

SAFE HARBOR

A monthly newsletter for the Maritime worker from
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Thank you for your maritime service and taking the time to review our Newsletter. We at the Law Offices of Lyle C. Cavin, Jr. hope you find the following information helpful. If you have any questions regarding your rights or remedies please contact us at any time. We are here to serve you.



VIBRATORY TOOLS ARE DANGEROUS!



Although this topic has been mentioned in past newsletters it bears repeating. Vibratory tools such as needleguns, scalers, and impact wrenches can all cause serious and permanent injury to your hands and arms. Shipowners and shoreside employers largely ignore the limits that are required in the use of these tools. The lack of adequate insulated gloves contributes to this problem. If you are tasked with the use of any of these tools, make sure you have been provided the manufacturer's warnings as to the amount of use that is safely permissible and provided with adequate protective gloves. Repeated use of these tools can lead to permanent and irreversible damage to your neurological and vascular systems in your upper extremities.

QUESTION FROM THE BRIDGE



I have been using needleguns to remove paint aboard ship for several years. When I complained to my doctor about problems with my hands and wrists he dismissed this as just age-related arthritis. What should I do?

Lester, Norfolk, VA.

Answer: Lester, you need to find a doctor knowledgeable in vibratory tool injury and make sure you undergo the necessary testing to determine if it is simply arthritis or the effects of tool use which results in much more serious harm. There are specific tests that can be performed to determine the extent of any such damage.

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