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Newsletter of the American Society of Safety Engineers
Greater Boston Massachusetts Chapter

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Remi Fleurette

Each year during the holiday season I take a moment to reflect upon my life over the past year and assess how things went. The images of the past twelve months pass through my mind; images of new acquaintances, images of friends and family that have passed, and images of special places that will always be recorded in the recesses of memory. During my reflection I address the challenge of emphasizing the positive memories over those not so pleasant ones capable of consuming the heart, soul and mind not allowing for happiness to enter.

As I look back over my first 4+ months with ASSE I go through the same process. There have been several recent successes. Our first technical meeting of the year brought 40 ASSE and non ASSE members together to discuss electrical safety in the workplace. Our recent membership survey received over 150 responses with criticisms, suggestions, and potential new volunteers capable of reinvigorating the Chapter. These are just two examples of many positive experiences.

But as I said earlier, it is also a time to say good-bye to some old friends who have moved on to new opportunities or in search of new climates. On that note, I regret to inform the membership that Melissa Merrill has tendered her resignation as our President Elect. Melissa is expecting her first child at the end of May '07 and has decided that her work and home commitments might be a bit overwhelming once her first child arrives. Over the past few years, Melissa has provided many contributions to our Chapter and her leadership will be missed.

Melissa has offered to contribute to the Chapter in a reduced role, and I will be assessing what opportunities will best fit Melissa's availability. This will mean that another nomination committee will have to be formed to identify a new President Elect. Anyone who has a nomination they would like to make should contact me as soon as possible with their nomination. In the meantime, I would like to ask that you all join me in wishing Melissa the best of luck as she undertakes the most important job of all, motherhood.

Looking forward to the future, we have a technical meeting scheduled for December 14th entitled "The new Hexavalent Chromium Standard: It's Review and Implementation". Past President Eric Stager will lead the Chapter through the new hexavalent chromium standard and provide implementation strategies. We look forward to Eric's presentation and hope that you will join us at the Best Western TLC Hotel in Waltham.

January brings us our annual joint meeting with the AIHA. This year we are scheduling presentations by representatives from the EPA and OSHA. This is always a well attended meeting, so be certain to sign up early. Watch your e-mail and the website for details about the meeting.

Until we meet again, I would like to wish you and yours a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I hope that all of you experience the joys associated with the Holiday Season, and I look forward to serving you as we enter 2007.

Yours in Safety,
Remi Fleurette
Greater Boston Chapter President 2005-2006



GBC Technical Meeting Announcement

“The new Hexavalent Chromium Standard: It’s Review and Implementation”

Thursday, December 14th, 2006

Where: Best Western TLC Hotel in Waltham, MA
380 Winter Street, Waltham MA
781-890-4996

Speaker: Eric Stager, Past President

When: Thursday, December 14th, 2006
5:30 PM - Registration, Networking & Cash Bar
6:00 PM - Dinner
6:30 PM - Program begins
8:30 PM - Q & A, Wrap Up

Cost: \$30 for members; \$35 for non-members;
\$10 for students; Add \$5 for walk-ins and late registrations (after 12/11).

RSVP: Please respond no later than Monday, December 11th by email (preferred) to Tom Rich trich@walshbrothers.com or call 617.438.6468

The new hexavalent chromium standard became effective on November 27, 2006. Are you ready? Get a practical review of the standard and learn some of the required items in the standard along with an Industrial Hygienist’s Perspective on Sampling under the new methodology.

Since dinner will be served at this meeting, pre-registration is required so we can get an accurate headcount for the meeting. Join us for an evening of networking, camaraderie, and some great information! Please contact Tom to sign up. Please note any special dietary needs. Cancellations received after December 12th and NO SHOWS will be charged the full amount due to the cost of the catered meal. Note that this meeting is sponsored by ASSE’s Management Practice Specialty.

We need to get a headcount ahead of time, so please RSVP now!



GBC/NEAIIHA Joint Technical Meeting

Wednesday, January 17th, 2007

Representatives from the EPA and OSHA will be presenting updates from their respective agencies. Sign up early this is always a well attended meeting. Be sure to check your e-mail and the GBC website for details about the meeting.

