

Michael's Volkswagen
Safety/Health & Compliance Service and Review
Conducted by Compliance Northwest
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A Safety Review was conducted today. Employees were asked if they had any safety concerns or issue. Anything mentioned is documented in the Review. The last Safety Review from 5-16-2019 was followed up.

Old Safety and Compliance Topics:

The nozzle covers on the emergency eyewash station by the service wash up sink were off today. *Off again today. There could be contaminates in the nozzles, that can get transferred into the eyes, when used in an emergency. Take the nozzles off and clean. Keep covers on the nozzles. Still.*

The emergency eyewash station on the north wall of service needs to be re-located. Immediate access to it is blocked, especially when a car is in the stall. *This is a poor location for the eyewash station. Access to it was blocked again, today. This is not in compliance.*

There is a chemical labeled "Corrosive" being used in the carwash. Recommend a couple of eye-rinse bottles be available in the area. However, this does not take the place of an eyewash station. *Still recommended. We have had other dealerships cited for not having the proper PPE and/or eyewash available in car wash areas. Still. Closed Issue for now.*

The tool rest on the brush side of the pedestal grinder had been lowered when used and then not replaced when finished. It's OK to move it, but it must be returned to 1/8 of an inch from the brush. *Out of compliance again today.*

The stairway landing, by the clean-up sink, is completely blocked by equipment. Clear the landing and also the items on the steps. *All stairways and means of egress are to be kept free of blocking items. Cluttered with tools, etc. today. Again today. Closed Issue for now.*

In the same room, keep the area under the electrical panels clear. There are items stored under and in front of it again. Clear the area. *OK today. Closed Issue.*

The outside steps into the service department were highlighted at one time. Recommend highlighting them again with yellow paint. *Still recommended. Also, add an "Open Door Slowly" signage. There is a desk right by the door, usually with several people standing around it. CNW observed an employee getting hit by the door today.*

Lift #14 is missing a rubber pad. Lift #15 is missing all 4 rubber pads. These are safety components of the lift and must be maintained. The techs should be bringing issues like this to management's attention. *Still.*

The microwave oven by the grinder needs to be thrown out. I doubt it can be cleaned enough. No one should be using it. *This has been replaced. Keep the new microwave clean and covered when not using it. Closed Issue.*

Two step-ladders were observed that were missing the required non-skid pads. Only replace with commercial grade step-ladders that have the OSHA/ANSI stickers on them. *Did not observe the stools today. Closed Issue.*

Recommend your used antifreeze vendor label the antifreeze tote "Double Walled Container", if it is. It needs to be double-walled to be outside. *Still recommended. Closed Issue.*

New Safety and Compliance Topics:

Recently, at another dealership, an L&I inspection was instigated by an ex-employee's complaint that the dealership didn't provide the means for the tech to protect himself from exposure to rodent infested vehicles.

All of the Michael's dealerships have a Written Hantavirus Protection Addendum in their Automotive Respiratory Protection Plan, Section 5 of the Safety Manual.

Each dealership is required to have Hantavirus Protection Kits on hand or the equivalent. Kits are recommended. Kits can be purchased through Amazon or Grainger.

Ensure all your employees who may come in contact with rodent infested vehicles know that protection is available and is required to be used.

Information on the Outdoor heat exposure requirements is attached to the copy of the Safety Review. A copy of the Written Heat-related Illness Safety Plan is filed into Section 2 of the Safety Manual.

There is also a form attached that needs to be signed and filed into the back of Section 2 of the Safety Manual, if you feel this issue does not pertain to this dealership. If it does, it's usually lot techs, or outdoor wash employees and some salesmen.

CNW recommends you do the training. The L&I link is a 10-minute Power Point training plan with a small test at the end. It then prints out a certificate of completion for the employee to be kept on file.

No new Safety and Compliance issues at this time.

CNW's Next Service Call is Scheduled for Monday, September 16