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Lessons Learned About Workplace Safety From the Football Field

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The kick-off of the 2020 college football season marks the tenth anniversary of a tragic incident that resulted in the death of a university student who was performing duties as a videographer of a team practice outdoors. The 20-year-old perished when the scissor lift in which he was working was toppled by extreme weather and heavy winds. Unfortunately, this occurrence is not uncommon on athletic fields or on construction jobsites.

The serious risks associated with operating a mobile operating work platform (MEWP) are obvious, as OSHA has been called upon to investigate dozens of these workplace fatalities during the past two years. There are even more near-misses, close calls, and injuries caused by circumstances involving supervisor and operator error. Every one of these incidents is preventable.

The Construction Safety Council is at the forefront of a global effort to minimize the hazards associated with aerial work in the electrical industry. The Council is one of more than 750 Training Centers authorized worldwide by the International Powered Access Federation (IPAF) to deliver classroom-based and e-learning courses on MEWPs, including boom, scissor, 1b, 3a, and 3b categories of machines. A combination of operator-level and supervisor-level programs are available to field personnel, service technicians, delivery drivers, and managers.

Construction Safety Council courses are compliant with the new suite of ANSI A92 MEWP Standards that became effective in June 2020 to not only promote the safe use of powered equipment, but also mandate training that will save lives. Topics include:

- · Performing site risk assessments
- Selecting suitable MEWPs
- Evaluating ground surfaces
- Inspecting equipment
- Preventing unauthorized uses
- Supervising and overseeing worksites

Access to IPAF-approved instruction is now available in several online learning modules. These provide the same high-quality theory training that is available in the classroom but can be completed anytime on any mobile device at any location. The CSC makes participation in this training easy and affordable.

Working at heights is the leading cause of fatalities in the construction industry. Furthermore, it is OSHA's most-cited jobsite hazard - locally and nationally. PowerForward DuPage, in partnership with the Construction Safety Council, encourages participation in MEWP training during this "fall" season as another reminder to WorkSmart,BuildSafe!

A complete schedule of electrical safety training programs is available at www.buildsafe.org



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The Construction Safety Council, in partnership with the NECA-IBEW 701 Safety Committee, would like to remind you to Work Smart, Build Safe!