Tim Irving is the Compliance Assistance Specialist (CAS) working in the OSHA Braintree area office. Previously Tim worked as a Compliance Safety and Health Officer on the construction strategic team. Prior to joining OSHA in 2001 he worked as a safety coordinator on some of the largest building projects in Boston such as the Moakley Federal Courthouse and Millennium Place.

Tim holds both journeyman and master electrician licenses and before making the transition into the safety field he ran his own electrical contracting firm in Boston. He has his degree in management from the University of Massachusetts and has earned professional designations in risk management, construction safety and is a Certified Safety Professional.

Tim will present an update on OSHA’s current enforcement and Compliance Assistance efforts in New England. The program will also review statistics and the most cited violations for both construction and general industry.

Where: Holiday Inn Select, Woburn
15 Middlesex Canal Park Road
Woburn, MA 01801
781-935-8760

Speaker: Tim Irving,
OSHA Compliance Assistance Specialist

When: Wednesday, January 17th, 2007

5:00pm - 5:30pm Registration and Networking
 5:30pm - 6:30pm *OSHA Update* presented by
 Timothy Irving, ARM CSP
 [Compliance Assistance Specialist - OSHA]
 6:30pm - 7:30pm Dinner and Sponsor
 Presentation by Industrial Protection Svcs.
 7:30pm - 8:30pm *Emergency Response: Are You
 Prepared?* presented by Len Wallace
 [Environmental Scientist - EPA]
 8:30pm - 9:00pm Final Announcements and
 Closings Comments

Cost: \$30 for members; \$35 for non-members;
 \$10 for students; Add \$5 for walk-ins and late
 registrations (after 1/10).

Menu: Dinner will be buffet style and will in-
 clude toss garden salad, fresh fruit salad, chicken
 marsala, broiled scrod, pasta primavera, rice pilaf,
 Italian green beans, fresh baked rolls and
 butter, assorted desserts, coffee, tea, decaf &
 iced tea.

RSVP: Please respond no later than Wednesday,
 January 10th by email (preferred) to Tom Rich
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GBC Once Again To Host ASP Workshop

If you are planning to obtain your Associate Safety Professional (ASP) designation, ASSE's Greater Boston Chapter is again coordinating a workshop to help you prepare for the exam. The ASP Safety Fundamentals Exam Preparation Workshop class is scheduled for **March 20th-22nd, 2007**. The class will be held at EMC Corporation in Hopkinton, Massachusetts. The GBC continues to offer this class at a low price...you won't find it cheaper anywhere else!

The ASP Workshop is an excellent tool for preparing for the ASP, and provides real test questions. In past years, the ASP workshop has been a huge success. Several ASSE members and non-members have attended and successfully completed the class, which is again being taught by the nation-

ally recognized Langlois, Weigand and Associates. So many students have gone on to obtain their ASP designation! Due to its success, the Boston chapter anticipates the class will fill up quick. ASSE members can attend for \$595, while non-members can attend for \$625. Pre-registration and payment is required by 2/1/07. Each student is given a fact-filled study guide with real test questions. And, for the purposes of the class, the instructors will provide each student with a scientific calculator.

Don't miss out on this opportunity!

Course Information Summary:

ASP Workshop - March 20-22, 2007-Hopkinton, MA

\$595-ASSE members, \$625 non-members

Call Kevin Biernacki, CSP, for further information: 508-293-6556.



NFPA World Safety Conference and Exposition

June 3-7, 2007

Pre-conference Seminars June 1-2
 Boston, Massachusetts

The most important event of the year for professionals in fire protection, life safety, electrical, and security is headed to the new Boston Convention & Exhibition Center.

Choose from over 120 pertinent education sessions in 11 tracks including the new Fire Protection Engineering track sponsored by the Society of Fire Protection Engineers (SFPE) and sessions in the expanded necforum™ track

For details please visit:

www.nfpa.org/categoryListWSCE.asp?categoryID=1059



Are Employers Liable for Their Employees' ID Theft?

Submitted By *Jim Edholm*,
President of Business Benefits Insurance

Most employers probably agree that Identity Theft threatens their employees. But their businesses? Not so many alarm bells on that. There should be.

