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Safety Inspections Aboard Camp Lejeune

One vital mission of the Camp Lejeune Safety Department is to conduct comprehensive safety inspections for all commands, departments and tenants aboard the installation. The safety inspection process primarily ensures all employees work in a safe and healthful environment while simultaneously focusing on preserving facilities, materials and resources in order to accomplish the mission. Positive attitudes (at all levels) towards safe practices and preventive measures in the workplace reflect a safety culture of great significance. This mindset increases employee morale, encourages efficient and effective work practices and develops the “Safety First” mentality.

From January to June 2014, Safety Department personnel have inspected over 9,877 separate areas within a myriad of facilities ranging from warehouses, office spaces, maintenance shops, storage facilities, crawl spaces, etc. The number 1 discrepancy has been (high energy) electrical issues, which accounts for approximately 80% of all discrepancies. The second most common discrepancies are trip hazards. Below are the common noted discrepancies aboard Camp Lejeune. With a collective effort from everyone in the workplace, we must be diligent minimizing injuries and loss of assets. This will also help contribute to reducing our mishap rate aboard Camp Lejeune.

Common Electrical Issues:

- **1910.303(g)(1)(i)(A)**- The depth of the working space in the direction of access to live parts may not be less than *3ft*. Distances shall be measured from the live parts if they are exposed or from the enclosure front or opening if they are enclosed; *In all cases, the working space shall permit at least a 90-degree opening of equipment doors or hinged panels.*
- **29 CFR 1910 Power Strips - OSHA Directive OSHA Interpretation Letter 11/18/2002** – High Energy Appliances (i.e. refrigerators, coffee pots, microwaves, Portable heaters, etc.) **will not** be powered by extension cords or surge protectors.
- **29 CFR 1910 305(g)(1)(iv)** - Extension cords (flexible cords) may not be a substitute for the fixed wiring of a structure, ran through holes in walls, ceilings, or floors or run through doorways, windows, or similar openings.
- **29 CFR 1910 334(c)(2)** - Visual inspection. Test instruments and equipment for power cords and connectors. They shall be visually inspected for external defects and damage before the equipment is used. If there is a defect or evidence of damage that might expose an employee to injury, the defective or damaged item must be removed from service.
- **1910.304(b)(2)(iv)(A)** - Where a grounding means exists in the receptacle enclosure or a grounding conductor is installed, grounding-type receptacles shall be used and shall be connected to the grounding means or conductor

Common Trip Hazards:

- **29 CFR 1910 306(k)(2)(viii)** - Flexible cords and cables run on the ground, where accessible to the public walkways, shall be covered with approved nonconductive mats. Cables and mats shall be arranged so as not to present a tripping hazard.
- **29 CFR 1910 23(a)(8)** - Every floor hole into which persons can accidentally walk shall be guarded.
- **29 CFR 1910 22 (a)(1)** -All places of employment, passageways, storerooms, and service rooms shall be kept clean and orderly and in a sanitary condition. The floor of every workroom shall be maintained in a clean and, so far as possible, a dry condition. Where wet processes are used, drainage shall be maintained, and false floors, platforms, mats, or other dry standing places should be provided where practicable.

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Example of some practices that require corrective action!

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