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DOT LAUNCHES NATIONWIDE CAMPAIGN, SLOGAN TO DECREASE DRUNK DRIVING

DOT's new multiyear advertising campaign, Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over, aims to get drunk drivers off the road, particularly from midnight to 3 a.m. According to research from DOT's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), two-thirds of the fatal crashes that occur during these nighttime hours involve drunk drivers.

The new advertising campaign features "invisible" law enforcement officers observing alcohol-impaired individuals before apprehending them when they attempt to drive their vehicles. The ads convey the message that law enforcement officers are vigilant and omnipresent in deterring drunk drivers. The ad theme and slogan will remain DOT's core message through 2016.

"If you've had too much to drink, don't even think about getting behind the wheel," says NHTSA Administrator David Strickland. "You may not see them, but they will see you. Don't risk it." For more information and to view the campaign videos, visit

<http://drivesober.nhsta.gov>.

(from Professional Safety January 2012)

Please remember to be responsible...
don't drink and drive

USE OF EXTENSION CORD IGNITES DEADLY FIRE

(NFPA Journal-November/December 2011)

NEW MEXICO—A 70-yr-old man and a 65-year-old woman died of smoke inhalation when heavy smoke filled their single-story home during a fire started by an overloaded electrical power strip in a converted garage at the end of the house.

A neighbor across the street saw the fire in the wood-frame house and called 911 at 4:30 a.m. As the fire spread up into the attic and breached the walls, heavy smoke filled the house, killing the couple, who were asleep in separate bedrooms at the other end of the home. Firefighters found a single smoke detector outside the victims' bedrooms, but it had no battery.

Investigators found only one outlet in the converted garage where the fire started. Numerous appliances were plugged into one power strip, and family members confirmed that the couple had used extension cords and power strips in the past. The investigators determined that the overloaded power strip ignited carpeting and flooring.

The house, valued at \$80,000, and its contents, valued at \$40,000, were destroyed.

FYI - Extension cords are for temporary use only. Have a qualified electrician determine if additional circuits or outlets are needed. Major appliances, such as refrigerators, stoves, washers, and dryers, should be plugged directly into a wall outlet. Never use an extension cord with a major appliance, as the appliance can easily overload the cord.

*****IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM OSHA.GOV*****

OSHA reminds employers to post injury/illness summaries beginning Feb. 1

Beginning Feb. 1, employers who are required to keep the OSHA Form 300 Injury and Illness log must post a summary of the log. Employers must post OSHA's Form 300A from Feb. 1 to April 30, 2012 in a common area wherever notices to workers are usually posted.

The summary must list the total numbers of job-related injuries and illnesses that occurred in 2011. All establishment summaries must be certified by a company executive.

Copies of the OSHA Forms 300, 300A and 301 are available for download on the OSHA Recordkeeping Web page. See OSHA's Recordkeeping Handbook for more information on posting requirements for OSHA's Form 300A.

"Every day in America, 12 people go to work and never come home. Every year in America, 3.3 million people suffer a workplace injury from which they may never recover. These are preventable tragedies that disable our workers, devastate our families, and damage our economy."

– Secretary of Labor Hilda Solis

OSHA AT 40

- In four decades, OSHA has made a dramatic difference in workplace safety. Since 1970, workplace fatalities have been reduced by more than 65 percent and occupational injury and illness rates have declined by 67 percent. At the same time, U.S. employment has almost doubled.
- Worker deaths in America are down - from about 38 worker deaths a day in 1970 to 12 a day in 2010.
- Worker [injuries and illnesses](#) are down - from 10.9 incidents per 100 workers in 1972 to fewer than 4 per 100 in 2010.

New OSHA worker educational publication on protection from noise in construction

OSHA published a new educational publication for construction workers, *Protecting Yourself from Noise in Construction*. The booklet, written for workers and employers, provides information on the hazards of loud noise in construction, how noise levels are measured, and how to find out if noise on the job site or from tools is loud enough to cause hearing loss. It also gives examples of administrative and engineering controls employers can use to reduce worker exposure to noise, as well as information on the proper selection and use of personal hearing protection. To order copies of this or other OSHA publications please call 1-800-321-OSHA or 202-693-1999 or visit OSHA's Publications Web page.

A WORD FROM JEFF: FEBRUARY—

2012 is in full swing and it feels like there is more to do all the time. We would like to take a moment to thank all of our customers for allowing us the opportunity to work with you as you plan and prepare for your safety needs, Thank You. We look forward to working with you all this year and hopefully many years to come. As always we remind you to be prepared for potential hazards and plan ahead whether it be fall protection, eye protection, or just making sure the fire extinguishers in the building are up to date. We welcome your questions and are pleased to work with you. Lets work together to make 2012 even safer than last year.