

1ST QUARTER SAFETY MEETING

The first quarter safety meeting of 2008 will be held on Tuesday, April 22nd at The Holiday Inn, Norwich at 5:30 pm. There will be a buffet meal followed by a brief presentation by Paul Bureau, the Risk Control Specialist from our Worker's Compensation Insurance Carrier.

This meeting begins the new opportunity for you to be entered into a biannual



drawing for a \$1500 gift card from Best Buy. This drawing will be held at the July meeting and

you will need to be present at both this meeting and the July one to be eligible. Don't miss out!!

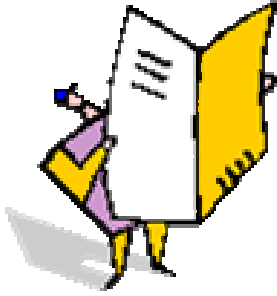
As always, there will be drawings for 8 - \$150 cash awards and a door prize.

Plan to join us on the 22nd.



"Our next speaker will talk about the importance of wearing hard hats."

Team Safety



Have you been reading your tool box talks???? Please take a couple of minutes and read these bits of valuable information. It will help us all consistently think SAFETY.

More About Hard Hats....

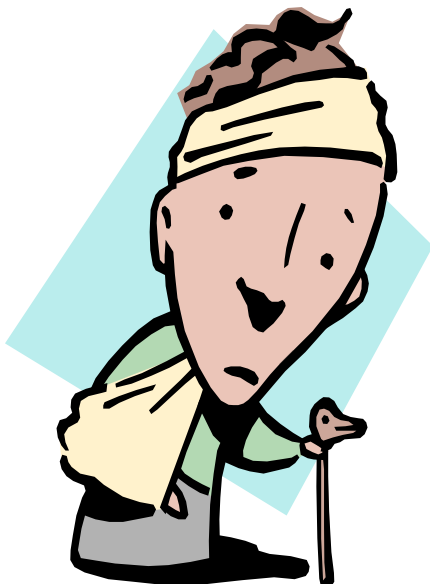
The hard hat, as it is commonly called, is the status symbol of a safe worker and of an employer who believes in accident prevention. Head protection is essential, particularly on construction projects, not only to protect the wearer against the hazard of falling material but also to guard against accidental bumping, which occurs frequently when working in close quarters.

National injury statistics show that the number of head injuries per year averages in the hundreds of thousands. That's a sad fact—and it's even sadder to realize that many of these injuries could have been prevented by the use of head protection.

There are two basic types of hard hats commonly used in industry today. One has a full brim that extends completely around the hat, giving the wearer maximum protection. The second is shaped like a cap and is normally used by workers who are assigned to a job in cramped quarters. It's important to determine which type is most suitable to the particular work being performed. OSHA regs call for using only hard hats that have been manufactured according to specified standards.

Approved hard hats protect the wearer by distributing the impact of a blow over a large area, the hat suspension acting as a shock absorber. A hard hat's effectiveness depends on the shock-absorbing space that exists between the shell and the wearer's head. This space is maintained by suspension straps. Therefore, it is important that seat bands and suspension straps be properly adjusted to obtain the maximum protection.

The materials commonly used in making the shells of hard hats are thermoplastics, glass fiber and resin, and special aluminum alloys. Today, the molded plastic hard hat can be obtained in a variety of colors, including some containing phosphorescent pigments that are especially adapted for night work and street work in which traffic hazards are



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present. Colors can be used to identify different crafts and supervisory personnel and should be encouraged and given consideration when the hats are being purchased.

The majority of construction projects of any size are posted as "Hard Hat Areas," and everyone should cooperate in observing this essential safety requirement. Your use of hard hats at work is encouraged at all times, not just when absolutely required. And all levels of supervision know that they should set the example by wearing them.

Remember, your hard hat is a status symbol. It identifies a safe worker—a worker who believes in safety and practices this belief.