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### **DID YOU KNOW?**

The National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) recently ruled that businesses using temporary employees are considered “joint employers” along with staffing agencies. Consequently, your business could be held liable for any safety violations or other regulatory violations involving temporary workers.

It’s important to work with staffing agencies to ensure the safety of temporary workers and to avoid financial penalties. Call us today and ask to see our new Risk Insights article, “Protect Off-site Temporary Employees,” to learn about important strategies when collaborating with a staffing agency.

## Internal Asset Protection Strategies for Manufacturers

As a manufacturer, you most likely rely on your internal assets—such as your machinery, products, and documentation—to stay successful. Although it’s easy to focus only on your business’s external exposures, it’s important to implement strategies to protect these internal assets as well.

The potential exposures that manmade accidents and other risks present to your internal assets are significant. Here are a few simple strategies to keep your assets and business safe:

- **Maintain your equipment:** Consider contacting a risk management professional, who can identify how often your equipment needs maintenance, and how critical it is to your

bottom line.

- **Store important information:** Place important financial or recordkeeping materials in a secure and fireproof safe.
- **Maintain appropriate surveillance:** Video cameras can be an effective way to guard against accidental or intentional manmade accidents. However, be sure to consider your workers’ privacy.

For additional resources to protect your assets, contact us at (800) 538-0487 today.



## Amputation Occurs During An OSHA Inspection

While an OSHA inspector was investigating an amputation at Stampcoat Inc. in El Paso, Texas, a worker sheared off the tip of his thumb. For this and the previous amputation, Stampcoat Inc. was cited for 32 “serious” violations and fined \$119,000.

OSHA currently maintains a National Emphasis program on amputations. Under the program, OSHA targets workplaces with machinery and equipment that is capable of causing amputations as well as workplaces where amputations have occurred. Get in touch with Atlantic Pacific Insurance today to access our manufacturing safety resources to help you stay in compliance.