

Reviewing safe practices in LO

Public Works employees hold monthly meetings to review safety measures

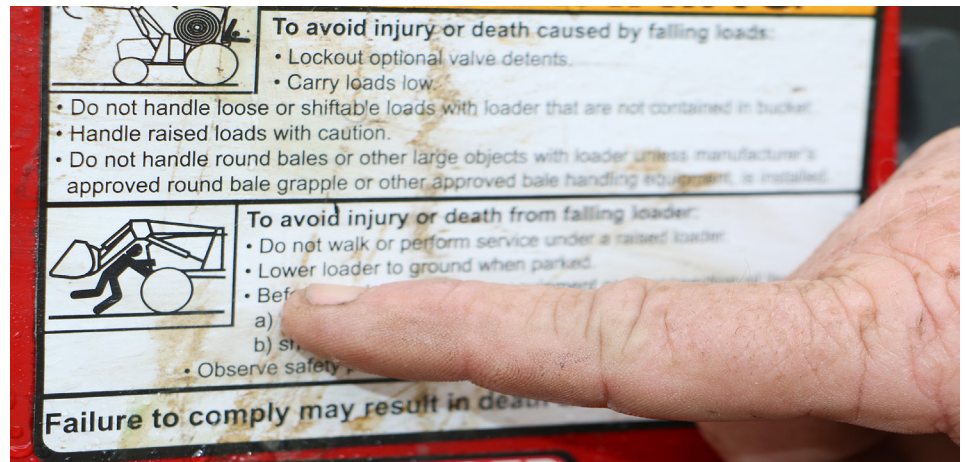
Safety is always in season.

That's the mantra of City of Lake Ozark Public Works employees who deal with sometimes-hazardous situations almost on a daily basis. Whether it's maintaining equipment, repairing a sewer grinder pump, upgrading an electrical panel or mowing right of ways – city employees can become injured if they aren't careful and adhere to common safety practices.

Once a month, the Public Works Department holds a safety meeting. Employees take turns identifying potential safety issues and then providing guidelines on how to avoid injury from that particular hazard.

This month, Derrick Drake discussed how to avoid being injured at pinch points – areas where it is possible for a part of the body to be caught between the moving parts of equipment, or between moving and stationary parts equipment or between the material and moving part or parts if equipment.

Other topics have included crane safety, pedestrian safety, school safety, work zone safety, proper ways to dig gas lines, watching out for children during and after school, etc.



Once a month, Lake Ozark Public Works employees review a variety of safety measures. Here, Derrick Drake (right) explains the various pinch points where employees can get fingers, feet, legs, etc., caught by accident by not following proper safety procedures. Lower right is a demonstration of how a leg can be caught between the bucket and the frame of a skid loader. Below left, Drake shows how easily a foot could be injured when a hydraulic outrigger is extended to stabilize the bucket truck.

