

Safety Newsletter

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This Month's Topic: Crews, Worksites, and Automotive Equipment

- ✓ Check for the proper use of employee and public safety items, i.e., cones, barricades, work signs, chocks and any other devices on equipment at job site locations.
- ✓ Ensure all field personnel at job site wear proper PPE, and is in good condition and stored properly when not in use.
- ✓ Inspect motors, engines, compressors and other equipment for safety hazards, i.e., guards, frayed cords, etc.
- ✓ Flammable liquid containers shall be properly stored and secured.
- ✓ Ensure First Aid / Blood borne kits are available at job site and contain necessary supplies, and current medical bulletin is available.
- ✓ Check firefighting equipment on equipment or vehicles for date of last inspection, gauge pressure when possible and/or water levels i.e. "Indian Packs".
- ✓ Inspect trenches and other excavations for shoring and other safe working conditions / requirements. Refer to PG&E Code of Safe Practices Section 13 Rule 1318, and Excavation Safety Manual part 3 for shoring requirements.
- ✓ Check for general safety of vehicles and/or equipment, i.e., lights, brakes, safety restraints, hitches, tires, etc.
- ✓ Observe general housekeeping of vehicles, equipment, or storage areas, for any unsafe conditions.
- ✓ Observe any power tools being used are properly grounded and/or secured by safety chains and found to be in good working condition.
- ✓ Review all equipment operator qualifications and licenses (i.e.: excavators, boom trucks, etc).
- ✓ PG&E Code of Safe Practices Section 13 Rule 1313 requires field personnel at job sites to wear suitable clothing to minimize personal injury, including shirts with full-length sleeves rolled down, orange vests, hard hats, eye protection, sunscreen, dehydration protection, and, when applicable, company-provided toe guards.



Remember...

Employees shall follow the rules in PG&E's Code of Safe Practices Section 3 Rule 301 whenever driving a Company vehicle, privately owned vehicle under contract to the Company, or whenever the employees are being compensated for the use of a vehicle on a mileage or salary basis by the Company.

"Remember to stay safety-driven at all times. Every one of us has work/stop authority and we should never put anything else above safety. Good housekeeping practices are the first step in promoting safety and preventing accidents. Be aware of your surroundings and keep eye contact with equipment operators when working in their areas. The goal at the end of the day is to see everyone go home to their families and loved ones. Stay Safe!"

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