

Second Quarter - 2019

*'Grow electrical and low voltage market share while enhancing customer satisfaction and total value'*

## Job Site Safety

Welcome to the 2019-Q2 edition of The Current. We are half way through the year and off to a great start. Let's continue to stay focused on safety and finish the year strong!

Distracted driving is becoming more and more of a problem in all sectors of transportation. Distracted driving is any activity that diverts attention from driving, including talking or texting on your phone, eating and drinking, talking to people in your vehicle, fiddling with the stereo, entertainment or navigation system—anything that takes your attention away from the task of safe driving.



Texting is the most alarming distraction. Sending or reading a text takes your eyes off the road for 5 seconds.

At 55 mph, that's like driving the length of an entire football field with your eyes closed.

You cannot drive safely unless the task of driving has your full attention. Any non-driving activity you engage in is a potential distraction and increases your risk of crashing.

Effective immediately, Shaw is implementing a 100% ban of all electronic devices and any other distractions while

driving a company vehicle. This includes regular phone calls, hands free Bluetooth phone calls, texting, emailing or any other form of communications. All calls, texts, or emails must be made while the vehicle is safely parked.

We are still allowing voice activated GPS. However, the phone must be properly stowed, it cannot be held. These measures will help ensure the safety of all Shaw employees as well as the other drivers on the road. We highly encourage everyone to take the same approach even if you do not drive a company vehicle. The calls/texts can wait; it may just save a life.

The new driver policy will be finalized soon and updated in the ISO documents. Please see Rob Plesich with any questions or concerns.



## Safety At Home

Summer is finally here, and here's nothing like outdoor grilling. It's one of the most popular ways to cook food. But, a grill placed too close to anything that can burn is a fire hazard. They can be very hot, causing burn injuries as well. Follow these simple tips and you will be on the way to safe grilling.



### **SAFETY TIPS**

- Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors.
- The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill area.
- Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.
- Never leave your grill unattended.
- Always make sure your gas grill lid is open before lighting it.

### **CHARCOAL GRILLS**

- There are several ways to get the charcoal ready to use. Charcoal chimney starters allow you to start the charcoal using newspaper as a fuel.
- If you use a starter fluid, use only charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire.

- Keep charcoal fluid out of the reach of children and away from heat sources.
- There are also electric charcoal starters, which do not use fire. Be sure to use an extension cord for outdoor use.
- When you are finished grilling, let the coals completely cool before disposing in a metal container.

### **Propane Grills**

Check the gas tank hose for leaks before using it for the first time each year. Apply a light soap and water solution to the hose. A propane leak will release bubbles.

If your grill has a gas leak, by smell or the soapy bubble test, and there is no flame, turn off both the gas tank and the grill.

If the leak stops, get the grill serviced by a professional before using it again. If the leak does not stop, call the fire department. If you smell gas while cooking, immediately get away from the grill and call the fire department. Do not move the grill.

If the flame goes out, turn the grill and gas off and wait at least 5 minutes before re-lighting it.



## Employee Recognition

This month we would like to recognize the outstanding job the entire company did in 2018. For our great efforts in safety, Shaw/SSI received NECA's Recognition of Achievement in Safety Excellence.

This is the first time we have received this award, and it is an achievement EVERYONE should be proud of. Safety does not happen by chance, it something we all put effort into.

This award goes to show how strong all employees feel about Safety. Thank you to everyone, and let's bring home another award next year!



## CPR & First Aid Training

Don't forget, Shaw is now offering CPR/First Aid training courses multiple times throughout the year, at no cost. This is a valuable certificate that could ultimately save someone's life.

Listed below are the upcoming courses we have scheduled so far. Reach out to Rob Plesich if you would like to sign up for a course.

- Wednesday 9/25 @ 3pm, Shaw Headquarters
- Wednesday 12/18 @ 3pm, Shaw Headquarters



## WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Keep those safety ideas rolling in! Each quarterly winner will still receive a gift card and have their idea published in the following issue.

### **As always, ideas can be submitted:**

- In person to Rob Plesich at my desk or in the field
- Via phone to Rob (248) 228-2018 or (614) 535-8779
- Via email to Rob: [rplesich@shawelectric.com](mailto:rplesich@shawelectric.com)