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**I failed a Health and Safety
course at work today.**

**One of the questions was:
"In the event of a fire, what
steps would you take?"**

**"Big ones" was
apparently the wrong answer!**

Cal/OSHA News Bytes From
GOOGLE News

[Cal/OSHA Cites Employers for Worker's Death in Confined Space](#)

ClaimsJournal.com-3 hours ago
Cal/OSHA cited Artesia-based Express
Chipping, Inc. following the death of a 40-
year-old worker who was chipping concrete
inside a cement ...

[Cal/OSHA fines LAX contractor for unsafe working conditions](#)

Daily Breeze-Jun 20, 2013
Cal/OSHA has issued citations resulting in
fines of \$94,550 against U.K.-based
Menzi's Aviation, a contractor at Los
Angeles International ...

[Dairy worker crushed by cows; Cal/OSHA investigating](#)

Los Angeles Times-by [Kate Mather](#)-Jun 18,
2013
Cal/OSHA spokesman Peter Melton noted
state officials had no record of safety
violations at the dairy. He said it would be
"highly unusual" for ...

[Tree Trimmer Electrocuted While Working At San Jose Home](#)

CBS Local-19 hours ago
Cal/OSHA is continuing to investigate the
death, he said. The Santa Clara County
medical examiner's office has not yet
released the man's ...

[Another Accident on a Project Labor Agreement Jobsite: OSHA ...](#)

The Truth About PLAs-Jun 17, 2013
Investigators with Cal/OSHA joined police
at the stadium construction site on
Centennial Boulevard. Although the state
agency didn't require it, ...

[Tractor Mounted Transportation Unit Confusion](#)

KMJ Now-Jun 17, 2013
Despite their record, Cal/OSHA has recently
indicated that the use of these personnel
carriers contravenes regulations and the
agency will cite ...

[Investigators Can't Determine Cause Of SF General Fire That Injured ...](#)

The San Francisco Appeal-Jun 25, 2013
The California Division of Occupational
Safety and Health is also investigating the
fire and will review the project's safety
program, Cal/OSHA ...

[Jose Gonzales, 49, dies in industrial accident at Cupertino-area quarry](#)

Contra Costa Times-Jun 14, 2013
Cal-OSHA, the state's workplace safety
watchdog, has sent its mining and ... Cal-
OSHA investigators have been told by the
Sheriff's Office that ...

**For Proper PPE Selection Criteria See
T8CCR Section 3380 Appendix A
<http://www.dir.ca.gov/Title8/3380a.html>**





De-mystifying Cal/OSHA or Things You Ought To Know

When servicing a complaint or an accident, Compliance Officers will look for evidence to support a theory. That evidence will either support or refute the theory (code violation). Excerpted from the Cal/OSHA P&P

<http://www.dir.ca.gov/DOSHPol/P&pc-1b.htm>

Types of Evidence

Document the specific statements, personal observations and records that you will be using to support the elements and classification of the violative condition(s) on the 1BX, Documentation Worksheet. Compliance personnel shall use the abbreviations below to enter the types of evidence most commonly used to document the elements and classification of the violative condition on the **Cal/OSHA 1B**:

a. Observation (OB)

Notice or perception of work areas, employers, employees or other persons, equipment, parts, machinery, workstations, work practices, work conditions, or other pertinent evidentiary circumstance which can prove a descriptive element of the violative condition.

b. Employer Admission (EA)

Employer, or employer representative, admits knowledge that an element of the violative condition exists or existed.

c. Employer Oral Statement (EOS)

Employer, or employer representative, declares or asserts any information which can prove a descriptive element of the violative condition.

d. Other Oral Statement (OOS)

Any other person declares or asserts any information which can prove a descriptive element of the violative condition.

e. Employer Written Statement (EWS)

Employer, or employer representative, declares or asserts in writing any information which can prove a descriptive element of the violative condition.

f. Other Written Statement (OWS)

Any person declares or asserts any information which can prove a descriptive element of the violative condition.

g. Photograph (PH)

Still or moving picture(s) depicting a pertinent evidentiary circumstance(s) which can prove a descriptive element of the violative condition.

h. Business Record (BR)

Any written record made in the regular course of business activities which can prove a descriptive element of the violative condition.

i. Document (DO)

Any other written information which can support a descriptive element of the violative condition which can prove a descriptive element of the violative condition.

j. Sample Measurement (SM)

Any sample or measurement taken in the course of an inspection or investigation which can prove a descriptive element of the violative condition. See Section C.3.e.

k. Monitoring Measurement (MM)

Any monitoring or measurement of employee exposure taken in the course of an inspection or investigation which can prove a descriptive element of the violative condition.

l. Equipment/Parts/Machinery (EPM)

Any information from equipment, parts, machinery or processes taken in the course of an inspection or investigation which can prove a descriptive element of the violative condition.

m. Other (Specify!)

Any other type of evidence which can prove a descriptive element of the violative condition, e.g. experience or knowledge of the Cal/OSHA engineer or industrial hygienist.

Elemental Analysis

E. DOCUMENTING ELEMENTS OF THE VIOLATION

1. Violative Condition

During the course of each investigation or inspection, compliance personnel shall

- a. Identify each observed workplace hazard, or condition, which is a violation of a Title 8 Safety Order by documenting each descriptive element of the violation to be cited;
- b. Summarize each item of evidence found during the inspection which substantiates the descriptive element; and
- c. Specify the classification of the evidence on the Cal/OSHA 1B and the Field Documentation Worksheet.

2. Elemental Analysis Example: 8 CCR Section 3382(a) states in part that:

"Employees (Element 1) working (Element 2) in locations where there is the risk of receiving eye injuries such as punctures, abrasion, contusions, or burns (Element 3) as a result of contact with flying particles, hazardous substances, projections or injurious light rays (Element 4) which are inherent in the work or environment (Element 5), shall be safeguarded by means of face or eye protection (Element 6)."

ELEMENT	EVIDENCE SUMMARY	TYPES OF EVIDENCE
1. Employees	Three in a service garage	EOS
2. Working	Checking/adding oil and water	OB
3. Location with risk	working around	
of eye injuries,	batteries and motor	
e.g.,	and motor oil	
puncture	N/A	
abrasion	N/A	
contusions	N/A	
burns	H ₂ SO ₄ (battery)	OOS
4. As a result of contact with:		
flying particles	N/A	
hazardous substances	H ₂ SO ₄ (battery)	OOS, and
projections, or	N/A	CSE/IH experience
injurious light rays	N/A	
5. Inherent in the work	Oils and acids	OB, PH
or environment	used in the garage	
6. Shall be safeguarded	No goggles or face	EA, PH
with face or eye protection	shields provided	

Training Aids from **Worksafebc** is an on line interactive safety game that could prove valuable, if not innovative. **Please check it out at:**

<http://www2.worksafebc.com/Publications/Multimedia/PastPhotos.asp?ReportID=37101>

 **WHAT'S WRONG WITH THIS PHOTO?**



!!! REMINDER !!!

JULY 2013 PASMA Meeting!

July 11, 2013

Please RSVP **before** July 9, 2013.

NOTE ONE TIME LOCATION CHANGE

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