Under an obscure Federal Law, employers can be held liable for the entire loss an employee suffers – if the loss arises through the business. The Fair Access to Credit Transactions Act (FACTA), passed in 2003 imposes this burden. Recently, fewer than 13% of surveyed employers even knew about the law; fewer still had taken any preventive steps.

Under FACTA, the employer penalties can be severe:

- Federal and State Fines of up to \$2,500 per occurrence.
- Civil liability of \$1,000 per occurrence.
- Class action lawsuits with no statutory limitation.
- Payment of the actual losses of the employee (\$92,893 average per incident, according to USA Today)

Additionally, the average ID Theft victim takes more than 40 and frequently as many as 600 hours to restore his identity. You, the employer, pay for much of that time, and his problems become water-cooler conversation, further diminishing productivity. One study in CIO Magazine (*The Coming Pandemic*, 5/15/06) showed that “companies on average spend 1,600 work hours per incident at a cost of \$40,000 to \$92,000 per victim.”

Does the employer have a solution? Yes and no. While a determined perpetrator can often get what they want despite the security system, you can make it tougher for them.

- First, secure the company technical systems against hackers. Security and IT department or consultant can establish appropriate security systems, create passwords, and limit access to sensitive files.
- Second, establish written guidelines for physical handling of non-public information (NPI). Shred no longer needed NPI-containing documents (a FACTA requirement), and train employees who deal with such information to be sure to lock files and leave desktops clean when they aren't present.
- Third, you may not be subject to the Graham, Leach, Bliley Act, but you can easily adopt their suggested steps. Further, the Federal Trade Commission, (assigned prosecutors of ID Theft) has suggested an additional employee-benefit related approach. The combined steps are:

1. Appoint a Security Officer (if you haven't already)
2. Adopt a written privacy plan for NPI
3. Train all employees handling NPI in the correct procedures.
4. Require employees to attend mandatory training on ID Theft via an employee benefit educational plan.
5. Under that plan allow employees to purchase ID Theft protection products via salary withholding.

By adopting these steps, your company benefits three ways. First, because the protection reduces the employees' losses, your liability will also drop. Second, with the right product, employees who do lose their identity will spend fewer work hours straightening out their messes. And finally, if multiple employees become victims in a short period, it should raise a red flag about your internal security... allowing you to attack the problem and find the perpetrator sooner.

Jim Edholm is president of BBI, an Andover, MA benefits design firm working with medium-sized companies. BBI has produced a publication, “19 Ways to Protect Your Company, Your Customers and Your Employees from Identity Theft.” You may obtain copies of this by emailing your request to info@bbibenefits.com or by calling Jim at (978) 474-4730.



Alliance Creates Opportunities for CPR Instructors and Healthcare Professionals

*Submitted by David Hiltz
Sr. Regional and Commercial Account Manager
American Heart Association*

How do I become an American Heart Association instructor?

For all the latest Instructor information, visit the [AHA Instructor Network](#).

At the American Heart Association, our time, effort and funding go to research, training and education in emergency cardiovascular care and the prevention of stroke and heart disease. Our courses are universally recognized as the standard in ECC education. Our courses offer the most current materials, based on cutting-edge research.

When you sign up to be an instructor, you'll have the support of the largest, leading organization dedicated to ECC. Because we are a nonprofit organization, you can take pride in the fact that every dollar the American Heart Association receives goes back into the research and support of ECC. Call us today for more information about becoming an instructor. We're all in it for life.

Become a Heartsaver instructor and commit to saving lives in your community!

Did you know that most cardiac emergencies occur outside a hospital setting? When emergencies strike in the workplace, community or home, and co-workers, community members, friends or loved ones know how to respond quickly, more lives can be saved!

American Heart Association Heartsaver instructors teach lifesaving CPR, AED (automated external defibrillator) and first aid courses for the non-medical community. Heartsaver instructors

are not required to have a medical background to teach.

