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Useful & Helpful Links

<http://www.assp.org>

Link to the National ASSP webpage for information on great topics in EH&S. Go look things up.

<http://hudsonrivervalley.assp.org>

Link to the Hudson River Valley Chapter web page. Information on the Local items and events as well as good information. Try it, you'll like it!

<https://www.cdc.gov/>

Link to the Center for Disease Control. Great current information on health items to help protect us all through illness controlling and prevention. Lots of good items!

Hotlinks in articles are in **Bold Red font**.

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Potter Electric Addressable Pull Stations Recall.

Potter Electric Recalls Addressable Pull Stations Due to Failure to Alert to Fire. This recall involves Potter Electric Addressable Pull Stations. When manually pulled, these red-colored devices are intended to activate a fire alarm in commercial and other buildings. The pull handle on some units can fail to activate the fire alarm system when manually pulled, posing a risk of failure to alert consumers to a fire. Consumers should immediately contact Potter Electric or their fire alarm system dealers/installers for a free replacement.

Please note, image shared below from Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) is of a single action pull station. The dual action pull station is also included in this recall.



For more information go to the CPSC web site [HERE](#), and the Potter Company web site [HERE](#).

Portable Generator Recall Due to Shock Hazard.

Northern Tool & Equipment Recalls Powerhorse Portable Generators Due to Shock Hazard.

Name of product: Northern Tool & Equipment Powerhorse 13000ES Portable Generators

Hazard: The portable generators have a wiring error which can result in an electrical shock to users.

Remedy: Repair

Recall date: February 24, 2021

Units: About 3,640



Recall Details

Description:

This recall involves Northern Tool & Equipment Powerhorse 13000ES Portable Generator Model #799215. The gasoline generator is blue with white Powerhorse logos, a black frame and two wheels. Powerhorse 13000ES is printed in white on the top front. Serial numbers for the recalled generators are listed in the chart below. The serial number is located on the lower left of the frame.

Model Number	Model Description	Serial Number Range
799215	Powerhorse 13,000-Watt Generator	2016 Units: 205160001 – 211160248
		2017 Units: 210170001 – 211170248
		2018 Units: 206180001 – 211180124
		2019 Units: 208190001 – 211190124
		2020 Units: 203020001 – 208200124

Portable Generator Recall Due to Shock Hazard (Continued).

Remedy:

Consumers should immediately stop using the recalled generators and contact Northern Tool & Equipment to schedule a free repair by an authorized dealer.

Incidents/Injuries:

NTE has received one report of an incorrect wiring connection. No injuries have been reported.

Sold At:

Northern Tool & Equipment stores nationwide and online at www.northerntool.com from July 2016 through September 2020 for about \$1,850.

Importer(s):

Northern Tool & Equipment Company Inc., of Burnsville, Minn.

Manufactured In:

China

Recall number:

21-086

Consumer Contact:

Powerhorse Product Support toll-free at 866-443-2576 from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. CT Monday through Friday or online at https://www.northerntool.com/shop/tools/help_product-recalls.

The generator recall and the Scott SCBA Safety Alert supplied by Access Compliance, LLC.

Proposed Rule to Update OSHA Hazard Communication Standard.

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) today – February 5, 2021 - issued a proposed rule to update the agency's Hazard Communication Standard (HCS) to align with the seventh revision of the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS).

OSHA expects the HCS update will increase worker protections, and reduce the incidence of chemical-related occupational illnesses and injuries by further improving the information on the labels and Safety Data Sheets for hazardous chemicals. Proposed modifications will also address issues since implementation of the 2012 standard, and improve alignment with other federal agencies and Canada.

Individuals may submit comments identified by Docket No. OSHA-2019-0001, electronically at <https://www.regulations.gov>, which is the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal. Read the [Federal Register Notice](#) for details. The deadline for submitting comments is April 19, 2021.

8th Annual National Stand-Down to Prevent Falls in Construction.

