222-1222



National Poison Prevention Week
March 20-26, 2022

What's Wrong?

Here are some of the safety issues from last month's "What's Wrong With This Picture?"

Some other problems many of you found included:

- Door on First Aid kit is broken;
- Debris on floor under ladder;
- Pallet on floor is broken;
- Air hose on floor is a trip hazard;
- Items on edge of table could fall off;
- Broken or missing rungs on ladder.

Thanks to all of you who took the time to respond!

Congratulations to all those sharp eyes!

Boxes stacked unevenly	Floor opening not guarded	Worker standing under raised load	Worker on unstable boxes	Driving forklift with blocked view
Wedge under ladder	No three point climb	Using compressed air to clean off clothes	Throwing a hammer	Water spilled on floor

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Be sure to look for next month's issue for a new photo in our "What's Wrong With This Picture?" feature.