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Safety Tip

Safety Awareness

Webster says that Safety is "the condition of being safe from undergoing or causing hurt, injury, or loss". For us, safety is this and much more.

Our employees are on the front lines every day. Constantly faced with danger and the opportunity for injury. The single largest challenge for us is **awareness**. As humans, we develop habits...and complacency. When we, for instance, enter the same work area ten days in a row, we become familiar with the space. Familiarity breeds complacency. The area may have changed since yesterday (or in the last 5 minutes), the area may have inherent safety hazards that are ignored due to our familiarity / complacency. As a result, injuries may, and do, occur. UMC has a safety incentive program, three full-time safety professionals, a commitment to safety from the entire management group, a policy of providing the required PPE and safety supplies without question, bar none.

Yet we still experience injuries.

The State of Washington and the insurance companies develop statistical standards for the acceptable number of injuries for a company...really. So let's ask ourselves, what is an acceptable number of injuries for University Mechanical Contractors, Inc. employees this year? The question is not only silly, it is morbid! The only answer is ZERO.

When you go to your workplace tomorrow, the next day and every day after that, PLEASE, become aware of your surroundings, and mitigate any unsafe conditions. If you are unable to mitigate an unsafe condition, **don't go there**. Notify your supervisor and our safety director and we will act on your behalf.

If you are interested in additional safety training, you have safety questions, concerns, comments, or any ideas on how to improve UMC's safety program and/or our industry safety, please call Jim Schick, Brian Van or Jerry Bush.

Be safe.

If you have any questions, please ask Jim Schick or Brian Van in our safety department.

Welcome to UMC!

Alan Spencer started working for UMC on 10/14 as a *Detailer* on the Reno Washoe Medical Center project. Alan came to UMC from the Veterans Affairs Center where he worked as an Engineering Technician. Prior to this, Alan worked for Mt. Rose Heating and Air and Beutler Heating and Air. Alan enjoys fishing and camping.

Dean Cresanta started working for UMC on 10/14 as a *Systems Administrator*. Dean came to UMC from SASCO Electric where he worked as a Technology Administrator for 5 years. Prior to this Dean worked for Martis Valley Associates as Office Manager/Network Administrator, Nevada Policy Research Institute as Administrator, and The Residential Reformation as an AV/Technician/Apprentice Electrician. Dean is a private pilot and enjoys scuba diving.

Please stop by or drop an email to give them a UMC welcome!

Project Spotlight

Jim Dickson gives us this update on **Horizon House, Phase II**

UMC is providing Design-Build services for the Horizon House project located on Capitol Hill in Seattle. We will be providing all plumbing, HVAC piping and sheetmetal on the project. Our total contract is \$8.7 million. Phase 1 is complete. The scope included demolishing two six-story buildings, adding a new commercial kitchen, remodeling a wing to support dementia patients and building infrastructure to support Phase 2. Phase 2 underground installation will begin in December. Phase 2 scope includes adding a new 19-story tower containing 100 residential units. Below the tower are 8 levels containing 50 Assisted Living Units, a commercial pool and spa, gym, dental and therapy areas, chapel, support areas and an underground parking garage. The project will be complete in spring 2007.

UMC Halloween – A Howling Success!

We had a great turnout at the UMC Halloween kids Trick or Treat at the office. We has a variety of great costumes, ranging from scary to cute. Thanks go out to **Lisa Bigler**, who did a great job of setting up a photo stand complete with hay bales, huge homegrown pumpkins, compliments of Gary Morgan and photos taken by Doug Smith. A good time was had by all!



The Fab shop pumpkin



Linda Barnhart's Witches brew



Owen Welling's crime scene

Quotable Leader

"Whether you think that you can, or that you can't, you are usually right."

- Henry Ford (1863-1947)