Become an instructor for any of our healthcare provider courses:

- ACLS - Advanced Cardiac Life Support
- ACLS-EP - Advanced Cardiac Life Support for Experienced Providers
- BLS-HCP - Basic Life Support for Healthcare Professionals
- PALS - Pediatric Advanced Life Support

General requirements to be an AHA instructor:

1. A current AHA provider card for the course you wish to teach.
2. A letter of recommendation to be an instructor from an affiliate/regional or course faculty member (not required for Heart-saver).
3. Letter from a Training Center Coordinator indicating that the TC will accept you as an instructor.
4. Willingness to teach the scientific and program guidelines of the American Heart Association.
5. Commitment to teach two courses per year according to AHA guidelines.

The *Family & Friends CPR Anytime Personal Learning Program* allows families, friends and the general public - those who most likely would never attend a traditional CPR course - to learn the core skills of CPR in just 22 minutes using their own personal kit.

The kit contains everything needed to learn basic CPR, and skills can be learned anywhere, from the comfort of a family home to a large community group setting. Also, at under \$30, the CPR Anytime kit is a cost-effective way for the entire family to learn CPR at home. This kit does not provide certification in CPR.

Each *Family & Friends CPR Anytime* kit contains:

- A personal, inflatable CPR manikin - "Mini Anne"
- CPR Anytime Skills Practice DVD
- An American Heart Association *CPR for Family and Friends* booklet
- Accessories for the program

The American Heart Association is the recognized authority in resuscitation science and training. Our courses are delivered through a national

training network that ensures quality, because we understand the importance of having convenient and consistent training across multiple locations.

Courses for the workplace include Heartsaver CPR, Heartsaver AED, Heartsaver First Aid, and Heartsaver Pediatric First Aid. There is also a newly developed Heartsaver First Aid Online course that provides a flexible, self directed learning option for the workplace.



Do You Know the ABCs of Career Change?

*Submitted by Deborah Walker, CCMC
Career Coach - Resume Writer
AlphaAdvantage*

Making a career change is one of the toughest job-search challenges. For clarification, "career change" means much more than "job change." A career change means choosing a completely new profession or industry. A "job change" is simply changing employers within the same industry and profession.

Why do people change careers? The two main reasons are:

- The industry or occupation becomes obsolete (or is outsourced overseas)
- Job dissatisfaction (If you dread going to work on Monday morning, you're probably in this category.)

What makes a career change so difficult? After all, most job seekers attempting a career change know exactly why they would do well in a new profession or industry. The problem comes down to communication. Most job seekers have difficulty communicating in their resume their ability to excel in a new career. Resumes, by definition, focus on career experience (history), but career changers need employers to see their expertise

(current skills) in order to be viewed as a viable candidate.

If you are attempting a career change, it becomes easier when you understand the ABC's of career change:

- A: Assess
- B: Bridge
- C: Communicate

Assess what you want changed.

Before you can make a successful change, you must decide what needs changing. Is it the duties you perform? Your overbearing boss? Your current geographic location? The industry you work in? The size of company you work for? The level of responsibility you hold? Once you pinpoint your exact source of unhappiness, you're on your way to making the correct choice for change.

Bridge the gap between what you've done and what you want to do.

The key to selling yourself based on your expertise rather than your experience is transferable skills. Transferable skills work like bridges to help you cross over from one industry to another or one occupation to another. Transferable skills are those skills you now possess that qualify you as a viable candidate for your career change.

Communicate your ability to excel in your new profession or industry.

Your resume is your front-line communication tool to prospective employers. No matter how well you interview, if your resume doesn't sell you, there won't be an opportunity to convince them in person. Use your accomplishments to prove the strength of your transferable skills, and you'll get interviews faster and with more enthusiasm.

An experienced career coach can help you apply these ABCs to your current resume and your interview skills. Once you practice the ABCs of career change you'll be on your way to changing your career and changing your life—for the better!

For more information please visit:
www.AlphaAdvantage.com

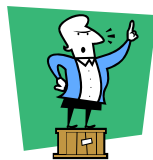


EPA Updates its Climate Change Website

From EPA -
Submitted by Kristin Hoffman
VP of Chapter Communications

EPA announced on Oct. 19 it is updating its climate change Web site. The site provides the latest scientific information and highlights a wide range of U.S. government programs that are addressing climate change at the local, state, national and international levels. The updated Web site still contains all information that was on EPA's global warming Web site but organizes it for easier access and adds new information.

