

OSHA OVERVIEW MODULE II

WORK SMART – BE SAFE

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OVERVIEW

This course will describe some of the common safety and health issues such as lifting, slips and falls, bloodborne diseases, biological hazards, hazards associated with electrical equipment, chemicals and workplace violence. The goal is to increase your awareness of these hazards and describe what you can do to protect yourself.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Lesson 1 ~ Ergonomics

Ergonomics is the study of how to improve the fit between the physical demands of the workplace and the employees who perform the work.

Lesson 2 ~ Biological and Infectious Agents

An infection is an illness caused by germs, such as viruses, bacteria, parasites, and fungi. You must follow strict measures to prevent infections from spreading. These measures are called Universal or Standard Precautions.

Lesson 3 ~ Slips, Trips and Falls

Many injuries in long-term care facilities result from slips, trips and falls.

Lesson 4 ~ Portable Ladders

Each year thousands of workers are seriously injured when they fall from ladders.

Lesson 5 ~ Electrical Safety

Electricity is dangerous. To work with electricity safely, it is necessary to understand how it works, how it can harm you and what safety precautions you must take.

Lesson 6 ~ Machine Guarding

Moving machine parts have the potential for causing severe workplace injuries such as crushed fingers or hands, amputations, burns and blindness. Safeguards are essential for protecting workers from these needless and preventable injuries.

Lesson 7 ~ Lockout

Locking out machinery and equipment before maintenance or repair is an essential element of protecting you and your coworkers from the unexpected start up of the machine or equipment.

Lesson 8 ~ Chemicals and Hazard Communication

Long-term care facilities use chemicals. It is very important that you know and follow the instructions regarding the safe use of these products.

Lesson 9 ~ Workplace Violence

It is important to remember that even the most respectful environment can experience incidents of workplace violence.