

# Chain Saw Safety



Operating a chain saw is inherently hazardous. Potential injuries can be minimized by using proper protective equipment and safe operating procedures.

## Before Starting a Chain Saw

- >Check controls, chain tension and all bolts and handles to ensure that they are functioning properly and that they are adjusted correctly.
- >Make sure that the chain is always sharp and the lubrication reservoir is full.
- >Start the saw on the ground or on another firm support. Drop starting is never allowed.
- >Start the chain saw at least ten feet away from the fuel area, with the chain's brake engaged.

## Fueling a Chain Saw

- >Dispense fuel at least ten feet away from any known source of ignition. No smoking during fueling.
- >Use a funnel or a flexible hose when pouring fuel into the saw.
- >Turn saw off. Never attempt to fuel a running or hot saw.

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- >Clear away dirt, debris, small limbs and rocks from the saw's chain path.
- >Shut off the saw or engage its chain brake when carrying the saw on rough or uneven terrain.
- >Keep your hands on the saw's handles and maintain secure footing while operating the saw.
- >Proper PPE must be worn. This includes hand, foot, leg, eye, face, hearing and head protection. Never wear loose-fitting clothing.
- >Watch for branches under tension, they may spring out when cut.
- >Be cautious of saw kickback. To avoid this, do not saw with the tip. If equipped, keep the guard in place at all times.

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### State Places Moratorium on New Drilling Near Interstates

Louisiana's Office of Conservation placed a moratorium on drilling oil and gas wells within a quarter mile of an interstate highway. The 120 days moratorium on issuing new drilling permits near interstate highways begins December 1, said Jim Welsh, the state's Commissioner of Conservation. The emergency order came after a natural gas well blow-out and fire near Interstate 10 in Iberville Parish on November 15. That incident resulted in the closing of I-10 across the Atchafalaya Basin until the well was capped. "Governor Blanco asked this office to take immediate steps to protect public safety by reviewing our rules about permitting drilling near major highways," Welsh said. "This moratorium gives us the opportunity to carefully re-examine our regulations including any necessary changes in the documents applicants submit," Welsh said.

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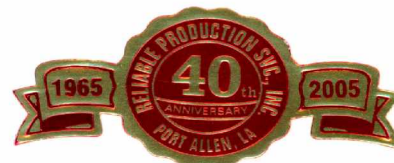


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## Installation & Maintenance

Pictured from left to right are Darian Ledet, Marvin Jackson, Darrel Milson, Wallace Breau and Stanley Hargrave.

Mr. Wallace, as he is called, is the Supervisor of the crew. He has 45 years experience in the oil field, having worked at Brown & Root for 16 and Great Southern for 25 years before coming to Reliable in December 2003. Stanley is another old hand in the oil field. He too came over from Great Southern, having been there for five years with Mr. Wallace. Darrel has a little over two and a half years. He came on board with Reliable in May 2005. Marvin was hired on August 20<sup>th</sup> of this year. Not far behind, Darian entered the crew on September 26 of this year. These guys install equipment on all newly drilled wells, as well as maintaining equipment on all existing wells. The crew keeps the wells producing day in and day out.



# January Anniversaries

Frances "Buck" Chustz 34 yrs. 1/1 RPS  
Leroy Langlois 26 yrs. 1/1 RPS  
Lee Chauffepied 1 yr. 1/2 RPS  
Lena Joseph 39 yrs. 1/3 RPS  
Michael Dorsey 11 yrs. 1/6 RPS  
Frederick Hutchins 1 yr. 1/8 RPS  
Leroy Duncan 1 yr. 1/9 RPS  
Glen Marlow 12 yrs. 1/13 RPS  
Elizabeth Bradford 1 yr. 1/16 RPS  
Paula Miller 3 yrs. 1/17 LRI  
Andre Dixon 3 yrs. 1/17 RPS  
Leslie Dixon 3 yrs. 1/17 RPS  
Zane Morvant 4 yrs. 1/21 RAC  
Jack Jordan 8 yrs. 1/24 RAC  
Corey LeBlanc 4 yrs. 1/24 RAC  
Debbie Collins 1 yr. 1/25 RPS  
Rickie Hebert, Sr. 22 yrs. 1/28 RPS  
Evelyn Hebert 17 yrs. 1/28 RPS