The 8th Annual National Stand-Down to Prevent falls in Constructions is planned for May 3-7 2021. Of the 1,008 recorded deaths in 2018 for construction employees, 320 of them were from *preventable falls*. Did you know that Fall Protection has topped the list of OSHA's Top Ten Cited Violations for the last nine years?

For information on planning and holding your Stand-Down activities you can use the materials and resources provided on the Stand-Down web site using this link: <https://www.osha.gov/stop-falls-stand-down>.

Fire Exit Violations Fineable under OSHA Standards.

Did you know that some NFPA Standards and Codes are covered under the OSHA Standards? It is called Incorporation by Reference. For example, in CFR 1910.35, Subpart E, Exit Routes and Emergency Planning Standard, OSHA references NFPA 101 – Life Safety Code which made it enforceable and fineable. To learn more on emergency fire exits use this link: https://info.inspectpoint.com/nfpa-emergency-exit-door-requirements/?utm_campaign=website&utm_source=community.assp.org&utm_medium=email

Chapter Chatter

Our last Joint Virtual Technical Meeting was held on February 25, 2021 with the Connecticut Valley Chapter of ASSP. The topic presented by Mr. Neil A. Feldscher, Acting Director, EHS for the Bureau of Engineering Design of New York City DEP was "Liability for Construction EHS Professionals", minutes were taken and will be distributed to members and friends as well as posted on our web page shortly.

Our next scheduled Hudson River Valley Chapter meeting is a virtual Executive Board Meeting on March 11, 2021 @ 5:30 PM, followed by a Joint Technical Meeting scheduled for March 18, 2021 with the topic of "The Art and Science of Technology in Safety and Injury Prevention" presented by Mr. Kyle Kutsup, Injury Prevention Specialist of Fit For Work. The meeting will begin at 12:00 Noon and is planned to end at 1:00 P.M. Participating ASSP chapters joining this meeting are Connecticut Valley Chapter, and New York City Chapter. All chapter members and friends are invited to attend if your schedule allows. The login information will be sent to you in a separate email message after you register by scrolling to the bottom of the page at this link:

<https://ctvalley.assp.org/events/nyc-hudson-valley-and-ct-valley-joint-chapter-meeting/>

As of this writing, a Virtual Chapter Technical Meeting is planned on April 15, 2021 with a topic of Safety Leadership. More information will be sent to you as it is confirmed

Thought Of The Day:

"I learned that courage was not the absence of fear, but the triumph over it. The brave man is not he who does not feel afraid, but he who conquers that fear." -- Nelson Mandela

It is the beginning of the second year living with Coronavirus, and now it is mutating into variations of itself. This is the time we all need to be vigilant in our efforts to protect ourselves and our fellow human beings we come into contact with. Mask up if you are in an area that requires you to do so, like outside of your own home for instance. Also maintain social distancing of 6 feet if at all possible. Now they say two masks are better than one, so if you feel like you need to wear two masks to protect yourself, your family and your friends please do so. I know I will be wearing them out in public to protect myself, as I would really like to see my two year old Granddaughter grow up. No politics intended here or are they allowed here for that matter, but please do what you feel you must to protect yourself. Remember, you look better standing up wearing a face covering, rather than not so good laying in a hospital bed with a tube down your throat.

Minutes of all chapter meetings and all newsletters are published on our chapter webpage for you to read if you want to see what is covered during these meetings, or items in those newsletters. These are available for as far back as 2018. We have posted many of the Presentations from past Technical Meetings as well. This is the link to the files page on our website for you to review these chapter documents:

<https://hudsonrivervalley.assp.org/files/>.

Once again the Hudson River Valley Chapter is undergoing a mailing list update. If you have a different email address than the one you used to join the ASSP, or if you have another address you prefer to be used please let us know which one you would prefer to be used for chapter mailings. Thank You.

Stay safe, and stay healthy. Hopefully we can meet face to face soon. Should you have an item you would like to see published in this newsletter, please submit it to me using my email provided here at the end of this page. If needed for any questions you may have about our Chapter activities, my email address is:

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