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Prioritizing Safety: A Crucial Imperative for Every Professional

The importance of safety cannot be overstated and, at WSA, we consider it our top priority. Since 2014, we have provided our members with a monthly safety bulletin, resulting in an accumulation of 112 such bulletins in our archives today.

Accidents have the potential to significantly impact a business. As someone who has served as an expert witness in several sweeper accidents, I've witnessed firsthand the consequences of serious wrecks. One such occurrence can be business-crippling, even ending. Insurance rates also skyrocket.

When you experience a serious accident a thorough investigation will unfold, delving into myriad aspects of your operations. Records related to the frequency of safety training meetings will be scrutinized, including evidence of attendance by employees. For vehicle-related incidents, the type and adequacy of training will be subject to analysis. Cell phone records may be subpoenaed to determine distractions during the incident.

Vehicle maintenance practices will also undergo scrutiny, requiring submission of daily vehicle walk-around checklists, including a detailed account of issue resolutions.

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We suggest your business should establish a reporting system for 'close calls,' integrating them into ongoing training processes. Additionally, scrutinize GPS markers tracking speeding, hard braking and other behaviors so you can confirm your vehicles are being operated safely.

Pavement-related businesses face various challenges in designing effective management techniques to ensure proper training in areas such as lockout/tagout, lifting procedures, suitable job attire, high-visibility clothing and much more.

Quoting legendary football coach Vince Lombardi, "Practice does not make perfect. Only perfect practice makes perfect." In the sweeping and pavement maintenance industry, honing skills that may save lives requires a commitment to "perfect practice."

These and many other invaluable insights are encapsulated in the collection of over 250 articles on power sweeping best practices, all accessible on WSA's members only, password-protected website.

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