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Happy Easter!

Every year the Easter Bunny stops by for a visit to our Atlas Office and we always look forward to it! We had a special photo booth set up so we can be a kid again and take pictures with him. In addition to a photo booth, we had a department Easter bonnet decorating contest, Easter bingo card game, and handed out delicious cookies by Kyra the Baker! And congratulations to Client Consulting Services who won best bonnet! Thank you to all your time spent on the contest!



Easter Bonnet Winner—CCS



Easter Bingo Winner!



Happy Easter!, Cont.





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Hawaiian Humane Society Event!

Did you catch us on the news mid April? Atlas employees and their families had the pleasure of volunteering with the Hawaiian Humane Society at the NEX for their adoption event! We were able to find loving homes for all 6 dogs in record time. Big thank you to Alan Blades, Christen Tominaga, Kristen Ribilla, Sean Satterfield, Tyrie Tanaka and their family who came and volunteered. And another big thank you to Hawaiian Humane Society for all they do for our beloved 4-legged friends!



Welcome, Colissa!

Please welcome Colissa Kagihara to the Atlas ohana! Colissa is our new Private Client Advisor in our Personal Lines Unit. She started with GEICO in 2002 and has served in various roles over the years from Homeowners Service & Sales, Support Supervisor, and Auto Service & Sales Agent. Colissa is graduate from the University of Hawaii at Manoa. Welcome, Colissa!



Welcome

Congrats, Rubierose!

On Wednesday, 4/26, Rubierose Cacho in our Benefit Consulting Unit, took her citizenship oath. She officially became a U.S. citizen! Congratulations, Rubie!



Risky Business Corner



Beep, Beep, Beep....

By: David Ching

Are the neighbors in the adjacent condominiums to your job site complaining of the noise from the back-up alarms on the trucks and heavy equipment? Are your employees protected from being struck-by moving construction vehicles? Does OSHA or the Hawaii Occupational Safety & Health (HIOSH) require these noisy back-up alarms to be in an operable condition audible above the surrounding noise levels? If the answers are yes to these questions, you are not alone.

Many contractors have received complaints from neighboring residents about the noisy back-up alarms. The purpose of these alarms is to warn employees working on the ground level that a piece of equipment is reversing. This warning is to prevent a worker from being struck by the reversing construction vehicles.

A contractor asked, does CFR 1926 Subpart O permit an employer to use a rear-mount day/night camera system with in-cab mounting of the truck's rear instead of a back-up alarm?

Two requirements in 29 CFR 1926 Subpart O, 1926.601(b)(4) and 1926.601(a)(9), related to back-up alarms, on trucks in construction, both of which are triggered when the operator's view is obstructed.

Section 1926.601(b)(4) states:

- 1926.601 Motor vehicles
- (b) General requirements
- (4) No employer shall use any motor vehicle **equipment having an obstructed view to the rear** unless:
 - (i) The vehicle has a reverse signal alarm audible above the surrounding noise level or:
 - (ii) The vehicle is backed up only when an observer signals that it is safe to do so.



Risky Business Corner



Beep, Beep, Beep...., Cont.

By: David Ching

Section 1926.602(a)(9)(ii) states:

1926.602 Material handling equipment

(a) Earthmoving equipment; General

(9) Audible alarms

(ii) No employer shall permit earthmoving or compacting equipment **which has an obstructed view to the rear** to be used in reverse gear unless the equipment has in operation a reverse signal alarm distinguishable from the surrounding noise level or an employee signals that it is safe to do so.

OSHA says, If the back-up camera provides an “unobstructed view to the rear,” that is a clear view of the path the vehicle will take, and the driver can see anyone in that path or about to enter the danger area of that path, the requirements for an audible alarm or observer is not applicable. The camera system provides the operator with a clear view to the rear and the back-up alarm requirement is not triggered. OSHA does allow employers the flexibility to use technology to meet this requirement.

Atlas Insurance Agency can assist you with a site survey to evaluate your construction vehicles reversing on the job site. Please contact one of our Risk Consultants for assistance.



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