# LET'S TAKE A LOOK AT YOUR SAFETY COMPLIANCE

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### Your Goals

- You need and want to keep your workers safe
- You need to comply with OSHA standards
- Your safety program & work rules need to be understandable

### Three Questions

- 1. Do you have a written Safety Program?
- 2. Does it cover all potential hazard exposures for your employees?
- 3. Does it contain details on:
  - Safety training?
  - Safety enforcement?
  - Drug & alcohol-free workplace rules?

# 1926.20(b)

#### Accident prevention responsibilities.

### 1926.20(b)(1)

It shall be the responsibility of the employer to initiate and maintain such programs as may be necessary to comply with this part.

### 1926.20(b)(2)

Such programs shall provide for frequent and regular inspections of the job sites, materials, and equipment to be made by competent persons designated by the employers.

### Competent Person

1926.32(f)

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# 1926.20(b) (cont.)

#### Accident prevention responsibilities.

1926.20(b)(3)

The use of any machinery, tool, material, or equipment which is not in compliance with any applicable requirement of this part is prohibited. Such machine, tool, material, or equipment shall either be identified as unsafe by tagging or locking the controls to render them inoperable or shall be physically removed from its place of operation.

# 1926.20(b) (cont.)

#### Accident prevention responsibilities.

1926.20(b)(4)

The employer shall permit only those employees qualified by training or experience to operate equipment or machinery.

# 1926.21(b)(2)

The employer shall instruct each employee in the recognition and avoidance of unsafe conditions and the regulations applicable to his work environment to control or eliminate any hazards or other exposure to illness or injury.

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So, You have a Safety Manual.....

Are you in Compliance?

<u>NO</u>

# The language in your Safety Manual must be

### DIRECTIVE - NOT SUGGESTIVE

# Ladder Safety – Key Points

#### Wrong

 Employees "should not" carry anything in their hands when ascending or descending a ladder, if they do not feel they can do safety.

#### Correct

Employees SHALL not.....

# Ladder Safety – Key Points (cont.)

#### Wrong

 Do not set ladder up outside a door that opens outward unless door is blocked.

#### Correct

Do not set ladder up outside a door that opens outward.
OR-

"Unless you have the only key," which places you under 1926.21(b)(2)

# Ladder Safety – Key Points (cont.)

#### Wrong

 All ladders will be inspected at least one time a week or one time a month.

#### Correct

All ladders will be inspected before each use.

# Heat Illness Prevention – Key Points

#### Wrong

- Employees should acclimate to hot temperatures.
- We will have water on-site and employees should drink water when they feel they need it.
- Site Supervisor will recommend that employees take a rest break when they begin to feel the ill effects of a hot environment.
- We will provide shade.
- Employees will be trained on the dangers of working in a hot environment.

#### **READ THE TITLE OF THE SLIDE**

# Distracted Driving

#### Wrong

 Employee should not use their mobile phones while driving if they feel their use will create a hazard.

#### Right

Employees SHALL NOT use their mobile phones while driving.

### Hand Tools

#### Wrong

Employees should not drop start a chain saw.

#### Right

Employees SHALL NOT drop start a chain saw.

# Personal Protective Equipment

#### Wrong

 Employees should wear all required PPE, unless they feel it will create an additional hazard.

#### Right

Employees SHALL wear all required PPE.

Only the Site Supervisor or the Safety Director may make an exception to ANY safety rule, but only when compliance is technically not feasible or will create a greater hazard.

-AND-

Only when they can provide an effective means of making employees safe.

# Variance

29 CFR Section 1905.10

### Competent vs. Qualified Persons

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# Competent vs. Qualified Persons (cont.)

#### 1926.32(m)

**Qualified** means one who, by possession of a recognized degree, certificate, or professional standing, or who by extensive knowledge, training, and experience, has successfully demonstrated his ability to solve or resolve problems relating to the subject matter, the work, or the project.

### Competent vs. Qualified Persons (cont.)

#### **Scaffolding**

- Designed by a "Qualified Person"
- Erected, moved, modified, or dismantled by a "Competent Person"

### Competent vs. Qualified Persons (cont.)

#### Fall Protection Plan

- Prepared by a "Qualified Person" and site specific
- Changes approved by a "Qualified Person"
- Implementation under supervision of a "Competent Person"

# Drug-Free Workplace Program

Failure to have one

General Duty Clause?

# Let's Debunk Some Myths

 If I give my employees PPE, it is up to them to wear it, my responsibility has ended.

 After I have provided a safety orientation, my obligation to train has been fulfilled.

# Let's Debunk Some Myths (cont.)

- I can rely on my site safety person to ensure safety compliance on the jobsite.
  - ✓ Full-time safety
  - ✓ Site Supervisor (full-time supervisor)
  - ✓ Site Supervisor (working supervisor)

# Let's Debunk Some Myths (cont.)

 If I cannot economically comply with an OSHA standard, I can do whatever I think is necessary to protect my employees. You, the owner and/or the corporate entity, are 100% responsible to ensure safety compliance 100% of the time, on every jobsite.

# QUESTIONS?

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