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ISSUE HIGHLIGHTS:

Hurry Up Can Hurt

In the same way that race cars are marked with racing stripes, people who race on the job are marked with cuts, bruises and bandages. Almost all of us have been guilty of racing through a job at one time or another.

The article on the right gives some examples of "hurry up acts". Let's see which ones we've practiced lately:

Automotive Lifts "Safety Tips"

The safe use of automotive lifts is extremely important in order to prevent employee injuries and damage to customers' vehicles. According to the records compiled by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), operator error, lack of training, and lack of maintenance are the primary causes of accidents involving automotive lifts.

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Hurry Up Examples

- Didn't wear safety glasses because the job would only take a few minutes.
- Didn't use the proper lockout procedures because no one was around and it was easy to fix alone.
- Took a short cut between machinery and stockpiles of materials.
- Used a wrench instead of a hammer because the hammer was in the tool box on the other side of the room.
- Cut the grounding prong of a three-way ground wire plug because there wasn't an adapter.
- Removed a guard to repair the machine or prepare it for a special run and didn't get around to putting it back yet.

Does any of this sound familiar? Or are these things that only other people do? Often when we race through a job, nothing bad happens. Sometimes we may experience a "near miss". However, eventually a serious injury will happen because it is only a matter of time. Is it worth risking our eyes our limbs or our life or someone else's to save a few minutes on the job?

When we hurry up on the job we are often not only speeding up our work but speeding up our chances of having an accident.

Let's review some safe working practices:

- Use personal protective gear when necessary.
- Take the extra steps needed to do the job properly.
- Always use the correct tool for the job.
- Check to make sure safety guards are in place.
- Follow lockout/tagout procedures as if a life depends on it - it does!
- Keep the worksite tidy.
- Return tools to their proper place.
- Use proper lifting techniques.
- Be alert to ways in which the workplace can be safer.

Remember, practice safety. Don't learn it by accident

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Automotive Lifts “Safety Tips”

The following “safety tips” should help increase employee safety awareness, which should reduce operator errors that could result in lift accidents.

- Inspect your lift(s) daily. Never operate a lift if it malfunctions or if it has broken or damaged parts. Repairs should be made with original equipment parts.
- Operating controls are designed to close when released. Do not block open or override them.
- Understand the lift capacity. Never overload your lift. Manufacturer’s rated capacity is shown on the name-plate affixed to the lift.
- Only trained personnel should be allowed to use the lift.
- Never raise the lift with someone inside the vehicle or on the lift. Customers or by-standers should not be in the lift area during operation.
- Always keep lift area free of obstructions, grease, oil, trash and other debris.
- Before driving vehicle over lift, position arms and supports to provide unobstructed clearance. Do not hit or run over lift arms, adapters, or axle supports. This could damage the lift or vehicle.

Reference: Automotive Lift Institute. Alliance- An OSHA Cooperative Program. ALI-OSHA-ST-08

- Load vehicle on lift carefully. Position lift supports to contact at the vehicle manufacturer’s recommended lifting points. Raise lift until supports contact vehicle. Check supports for secure contact with vehicle. Raise lift to desired working height. CAUTION: If you are working under vehicle, lift should be raised high enough for locking device to be engaged.

- Note that with some vehicles, the removal (or installation) of components may cause a critical shift in the vehicle’s center of gravity, and result in raised vehicle stability. Follow the manufacturer’s service manual for recommended procedures when performing these operations.

- Before lowering a vehicle from the lift, check to make sure that the lift area is free of tools, stands, bystanders, etc. Release locking devices before attempting to lower lift.

- Before removing the vehicle from lift, reposition the lift arms and supports to provide an unobstructed exit.

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