



TOIRMA Update

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Reminder ... TOIRMA Offers Risk Reminders

WE HAVE BEEN EXPERIENCING an unpredictable winter and spring when it comes to weather. Literally on a Thursday it's been 80 degrees, and by Saturday it's snowing and near 30 degrees. My Mom used to tell me about an old wives' tale "if it rains on Easter Sunday, then it will rain for the next seven Sundays." This year it did indeed rain on Easter Sunday, and as of the writing of this article we are two-for-two on Sunday rain events. I guess this coupled with the groundhog in Pennsylvania seeing his shadow explains what has been going on. Whatever the cause, superstitions or just the way the weather flows, it is safe to say that the weather is an influential part of our lives in Illinois. Weather is ever-changing and at times unpredictable. Just as township officials must prepare for all weather events, TOIRMA continues to assist our members in being safe and prepared for forthcoming situations that may present themselves. Working in the shop or township office, township officials and employees need to be ready, and involved in keeping the work environment safe.

Risk Reminders are available to TOIRMA members and aimed at addressing safety in the workplace. The *Reminders* are single-page and in a concise easy-to-read format. Each *Reminder* focuses on a single safety topic. There is a *Risk Reminder* which focuses on *Eye Protection*. As Sean Richardson and Matt Knight from TOIRMA's Loss Control Team continually state during the TOIRMA safety training workshops: "if you remember anything about eye protection (safety glasses), remember that they should have the imprint of 'Z87' on them." This is a standard set by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI). Glasses with the Z87 imprint are designed to protect users from injury.

Presently TOIRMA has 170 *Risk Reminders* available on the "Loss Control Toolbox" page of our website, www.toirma.org. We are continually adding more as they become available.

Examples of additional topics include: *ABCs of Safety (Attitude, Behavior & Control)*, *Choosing and Using Work Shoes*, *Extension Cord Use*, *Fire Safety*, *Reference Guide on Glove Type*, *Hearing Protection*, *Ladder Safety*, *Safe & Proper Lifting*, *Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)*, and many others.

In addition to being available to view on our website, *Risk Reminders* may be printed and provided to employees during safety meetings/discussions, or posted in township/road district buildings.

Whatever Mother Nature has in store during the upcoming months, township officials must be prepared. This is the same in the office, the shop, on the roads, or getting on and off equipment, TOIRMA would like our members to be as safe as possible. Please remember to review and share our *Risk Reminders*.

We hope you will find our *Risk Reminders* helpful in keeping your workplace and employees safe. Thank you for your attention to TOIRMA's *Risk Reminders*. Think Safe ... Drive Safe ... Work Safe.

As always, if you have questions, please feel free to contact me toll-free at (888) 562-7861 or by email at jdonelan@toirma.org.

TOIRMA TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS OF ILLINOIS RISK MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION
RISK REMINDER

EYE PROTECTION

CAUTION
EYE AND EAR PROTECTION REQUIRED IN THIS AREA

What Makes Them "Safety" Glasses?
Resistance to impact is the main difference between safety glasses and regular glasses, which often look just like them. The American National Standards Institute (ANSI), which sets standards for safety glasses, requires them to withstand the impact of a quarter inch steel ball traveling 150 feet per second. Frames stamped with the imprint "Z87" meet stringent standards for strength and heat resistance.

DANGER
DO NOT OPERATE WITHOUT EYE PROTECTION

Care and Use
Your safety glasses are designed to protect you from accidental injury. Inspect them regularly for scratches, cracks or other wear. Safety glasses should be replaced if they are scratched, bent or uncomfortable. Scratches can also weaken the structure of the lens and their resistance to impact. Taking care of your glasses, and above all, using them, will help you "look" your best on the job.

For more information, contact your Loss Control Consultant at (800) 252-5059, ext. 1387 or 1384. CLAIM REPORTING HOTLINE (844) 562-2720 | Available 24/7

Contribution Request

TOIRMA's annual request for contribution was mailed to each member contact on April 17th. The contribution is due no later than June 1st. Thank you for your responsiveness.