Visitors to the site -- <http://www.epa.gov/climatechange> -- will find educational tools and information to help the public understand their personal impact on climate change, including a list of 30 steps people can take to reduce their emissions. Visitors also will find a calculator to help them estimate their "carbon footprint" -- the greenhouse gas emissions produced in the course of everyday activities.



EDITOR'S SOAPBOX

Submitted By David Paine

News and Notes

EPA Backtracks on Easing Toxin Rule

By *Juliet Eilperin*
Washington Post Staff Writer

Under pressure from Democratic senators, the Bush administration has modified its proposal to ease public reporting requirements for companies that handle or release toxic chemicals.

The Environmental Protection Agency has proposed new rules for the Toxics Release Inventory, an annual accounting of more than 650 chemicals that industry releases into the air, land and water. The changes would raise the threshold for reporting releases of toxic chemicals in detail from 500 to 5,000 pounds and would allow companies to report every other year instead of annually. For the entire article go to:

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2006/11/29/AR2006112901306.html?nav=emailpage>



Dump Trucks Focus of New Safety and Health Information Bulletin

From OSHA QuickTakes -

Preventing fatal accidents that can result from the unanticipated release or movement of an elevated truck bed is the subject of OSHA's latest [Safety and Health Information Bulletin](#). The bulletin includes discussion of three case histories in which employees died or were injured due to dump beds being improperly raised and propped for service or maintenance. In addition to construction and general industry requirements, the bulletin provides recommendations to help employers and employees ensure that elevated parts of heavy equipment are suitably supported from unexpected movement.

<http://www.osha.gov/dts/shib/shib091806.html>



OSHA Touts '05 Injury/Illness Rates

From OSHA QuickTakes -

The rate of workplace injuries and illnesses in private industry declined in 2005 for the third consecutive year, the Labor Department's Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) [reported](http://www.bls.gov/news.release/pdf/osh.pdf). (<http://www.bls.gov/news.release/pdf/osh.pdf>)

Approximately 4.2 million injuries and illnesses occurred in 2005. The number translates to a rate of 4.6 cases per 100 full-time employees, slightly less than the 4.8 rate reported last year. Secretary of Labor Elaine L. Chao said that "the announcement of workplace injuries and illnesses in 2005 were at an all-time low is more good news for America's workers and reflects the department's effective worker health and safety strategy: (1) compliance assistance; (2) health and safety partnerships with labor; and (3) targeted, aggressive enforcement against bad actors."



NIOSH Issues Mobile Crane Safety Alert

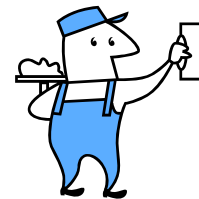
On Oct. 23, NIOSH issued an alert recommending actions to minimize the risk of injury and death to workers on or near mobile cranes. "Preventing Worker Injuries and Deaths from Mobile Crane Tip-Over, Boom Collapse, and Uncontrolled Hoisted Loads," reports on the deaths of eight workers and injuries to two who were working near or operating mobile cranes. The alert can be accessed at <http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/docs/2006-142>.



New OSHA QuickCard on Scaffolding

From OSHA QuickTakes -

Employers and employees who use scaffolding in the workplace will benefit from a new OSHA resource *Supported Scaffold* QuickCard ([English/Spanish](#)) features illustrations to accompany tips on inspecting scaffolds and scaffold parts. The card can be downloaded from OSHA's Web site on the [QuickCards page](#), or can be ordered by calling OSHA's publications office at (202) 693-1888.



NIOSH Report on Installing Drywall

NIOSH has issued a report, "Preventing Injuries from Installing Drywall." Its recommendations target especially overexertion and fall injuries, which are prevalent among drywall workers. The report can be found at <http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/docs/wp-solutions/2006-147/>.



EPA plans to close labs, drop scientists and reduce oversight

By David Goldstein
McClatchy Newspapers

WASHINGTON - The Environmental Protection Agency intends to close labs, cut its cadre of upper-level scientists and reduce regulatory oversight, according to an internal agency document.

In a memo dated June 8, a top agency official outlined "a set of proposed disinvestments, innovations, efficiencies and consolidations" for the upcoming 2008 fiscal budget.

