

UMS Safety Support Updates, News and Other Topics of Interest September 2016

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This Month's Topic Reminder – Powered Industrial Trucks

What is the definition of a powered industrial truck? It is any mobile power-propelled truck used to carry, push, pull, lift, stack or tier materials. Powered industrial trucks can be ridden or controlled by a walking operator.



moving heavy objects.

This month's newsletter about powered industrial trucks is going to address a specific type of truck – one commonly referred to as a powered hand truck, or pallet jack.

Many times, we don't associate these electric pallet jacks as a powered industrial truck and forget that only trained and certified employees are permitted to use them. Having that pallet jack in the corner of the warehouse or storage area is inviting to a student worker or new employee that is tasked in

We'd like to remind you that just like powered industrial trucks (fork trucks), before operating a powered (electric) hand truck, all operators must also receive both formal and practical training prior and be evaluated on their ability to use them. The training must address the unique characteristics of each type of vehicle the employee is expected to operate

A good resource to review the requirements and assist you with your Powered Industrial Trucks (not just the electric hand truck) program and training is the OSHA eTools Training topic for Powered Industrial Trucks at <https://www.osha.gov/SLTC/etools/pit/index.html> If you have any further questions, or if we can offer any assistance, please don't hesitate to call us at 581-4055.

Staff Changes at UMaine SEM Office

We are sad to announce that two of our staff members within the UMaine Safety and Environmental Management department have accepted safety positions at other educational facilities.

- Morris Lee, Industrial Hygienist/Radiation Safety Officer, has been with SEM for almost 14 years. He will be going onto the University of Illinois as a Research Safety Professional. Morris's last day was August 5, 2016.
- Shannon Jennings, Safety Specialist, has been with us for almost two years. Shannon has accepted a position as a Safety Specialist at the Maine Maritime Academy. Shannon's last day was July 29, 2016.

We extend our best wishes to both Shannon and Morris in their future endeavors.

For any assistance that you may need, you may either contact our general office phone number at 581-4055, email us at sem@maine.edu, or view the staff contact listing at <http://sem.umaine.edu/our-staff/>

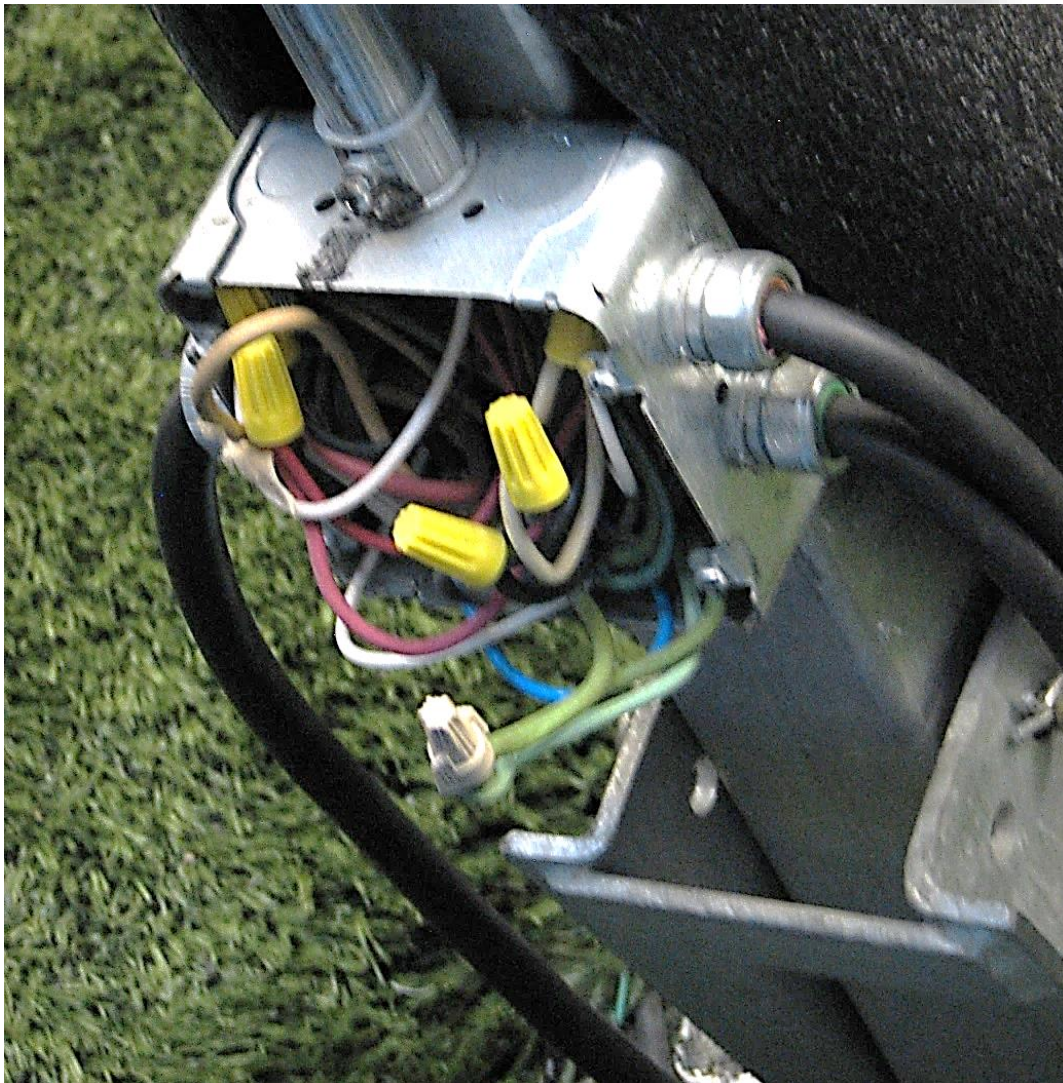
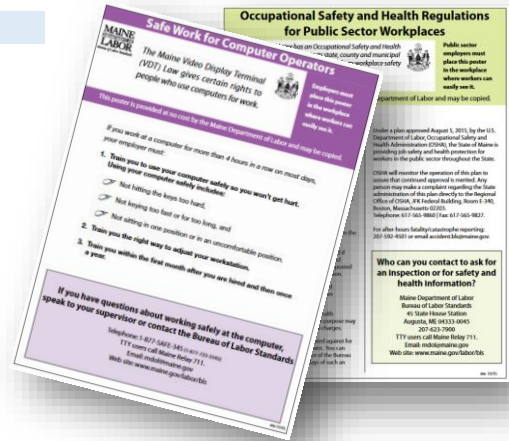


Required Maine Department of Labor (DOL) Posters

According to the Maine Department of Labor, employers are required to display certain posters in the workplace where workers can see them. You can find the required (and optional) posters on their webpage at <http://www.maine.gov/labor/posters/>

The posters can be downloaded and printed free of charge.

Spot the Safety Violation(s)



UMS campus work-area image(s)

NOTE: When we observe these hazards, we immediately notify the area supervisor or the campus Facilities Management.