

Hand Safety Being Stressed In September

The topic for discussion at the mill safety committee meetings for the month of September is hand injury prevention.

In Fieldcrest Mills last year, 35 of the 100 lost time accidents resulted in injuries to the hands. Twenty-seven of the 35 lost time hand injury accidents were the result of hands or fingers becoming caught in or between objects. Two resulted when hands were struck by objects; five occurred when hands were struck against objects, and one was due to dermatitis.

K. R. Baggett, Safety Director, said "We are again using hand injuries as the subject because the majority of our lost time injuries as well as the non-lost time injuries have been to the hands. This occurs because we use hands so much during a work day to perform our jobs. These accidents don't need to occur if we follow a few simple rules relating to hand safety."

In order to prevent similar injuries

from occurring again, the Safety Department suggests that employees become familiar with and practice the following hand safety rules:

Know the operation of machines that you are assigned to run or work on.

Be constantly alert for rollers, chains, gears, etc. that might nip or pinch your hands.

Make sure guards and other safety devices are in place and working properly.

Shut off equipment before attempting to clean, adjust or repair it.

When working around moving equipment, remove rings or bracelets which could be caught and pulled into the equipment.

Clean your hands frequently with soap and water, not gasoline or other harsh solvents.

Wear proper gloves as required to protect your hands from hot, sharp or otherwise hazardous objects.

Respect the cutting power of knives.



Always cut away from you. Keep an eye on the blade.

Always watch your hands when handling a heavy bulky object. Don't pinch your fingers when you set it down. Don't let your hands get jammed between the heavy object and a doorway or other fixed object.

Further hand safety tips can be found in the booklet entitled, "Protect Your Hands." A copy will be distributed to each employee sometime during the month of September.

Auto Safety Means More Than Obeying Traffic Laws

Auto safety is more than following traffic laws.

It's using good judgment and making a conscientious effort to prevent accidents. And it's teaching your family safe driving by example and by word.

These 10 auto safety practices can help protect you and your family from death or serious injury on the highways:

1. Wear seat belts.
2. Don't drink and drive.
3. Reduce speed when roads are wet.
4. At night, reduce speed; don't overdrive your lights.

5. Keep auto in good mechanical condition; carry emergency equipment.

6. Be alert. Don't drive when angry, sleepy or preoccupied.

7. Drive defensively; anticipate possible dangers.

8. Know the rules of the road; obey all traffic laws.

9. When driving, set a good example for your children; teach them it's a passenger's right to demand safe driving.

10. Be sure new drivers have ample supervised driving experience before they are permitted to drive alone.

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Top Weavers, Fixers

The Fieldale Towel Mill's outstanding weavers and loom fixers are listed below for the most recent periods of record.

Weavers—W/E August 20

Dobby Terry Mattie Lackey
Jacquard Terry William Maxey

Fixers—W/E August 20

Dobby Terry Homer Hodges
Jacquard Terry Roney Ramsey

Weavers—W/E August 13

Dobby Terry Mattie Lackey
Jacquard Terry William R. Maxey

Fixers—W/E August 13

Dobby Terry Clifford Custer
Jacquard Terry Roney Ramsey

Anything (Almost) Goes In MW Ads

Almost anything goes in The Mill Whistle's "Buy . . . Sell . . . Swap" column, but there are a few exceptions.

Not accepted are ads for cars and trucks, land or cemetery plots.

Wanted to rent ads are not used, nor are ads for house sales and rentals.

No commercial ads or sidelines are accepted.

Anything else goes (almost).