

Flooding has had a major impact on a lot of industries, including construction this spring! With levels (finally!) starting to drop, it is expected that everyone wants to get back into the workplace and return to normal operations! However, there are many instances where injuries can occur during the clean-up process. Make sure your employees are aware of these hazardous situations during the “aftermath.”

Electrical Hazards:

- Always be on the lookout for energized electrical equipment
- Never enter a flooded area unless it has been rendered powerless (make sure to follow your lock-out / tag-out procedure!)
- Ensure that main breakers or fuses have been shut off before starting items such as generators (this will prevent feedback into power lines)
- Never work around downed power lines
- Never use electrical equipment while standing in water

Structural Hazards:

- Always conduct a pre-job hazard assessment!
- Never walk on surfaces or enter structures with flood damage until they have been determined safe to do so
- Leave the area immediately if you observe or hear any structural shifting

Contamination Hazards:

- Do not assume that flood water is clean water; it can often contain sewage and other contaminants that can cause illness or disease
- Use a bleach solution to disinfect items and surfaces that may have come into contact with flood waters (have a safe job procedure for assessing, controlling and monitoring chemical and biological substances)
- Never eat or drink anything that have been in contact with flood water

Hazardous Materials:

- Flooded areas can hold residues from agricultural, industrial or residential chemicals. Always conduct a pre-job hazard assessment and wear the appropriate personal protective equipment
- Be aware of hazardous materials that were stored in pipes, drums and tanks. These containers may have become damaged or dislodged
- Carbon monoxide can build up around equipment such as diesel-powered generators, pumps and pressure washers; avoid using this equipment indoors or in confined spaces
- Never handle a container that can not be identified. Contact professionals who can properly deal with hazardous materials and proper disposal

Explosion Hazards:

- Be aware of natural gas lines and other pipes in your work area
- Keep all sources of ignition away from these areas!
- Contact utility companies for assistance

Information from ohsinsider.com

Before you begin:

- ✓ It is the employer’s responsibility to ensure that all required PPE (hardhats, goggles, waterproof gloves, disposable gloves and respirators, depending on the job) is readily available. Employees must wear their PPE, take reasonable precaution to prevent damage to their PPE and inform their employer if replacements are required. PPE requirements must be clearly posted and communicated on every jobsite – *jobsite signs are available from CSAM for \$5.00*
- ✓ Safe job procedures must be in place to ensure that all work will be done safely. Workers must be aware of and trained in these procedures
- ✓ Conduct a pre-job hazard assessment to determine what hazards are present or could potentially exist. Establish control measures and communicate this information to everyone on the job! – *CSAM’s Safety H.I.T. list books are a simple, effective way to document and communicate hazards on the job*



Upcoming Training in Westman:

Principles of Safety Management – Tuesday, June 7	8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
WHIMIS / Train the Trainer – Tuesday, June 14	8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Leadership for Safety Excellence – Thursday, June 21 & Wednesday, June 22 (2 day course)	8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Safety Auditor Training – Tuesday, June 28	8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Please visit our website for more information and to register online!

SAFE ON SITE

COMING to a jobsite near YOU!!!!

This joint partnership between **SAFE Manitoba** and your **Construction Safety Association of Manitoba** was implemented in 2006 to provide contractors with information and resources to help identify, communicate and control hazards. From July to October, a SAFE on Site representative will be in the Westman area. Visit our website for more information or to set up a SAFE on Site appointment.

*The goal of **SAFE on Site** is to provide contractors with safety awareness and to actively assist with the understanding and implementation of a positive safety culture.*

DISCUSS:

- ✓ Safety information and resources available to contractors
- ✓ Legislation and your roles and responsibilities
- ✓ Emergency Planning
- ✓ Personal Protective Equipment
- ✓ Safety Health and Environment education and training

ASSIST:

- ✓ General Site Hazards
- ✓ Implementation of Safety Program
- ✓ Resolving safety concerns

ADMINISTER:

- ✓ Gather information on specific industry concerns
- ✓ Collect feedback on SAFE on site initiative
- ✓ Assess industry needs regarding education and training
- ✓ Develop information, resources and training to meet the needs of industry



Partnership of:



SPOT THE HAZARD
ASSESS THE RISK
FIND A SAFER WAY
EVERYDAY



3rd ANNUAL CSAM GOLF TOURNAMENT WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17th

Details coming soon.....

HAVE A SAFE MONTH!!



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