

Texting while Driving Changes Lives -- Talk to friends & Family **before It's too late!**



A 19-year-old Texas A&M student who was died early Wednesday in a one-vehicle rollover accident in Grimes County, according to Texas DPS investigators.

Investigators determined that Small was distracted, and her phone showed that she was sending a text at the time of the accident.

There is a slight curve in the road where the wreck occurred, and there was no evidence that Small applied her brakes. Chandler, who was wearing a seat belt was pronounced dead at the scene.

Trooper Morgan said 30% of wrecks in Brazos County in 2011 were related to distracted driving.

**-Each year over 100,000 crashes involve Texting while Driving!**  
**-75% of teens say texting and driving is a Common Practice!**

Why was the broom late?  
 A: It over swept!

Where do you learn to make ice cream?  
 A: Sundae school

**Rate of Fatal Occupational Injuries Declining** – Preliminary results from the BLS's National Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries show a reduction in the number of fatal work injuries in 2012. However, Secretary of Labor - Thomas E. Perez said, "we can and must do better."

Last year, 4,383 workers died from work-related injuries, down from 4,693 in 2011. According to preliminary counts, the rate of fatal workplace injuries in 2012 was 3.2 per 100,000 full-time equivalent workers, down from a rate of 3.5 per 100,000 in 2011.

"Workers in this country have the right to return home safe and healthy at the end of a work day," said Perez. "Despite that right, poor safety conditions cause thousands of people each year to lose their lives at work." He said that job gains in oil and gas and construction have come with more fatalities, and that is unacceptable.

"Employers must take job hazards seriously and live up to their legal and moral obligation to send their workers home safe every single day. The Labor Department is committed to preventing these needless deaths, and we will continue to engage with employers to make sure that these fatality numbers go down further."

**A Short Course in Human Relations**

*Six most important words: **I admit I made a mistake.***

*The five most important words: **You did a good job!***

*The four most important words: **What is your opinion?***

*The three most important words: **If you please***

*The two most important words: **Thank you!***

*The one most important word: **We***

**Awareness and Exposure Prevention Key** – Toronto - Occupational cancer is now the leading cause of compensated work-related deaths in Canada, exceeding those from traumatic injuries and disorders, according to a recent study by the Occupational Cancer Research Centre.

Deaths from asbestos exposure accounted for 70% of the increase in accepted claims for work-related deaths in Canada. Lung cancer and mesothelioma, usually the result of asbestos exposure, represent most of the compensated claims for deaths from occupational cancer. The high risk industries for occupational cancer were identified as manufacturing, construction, mining and, government services (believed to be the result of an increase in the number of claims accepted for firefighters in Ontario).

Even though use of asbestos has decreased and stringent safety measures have been implemented, there are workers involved in building renovations, maintenance, and demolition work, who could be at risk of asbestos exposure. Asbestos-related cancers have a long latency period, meaning these cancers can appear as many as forty years after exposure. The study suggests that because occupational cancer is often unrecognized and underreported, claims for compensation represent only a fraction of the true burden of this problem. Preventing exposure to carcinogens will save the lives of workers, and reduce the burden on health care.

**Time to Tackle a few Winter Preparation Tasks** – it may be too early to clean your gutters, but you may want to start attacking some of these tasks to beat the rush... check your fireplace & your furnace - change the filter and call a chimney sweep, replace weather stripping, caulk around windows and doors, service the autos, etc.