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Privately owned and operated campgrounds serving Ohio's recreational needs

Workers' Compensation Workplace Safety Information

A recent change in Ohio Workers' Comp rules requires Group Rating Program sponsors to be approved by the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation (BWC). The Ohio Campground Owners Association (OCA) has been approved for the 2010 rate year.

As a group rating program sponsor, OCA encourages all members to have an active workplace safety program. To assist our members, OCA will be promoting workplace safety programs throughout the year, utilizing the newsletter, email and our website. The following is a brief list of safety programs currently available for OCA members to explore.

The BWC's Division of Safety & Hygiene sponsors more than 80 safety councils, across the state, organized through chamber of commerce, trade and manufacturing associations, American Red Cross chapters, and or other local safety-minded organizations. These safety councils provide their local communities with quality programs addressing occupational safety and health, workers' compensation and risk management education and information. They inform participants about new techniques, products and services, and provide a thorough knowledge of these services.

For more information on how to contact our local safety council, go online at <http://www.ohiobwc.com/employer/programs/safety/SandHCouncilsList.asp>. Additional safety services are also available by contacting Avizent/Frank Gates Service Company at 1-800-777-4283.

Safex, Inc., a private safety consultant, will be working with Avizent/Frank Gates Company offering numerous safety training program opportunities.

Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation, Division of Safety & Hygiene, conducts 60 occupational safety, health and ergonomics courses. Classes are held throughout the state, as well as online. The division offers courses at no extra cost to Ohio employers with active workers compensation policies, and include programs suited for the campground industry: Fundamentals of an Effective Safety & Health Program, Job Safety Analysis, Accident Analysis, Emergency Preparedness Planning, First Aid in the Workplace and Ergonomics to mention a few. Online courses include: Avoiding Back Trauma, Getting Started with Safety, and Preventing Slips/Trips/Falls. The Division of Safety & Hygiene also conducts an annual Ohio Safety Congress, and has safety consulting services by trained safety professionals. Please call 1-800-OHIOBWC to for additional information or to register for a program.

The Frank Gates Service Company/Avizent provides an annual workers' comp seminar in April/May. Please contact Frank Gates/Avizent for more information, 1-800-777-4283.

Please monitor the OCA newsletter and website for future safety program opportunities. The best way to reduce your workers' comp cost is with an effective safety program.