

IT IS LOADED (Reprinted from "The Safe Worker" You may have heard of the famous case of the worker who almost "blew his top" because of a compressed air accident. In case you haven't heard it, here are the brief facts:

A young man was completing his day's work, and he started to blow fine wood dust out of his clothing with air under about 80 pounds pressure. His arms were bare and the pores of his skin were open, since he had been sweating freely. He held the air hose nozzle near his left hand. When he turned it on, the air struck his hand, and the hand and arm were immediately blown up to a startling size and he suffered extreme pain. Not only that, but he also felt such pain and pressure in his head that they found him actually trying to hold the top of his skull on!

This man recovered, but the doctors said if the air had entered his blood stream, as through a cut, it probably would have reached the small blood vessels in the brain, caused a clot and brought death.

This is a spectacular case, but there are many other examples of the serious, even tragic, results of misuse of air hoses.

Compressed air is a great helper throughout industry, but it can be a loaded gun in the hands of the thoughtless or foolhardy. If you handle compressed air at all, make sure you will never be caught with the lame excuse, "I didn't think it was loaded!"

When Using A Compressed Air Hose, Observe The Following Rules -

1. Use only sound, strong hose with secure couplings and connections.
2. Be sure there are no sharp points on metal hose parts.
3. Close control valve in portable pneumatic tools before turning on air.
4. Before changing one pneumatic tool for another, turn off air at control valve.

Never kink hose to stop air flow.

5. Wear suitable goggles, mask, protective clothing, or safety devices.
6. Never use air to blow dust or chips from the hair, clothing or work bench.
7. Never point the hose at anyone. Practical jokes with compressed air have caused many painful deaths.

8. When using compressed air, see that no nearby workers are in line of air flow.

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KAPUSKASING AND TERRACE BAY SPLIT DOUBLE-HEADER Last Sunday on the local sandlot Terrace Bay's Hardball Team split a double-header with Kapuskasing, losing the first encounter by a 4 - 3 score and edging out the visitors by 8 - 7. In a previous encounter at Kap on July 31st Terrace Bay had come out on the long end of a 17 - 10 score.

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MILL VISITING HOURS Due to the increasing number of visitors to Terrace Bay it was recently found necessary to increase the number of mill visiting days. Until further notice, visitors will be taken through the mill on conducted tours, daily except Saturday and Sunday at 2:00 p.m.

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SOFTBALL DOUBLE-HEADER SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH Terrace Bay Comets will play a double-header against Oliver Road Port Arthur on Sunday afternoon, September 11th. Games are scheduled for 1:30 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.

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JOCK McCOLL BENEFIT Friends of Jock McColl, injured in a Softball game, will be glad to hear that proceeds from the Softball game and benefit dance held recently resulted in collection amounting to \$135.00.

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LONGLAC'S SAFETY RECORD As we go to press with this issue, 26 safe days have been worked by LongLac employees without a disabling lost-time accident. In terms of man hours, this amounts to approximately 93,600. The immediate objective which has been set is 200,000 man hours without a disabling accident and this objective can be reached by October 7th. If the objective is attained another record also will be broken for we will then have worked through September for our first accident-free month since start-up. With everyone thinking daily and hourly in terms of personal safety we can continue to have a good record. But when things are going well extra care should be taken to guard against the "mechanical" and "human" hazards which cause accidents.

ACCIDENTS DO NOT HAPPEN, THEY ARE CAUSED AND CAN BE PREVENTED