"The decisions we make will be critical, difficult and will have long-term consequences," EPA Chief Financial Officer Lyons Gray wrote.

To view entire article please visit:

<http://www.kansascity.com/mld/kansascity/news/nation/15529682.htm>

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS UPDATE



AROUND NEW ENGLAND

NH 6446 2006 Proposed

Establishes emission limits for the following pollutants: particulate matter, carbon monoxide, sulfur dioxide, nitrogen oxides, lead, dioxins/furans, hydrogen chloride, cadmium, and mercury for small solid waste incinerators that are not yet covered by existing rules. Establishes the requirements for operator training, performance and compliance testing, monitoring and record-keeping and reporting.



ACTIVITIES ON BEACON HILL

Happenings on Beacon Hill

MA 8825 2006 Adopted 10/06/2006

Adds, deletes and otherwise amends review schedules and fees for air quality, solid waste, water supply, water pollution control, dental mercury amalgam collection and recycling programs.

MA S 2696 To Governor

Relates to inspection and certification of electrical substation air tanks on utility high voltage breakers; provides exemptions if the tanks bear the stamp of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, the substation is enclosed, locked and inaccessible to the public and the tanks are inspected in accordance with industry standards as determined by the board of boiler rules; relates to tanks used as part of electrical substations.



PRODUCT RECALLS

[MTD Southwest Inc. Recalls Troy-Bilt, Craftsman Chain Saws, Breaking Handles Pose Laceration Hazard](#)

The chain saw's plastic front handle can break during operation. If this occurs, the saw would be difficult to control and poses a risk for lacerations.

MTD has received two reports of consumers losing control of the saw when the handles broke during use. One consumer reported bruising to his elbow and the other received burns to his fingers after contacting the muffler when the chain saw he was using broke and he lost control of the saw.

These Troy-Bilt and Craftsman brand chain saws are powered by a two-cycle gasoline engine ranging in size from 46cc to 55cc. They are equipped with either an 18-inch or 20-inch bar. There are four Troy-Bilt models affected: 41AY00AR966, 41AY60AR766, 41AY90AR766 and 41AY08AR966.

There is one Craftsman "Incredi-Pull" model affected: a 55cc two-cycle gasoline engine with an 18-inch bar and model number 316.350840. The model number of the chain saw is located on the engine casing.

[Scott Electric Co. Inc. Recalls Counterfeit Circuit Breakers Due To Fire Hazard](#)

The counterfeit circuit breakers include Square D QO-series models 115, 120, 130, 160, 215, 230, 260, 1515, and 1520. Actual Square D circuit breakers have (a) the amp rating written on the handle in white paint on the front of the breaker; (b) on the side of the breaker, where wire terminal screw is located, the arc shoot opening should have squared corners with the bottom edge of the opening angled up; (c) the mounting clip should be yellow chromate with half of the top of the clip visible; and (d) the Square D insignia should be molded onto the breaker. If your Square D breaker does not match this description, it could be counterfeit.

[WMH Tool Group Inc. Recalls Wilton Mitre Saws for Laceration Hazard](#)

The recall involves all Wilton-brand, 10-inch Compound Mitre Saws, including models with the Laser Line feature with model numbers 99164 and 99192. The model number is written on a black label on the motor housing.

[DeWalt Recalls Framing Saws and Circular Saws for Laceration Hazard](#)

This recall involves DeWalt DW378G and DW378GT 7 ¼-inch framing saws with date codes 200301-49 through 200637-49. The model numbers for the framing saws are located on the side of the housing. The date code is located either on the name plate or under the handle near the power cord exit. Circular saws involved in this recall have model number DC300 with date codes 200601-49 through 200637-49. The model number on the circular saw is located on the name plate on the top of the motor housing. The date code on the circular saw is located on the underside of the motor housing.

Framing saws marked with a "V" on the underside of the handle near the cord set and circular saws marked with a "V" on the underside of the motor housing or under the handle where the battery is

inserted have already been repaired and are not involved in this recall.

