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# Lake County Contractors Association Safety News

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**Safety Training** – For scheduled classes, check the enclosed 2003 Safety Training Reservation Form. For more information or to register on-line go to [www.lcca-il.org/events](http://www.lcca-il.org/events). The easiest way to get your employees trained is to let us schedule a class specifically for you. We will make sure the content is tailored to your employees and your industry.

Call Lisa at the LCCA Office for all your safety training needs.

**REMEMBER:** If you have ten or more (or will pay for 10 students) **we will bring the training to your office**, or a site of your choice, or hold your class at the LCCA Office.

First Aid, CPR, OSHA 10-Hour, Excavation Competent Person, Power Line, Confined Space, Respiratory Safety/Silica, Scaffold User or Competent Person, and much more are available for you. Since the LCCA Safety & Education Fund subsidizes the cost, the price is hard to beat.

Training dates are subject to our instructors' schedules, so if you want a particular date, call the LCCA Office as soon as possible.

**Worker Fraud** – Workers Comp Fraud results in billions of dollars in false claims. The following are some indicators that a more in-depth look is needed.

- Claim is made just before a strike, layoff or termination.
- Injury not reported promptly.
- No witnesses to the injury.
- Accident occurs late Friday or on Monday.
- Accident report is inconsistent with facts.
- Type of injury unusual for the type of job.
- Accident occurs in an area where the employee would not normally go.
- Employee is difficult to reach at home.
- Employee has a record of numerous suspicious claims.

## **EQUIPMENT RECALLS:**

**Makita Circular Saws** - In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, Makita U.S.A. Inc. is recalling about 180,000 circular saws. The lower blade guard of the saw can become jammed, which can result in the consumer coming in contact with the blade and suffering a serious injury.

The recall involves 7 1/4-inch circular saws with the model number 5740NB. The model number is located on the silver nameplate next to the name "Makita." The saw's housing is blue-green and the name "Makita" appears on the metal blade guard

and silver nameplate on the motor housing. The recalled saws were manufactured in China.

Home centers, hardware stores and industrial suppliers nationwide sold the circular saws from April 1998 to November 2002.

The circular saws are to be returned to a Makita factory service center for a free repair. For more information on how to return the saw or to locate the nearest Makita factory service center, consumers should contact Makita U.S.A. Inc. at (800) 462-5482 between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Note: This recall does not involve any 5740NB circular saws with an "N" preceding the serial number on the nameplate and a blue dot on the shipping carton.

**Milwaukee Electric Grinders** - In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, Milwaukee Electric Tool Corp. is voluntarily recalling about 24,000 electric grinders. The grinder's switch can stick in the "on" position, which could pose an injury hazard to consumers.

The recall includes the 15 Amp grinders that have a seven or nine inch disc and have the following catalog and serial numbers, which can be found on a nameplate on the top of the grinder:

6086-20 Serial Prefix 991A and 991B only  
6088-20 Serial Prefix 994A and 994B only  
6089-20 Serial Prefix 992A

The grinders were manufactured in the United States. Home centers, hardware stores, and industrial distributors nationwide sold these grinders from June 2001 through November 2002.

The grinders are to be returned to a Milwaukee factory service center or authorized power tool service center for a free repair. For more information, consumers can contact Milwaukee Electric Tool at (800) 414-6527 between 6 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. CT Monday through Friday.

Consumers can locate the nearest service center by visiting the firm's web site at [www.heavydutytool.com](http://www.heavydutytool.com) (the recall announcement on their site can be found at [www.milwaukeeertools.com/pdfs/15-amp-grinder-recall.pdf](http://www.milwaukeeertools.com/pdfs/15-amp-grinder-recall.pdf)).

## OSHA's Top 25 §1926 Citations (cited by frequency)

Here is a list of OSHA's top 25 construction citations for the period October 1, 2001 to September 30, 2002.

| <b>Section</b>      | <b>Description</b>   | <b>Total Violations</b> |
|---------------------|--|-------------------------|
| 1. .501(b)(1)       | Fall protection--Unprotected sides and edges               | 1968                    |
| 2. .100(a)          | PPE--Head protection                                       | 1537                    |
| 3. .451(g)(1)       | Scaffolding--Fall protection                               | 1260                    |
| 4. .652(a)(1)       | Excavations--Protection of employees in excavations        | 1139                    |
| 5. .451(e)(1)       | Scaffolding--Access  | 1043                    |
| 6. .501(b)(13)      | Fall protection--Residential construction                  | 962                     |
| 7. .451(b)(1)       | Scaffolding--Platform construction--Planking               | 961                     |
| 8. .453(b)(2)(v)    | Scaffolding--Aerial lifts--Fall protection                 | 901                     |
| 9. .21(b)(2)        | Safety training and education--Employer responsibility     | 898                     |
| 10. .503(a)(1)      | Fall Protection--Training program                          | 759                     |
| 11. .1053(b)(1)     | Ladders--Three foot extension above upper landing          | 723                     |
| 12. .454(a)         | Scaffolding--Training requirements                         | 588                     |
| 13. .501(b)(10)     | Fall protection--Roofing work on low-slope roofs           | 588                     |
| 14. .451(g)(1)(vii) | Scaffolding--Fall protection--Miscellaneous scaffold types | 556                     |
| 15. .20(b)(2)       | Accident prevention responsibilities--Jobsite inspections  | 544                     |
| 16. .451( c)(2)     | Scaffolding--Supported scaffolds--Base plates              | 531                     |
| 17. .20(b)(1)       | Accident prevention responsibilities--Necessary programs   | 518                     |
| 18. .651( c)(2)     | Excavations--Access and egress                             | 514                     |
| 19. .102(a)(1)      | PPE-Eye and face protection                                | 503                     |
| 20. .404(b)(1)(i)   | Electrical--Ground-fault protection                        | 500                     |
| 21. 1910.1200(e)(1) | Hazard communication--Written hazard communication program | 459                     |
| 22. .1052( c)(1)    | Stairways--Stairrails and handrails                        | 458                     |
| 23. .404(f)(6)      | Electrical--Wiring design and protection--Grounding path   | 436                     |
| 24. .651(k)(1)      | Excavations--Inspections                                   | 434                     |
| 25. .651(j)(2)      | Excavations--Loose rock or soil                            | 398                     |