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# January Birthdays

Robert Soileau 1/1 RPS  
Jack Jordan 1/1 RAC  
Johnny Wells 1/2 RPS  
Louis Powell 1/3 RPS  
Elizabeth Bradford 1/3 RPS  
Rob Rorak 1/9 LRI  
Billy Marks 1/15 RPS  
Jackie Douglas 1/17 RAC  
Brent Pitre 1/17 RAC  
Keith Burnitt 1/23 RPS  
Tim Zeno 1/24 RPS  
DeEtte Staid 1/25 RAC  
Lloyd Miller 1/27 RPS  
Jane Stelly 1/28 RPS

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# HAPPY NEW YEAR



The tradition of the New Year's Resolutions goes all the way back to 153 B.C. when a mythical Roman king named Janus was placed at the head of the Roman calendar. With two faces, Janus could look back on the past events and forward to the future. Janus became the ancient symbol for resolutions and many Romans looked for forgiveness from their enemies and also exchanged gifts before the beginning of each year.



## Singing In The New Year

The song, "Auld Lang Syne" is sung at the stroke of midnight in almost every English-speaking country in the world to bring in the New Year. In spite of the popularity of 'Auld Lang Syne' it has aptly been described as the song that nobody knows. Hardly a gathering sings it correctly, without someone butchering the words. Written by Robert Burns in 1741, it was first published in 1796 after Burns' death. "Auld Lang Syne" literally means "old long ago," or simply, "the good old days."

Let's see if we can get it right, the chorus anyway.

**Here goes!**

Should auld acquaintance be forgot,

and never brought to mind?

Should auld acquaintance be forgot

and days of auld lang syne?

## Looking Back - Moving Forward

New Year's Eve has always been a time for looking to the past, and more importantly, forward to the coming year. It's a time to reflect on the changes we want to make and resolve to follow through on those changes. The best way to keep our resolution is to create a plan and think long-term. Resolutions are made in one day, but accomplished with a hundred tiny steps that happen throughout the year. Also, expect that your plan can and will change because life has a funny way of throwing unexpected things at us.

# Memories Last Forever

November ushers in cold weather. It also reminds us that this year's end is fast approaching. For many of us, November is also a time to remember the lives of our love ones that are no longer with us. Many religious faiths hold memorial services intended to help us cope with the grieving process. Churches give their members the opportunity to list the names of those who have departed so that everyone can pray for the families that have been affected by the loss. Many will visit the gravesite, while others light candles and/or hold a vigil to remember that special person who left an impression on them. It's not easy making the transition from having them with us to living with the memories we created. But when all is said and done, that is what we have.

We can't stop the circle of life. No matter how much we will it, God is free to call any of us home at anytime. For our part, we should free ourselves of any guilt or regrets we have about the things we didn't do or will never be able to do because death has touched our lives. My grandfather gave me some of the best advice on life in the last conversation we had before he left this world. As he was preparing for surgery, one he did not survive, he said to me, "Chris, tell my whole family that I love them and that I lived a good life. Tell them I have no regrets." That brief encounter with my grandfather made a lasting impression on me. While we are alive, we should take every opportunity to tell people we love them. While we are alive, be alive as you can! While you are alive, live so as not to regret anything! Also, live so that no one will regret that they were a part of your life.

Therapeutic grieving is a healthy way to let go of the person and grab hold of the experience that is left behind. What's worse than having someone cry over your death is not having anyone cry at all. Our tears are an outward sign of the deep love we have for others. We cry because they made a difference to us. We live in spite of their death because we make a difference to others. When you lose a love one, shed your tears to show your love. While you still have time, live your life in a way that will insure others will shed tears when your time is up.