[Streetlights Recalled by Beacon Products Due to Injury Hazard to Passersby](#)

The pendant-style outdoor lighting fixtures were installed by municipalities and developers as subdivision and/or downtown urban streetlights. The lighting fixtures typically appear along sidewalks and smaller avenues. They are made of aluminum and sold in various colors.

Some have glass covers. Recalled models include "Cambridge," "Capital," "Coal Miner," "Depot," "F-10 Fitter," "F-13 Fitter," "F-21 Fitter," "F-35 Fitter," "Kings Park," "Magna," "Maritas," "Miramar," "Metropolis," "Neptune," "Pierwalk," "Radial Wave" and "Tivoli."

[ITT Water Technology Inc. Expands Recall of Faulty Pumps for Fire Suppression Systems](#)

The recalled pumps are general in purpose, but are sometimes used in fire suppression systems. The pumps were sold under the Goulds Pumps, Bell & Gossett and Red Jacket Water Products brands.

The pumps can be identified by having Model NPE, NPO, MCC, MCS, SM or Series 3530 on their nameplate. Recalled pumps were manufactured between December 2005 and September 7, 2006. They have date code M05, A06, B06, C06, D06, E06, F06, G06, H06 or J06. The date code is the first three digits of the serial number on the pump nameplate.

[Sony Recalls Notebook Computer Batteries Due to Previous Fires](#)

These lithium ion batteries were sold with, or sold separately to be used with, the following notebook computer models:

The battery model can be found on the battery's label. Please visit the CPSC website for specific model numbers.

[Black & Decker Recalls Blower/Vacuums for Fire Hazard](#)

This recall involves Black & Decker model BV4000 Type 1 blower/vacs. The model and type number are printed on a name plate on the right side of

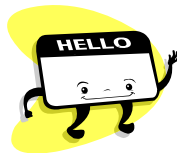
the unit. The blower/vacs have an orange housing and a black blower assembly.

MTD Two-Stage Compact Snow Throwers

MTD has received reports of 16 injuries, including fractured fingers, a broken toe, and facial lacerations.

The snow thrower has two wheels and comes in red, green, gray or black. Troy-Bilt, Yard Machines or Craftsman is printed on the snow thrower's housing. The model number is located on the snow thrower's rear frame. Please visit the CPSC website for specific model numbers.

For additional information about these and other consumer product recalls visit www.cpsc.gov.



UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION WITH ASSE

The most efficient method of communication with chapter members continues to be through electronic mailings and the continually updated GBC website - www.asseboston.com.

Please assist us in continuing to make contact with you electronically by keeping your contact information up-to-date with ASSE National, as we rely on National's roster to connect with you!

To update your contact information, call ASSE Customer Service, 847-699-2929 (8:30-5:00 CST), or log on to the "Members Only" area of www.asse.org and use the following steps:

1. Log onto www.asse.org. Click on the tab "Members Only" located at the top of the home page.
2. Once the "Members Only" page loads, you'll be prompted to login using your User ID (your member number) and Password (your last name).





3. Once you login, go to the top left of the screen and click on "ASSE Member Directory".
4. Click on the "Update Your Address" and once again enter your User ID and Password.
5. Proceed to fill out the change of address form and then click submit!



JOB SEARCH ASSISTANCE

ASSE has replaced the former Job line service with a new, more powerful employment tool. The new service is called Nexsteps - for job seekers and for companies looking to fill EHS positions. Browse through current positions or post a job listing for your company. The Next-steps website offers greater access to new job opportunities, so visit today at: www.nexsteps.org. In addition, the Greater Boston Chapter posts positions that may be of interest to members on the Chapter's website. To see current postings, go to: www.asseboston.com/jobposting.htm. To place a posting, please contact Steve Maffettone at Steve_Maff@members.asse.org.

Featured job opportunities posted on the GBC website include:

-  [Occupational Safety & Health Specialist](#)
-  [Environmental Health & Safety Specialist](#)
-  [Director of Workplace Safety & Health](#)
-  [Safety & Health Consultant](#)

To view the full job descriptions and company contact information of these opportunities and others please visit the GBC job posting website at the following web link:

<http://www.asseboston.com/jobposting.htm>



NEWSLETTER ARTICLES AND SUBMISSIONS

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