

SAFETY MATTERS

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WORKING SAFELY AT WALGREENS

Meeting challenges - from ongoing customer operations to rough weather

Walgreens Distribution Center, Perrysburg – An operating warehouse, high winds and heavy rain are just a few of the safety challenges the RLG team is meeting at Walgreens. All tilt-up panels are in place for the 395,000-square-foot expansion.

The customer's active warehouse

Truck traffic is heavy near our work areas. To separate our crews from the traffic, RLI barricaded routes and erected concrete



Tilt-up in progress at Walgreens' 395,000-square-foot expansion.

barriers. “We discussed pouring the tilt-up panels and added safety mesh to be certain we were safe. The team started pours early in the morning when traffic was lightest and set up light plants to illuminate traffic routes,” says Rick Turner, RLI superintendent.

Tilt-up safety

Erecting the 179 tilt-up panels also was challenging with the tallest at 56 feet tall and 100,000 pounds, and the heaviest at over 140,000 pounds. Before starting work, RLI and GEM reviewed tilt-up layouts.

Pre-installation meetings helped the team select an appropriately sized crane to lift the heavier panels.

Planning for bad weather

RLI and GEM monitored weather forecasts and were prepared to adjust the schedule whenever high winds made it unsafe to lift

the tilt-up panels. The GEM crew rescheduled tilt-up tasks for good weather.

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“GEM made up the time lost. They took advantage of good weather by working 10-hour days and did way more than they expected to do each day. We planned for 10 tilt-up panels per day. On their best day, they erected 16 in only seven hours before shutting down due to high winds. They would have had 23 or more done if the wind didn't pick up,” Turner says.

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‘WE’RE LOOKING OUT FOR EVERYBODY’

A GEM boilermaker's quick action keeps another worker safe

Nutrien, Lima – Last spring, another contractor's employee had been cleaning out a tank. In over two hours, he drank no water, even though temperatures in the tank had topped 110 degrees Fahrenheit.

Todd Thober, GEM boilermaker, was hole-watching and becoming increasingly concerned.

Thober offered water to the contractor's other employees, but the worker in the tank turned him down.

“It got to the point where I was worried that he was going to pass out. I told him he had to come out of the hole,” Thober

says. “He was a little upset, but when he pulled off his acid suit, he was soaked with sweat. Even his boots were wet.”

The worker was given water and was sent home as a precaution. Nutrien was so

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grateful to Thober for preventing a potential incident that they selected him for their Safety, Health, Environment (SHE) Award for November.

That's the RLG safety culture, says **Justin McGrady, GEM project engineer**, who works with Thober in Lima. “All of us, we're looking out for everybody. They don't have to be your coworkers. It's everybody on the jobsite.”

“We all try to be each other's protectors,” Thober says. “GEM and RLI, with our safety culture, we don't want to let anyone get hurt.”

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RLI'S BEST FINDS OF 2018

Every task is an opportunity to help us all get better at safety

Immediately correcting unsafe behaviors and conditions is a key component of RLG's Find It-Fix It program.

RLI's four "Best Find" winners of 2018 show the power of Find It-Fix It. They quickly stopped workers from performing tasks unsafely and then helped them eliminate the hazards - before an incident could happen.

1st Place - Tom Bohn stopped a dump truck driver from standing on the frame under the raised bed. Tom explained that a safety prop must be used to keep the raised bed from falling.



2nd Place - Nick Calmes made sure a truck driver stayed safe in his cab after the truck pulled down overhead power lines. Nick honked to get his attention, then shouted at him to stay in his cab until it was determined that he could safely leave his truck.



3rd place - Bobby McGee told a non-RLI subcontractor to get a spotter after seeing him lift cable tray support with a Lull too close to overhead wires.



3rd Place - Dave Crozier told an RLI associate to use a scissors lift after seeing him working on an untagged rolling scaffold without rails near the floor edge. The associate also was tied off to a 16-gauge metal stud.



Special safety recognition

Seth Morrison helped perform CPR on an unconscious man at an accident scene until EMTs arrived and administered Narcan. The man survived.



A FIND IT-FIX IT CHALLENGE

Get your 16 finds per month in - take Find It-Fix It to the next level!

Want to take Find It-Fix It to the next level?

In addition to identifying, reporting and eliminating hazards, document that the team is ready for a task. Here are some examples of good finds:

Unsafe act: A subcontractor noticed a worker using a ladder with a bent rung.
Solution: He told the worker to take the ladder out of service.

Unsafe act: A worker was trying to remove a jammed nail from a nail gun.
Solution: An associate asked if the worker had removed the charger. When he said no, the associate told him to remove the power unit.

Unsafe act: A worker was about to cross red danger tape.
Solution: A subcontractor told the worker to take a different route to avoid the potential crane swing radius area.

Unsafe condition: A subcontractor's ladder locking brace was not completely extended and a coworker reported the hazard.

Solution: The subcontractor repositioned the ladder - and remembered to check the locking brace in the future.

Unsafe act: A worker was backing up in a congested area.

Solution: A subcontractor stopped him and spotted him while he backed up.

Unsafe condition: A small Gradall was unattended with a load and the forks up.
Solution: An associate reminded the subcontractor that forks need to be in the down position when the lift is stopped and no one is in it.

Unsafe act: As a worker was kicking a spool of wire to move it, the spool nearly struck another worker's leg.

Solution: A GEM associate talked to the worker about using other methods to move the spool.

Unsafe condition: Concrete piping was not chocked properly.

Solution: An RLI associate asked the superintendent to install dunnage at each end to keep concrete pipe from rolling.

FIND IT-FIX IT UPS ITS GAME!

As of January 1, Find It-Fix It is changing to better recognize our associates for participating.

Cash for monthly 'Best Find' winners

Each month, RLI will contribute \$2 for each submission to a "pot" that will be divided equally among that month's best find winners.

For example, if there are 350 submissions, the pot will be \$700. If three best finds are selected, each winner receives \$233.33. Each winner will always receive at least \$25.

Random winners

There will now be three random winners, each receiving a \$25 gas card.

First submissions

You'll still receive a \$10 food gift card for your first submission each month.