



Safety Alliance Updates

In Conjunction with the OSHA Alliance

OSHA Alliance News

The Alliance consistent focus on safety awareness exemplifies our dedication to aid the outside industry employers and employees achieve and maintain an “Injury Free and Healthy Work Place”. An “Injury Free and Healthy Work Place” is not a catchy headline. It’s an attitude, a conscious effort, an aspiration, and a noble commitment to one another and most importantly to our families. To ensure that our pledges are guaranteed, the Alliance participants are firmly committed to assist each employer and its employees achieve an incident free work place by establishing several goals for the program in 2011.

The first goal is to host the 2nd Southeast Regional Safety Stand Down. This stand down will be held on Janu-

ary 11, 2011 at the start of each shift and will conclude approximately 30 to 45 minutes thereafter. The topic for this event will be “Slips, Trips, and Falls”.

The second goal is to continue to promote the Alliance through exhibit and speaking engagements. Promotion equals interest and by expressing the fundamental focus of our program to others, it may enable them to elevate the safety awareness in their respective programs.

The third goal is to continue to disseminate the quarterly newsletter. This avenue of correspondence keeps everyone informed of the Alliance activities and is a very powerful tool that provides direct communication to you. Some may dismiss this form of communication as old fashion or corny, but think

about it, a newsletter delivers information right to the heart of your business. We will continue to deliver the newsletter to you on a quarterly basis and hope that you will enjoy the information it contains.

As a final point, closing out 2010 is just as important as beginning 2011, so I will leave you with some popular New Year resolutions for you to consider as the year comes to an end.

1. Spend more quality time with family
2. Get fit
3. Lose weight
4. Quit smoking
5. Enjoy life more
6. Quit drinking
7. Debt reduction
8. Learn something new

2011 Meeting Dates:

March 2 Alliance meeting

May 11 Alliance meeting

August 17 Alliance meeting

November 9 Alliance meeting

Safety Thought:

“Open the door to safety: Awareness is the key!”

Author Unknown

2011 Safety Stand Down:

- **Date:** January 11, 2011
- **Topic:** “Slips, Trips, & Falls”
- **Target:** Southeast, Region IV
- **Focus:** Contributing Factors and What You Can Do To

One of the most popular pieces of equipment used by deer hunters is a tree stand. Tree stands can be dangerous if they are used incorrectly or carelessly. Nationally, one in three hunting injuries involves a tree stand. Falls from tree stands can be caused by a variety of factors, including a weakness in the stand's structure and incorrect installation. Hunters also may fall asleep while on their stands. Tree stands can also be a factor in other hunting accidents, including injury from accidental firing of a loaded firearm while the hunter is climbing to the stand. To help prevent these accidents, follow these safety precautions:

44% of Hunting Accidents Are Tree Stand Accidents

- Never carry equipment with you while climbing. Use a haul line to raise or lower your gear. Make sure guns are unloaded and broad heads are covered prior to raising or lowering firearms or bows with a haul line.
- Since most accidents occur when hunters are climbing up or down a tree, always use a climbing belt. Always use a safety belt or harness when hunting from elevated tree stands. Study manufacturer's recommendations before using any equipment. Never use a rope to replace a safety belt.
- Check permanent tree stands every year before hunting from them, and replace any worn or weak lumber.
- Read, understand and follow the factory recommended practices and procedures when installing commercial stands. Inspect portable stands for loose nuts and bolts each time they are used.
- Choose only healthy, living trees when using climbing devices. Rough-barked trees such as oak are best. Do not use a tree that is rotten or has dead limbs.
- Never put all your weight on a single branch. Keep at least one hand and one foot on a secure place when reaching for the next hold.
- Climb higher than the stand and step down onto it. Climbing up onto it can dislodge it.
- Wear boots with non-skid soles, because steps or platforms can be slippery in rain, sleet or snow.
- Tell a dependable person where you're hunting and when you plan on returning. Map your whereabouts and leave a note at camp, at home or in your car so that you can be found.
- Don't fall asleep. This is a common cause of accidents. If you get drowsy, move your arms rapidly until you feel alert.
- Never wear a ring in any climbing situation. Rings can catch on tree limbs and equipment.
- As a precautionary measure, remove all logs, upturned and cutoff saplings, rocks and other obstructions on the ground below the tree stand.
- Use updated equipment. When used properly, newer tree stand equipment is solid, safe and secure. Older models of safety belts offer some protection, but newer safety harnesses offer more protection.



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