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Safety Intervention Grant unapproved items

BWC is committed to improving workplace safety through the use of preventative engineering controls designed to reduce the risk of workplace injuries and illnesses.

The list of unapproved items includes examples of equipment, materials, or expenses that are generally outside the scope of the program or do not meet the intent of the program.

Items outside the scope of the program include:

- Common equipment necessary for the primary functions of the business
- Administrative controls or personal protective equipment (PPE)
- Items that only incidentally reduce workplace risk factors
- Items outside the scope of the program or prohibited by program policy
- Replacement of routine equipment

Unapproved items

Note: This list is not intended to be exhaustive and does not include all items that may be considered ineligible under program policy.

- Anti-fatigue mats
- Attachments for use on equipment not owned by the employer (e.g., leased or rented equipment)
- Automated external defibrillators (AEDs)
- Body supports (e.g., back belts, wrist splints)

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- Building and/or property improvements
- Chipper machines or equipment that chip tree branches, wood, or similar materials
- Clothes pressing, laundering, and/or dry-cleaning machines
 - **Exception:** specialty equipment used for washing and drying firefighter turnout gear
- Earth-moving equipment including stand-on/sit-down powered equipment used to excavate, move, grade, or manipulate/transport earth, soil, gravel, sand or similar materials (e.g., mini track loaders, loaders, graders, scrapers, dingos, excavators, backhoes, bulldozers)
- Equipment intended to meet minimum compliance requirements (e.g., OSHA, ADA, or similar compliance standards)
- Exercise or rehabilitation equipment
- Field marking equipment
- Food industry items (automated beverage dispensers, deli slicers, dough mixers, fryers, tables/cafeteria tables) Forklifts and other powered industrial trucks (e.g., lift trucks, jitneys, hi-los, fork trucks, fork hoists, and forklift trucks)
- Insurance, consumable goods, rented or leased equipment, permits, warranties (e.g., non-durable or expendable items such as food, beverages, toiletries, cleaning supplies, office supplies, filters, and medical supplies)
- Lighting
- Medical diagnostic equipment
- Mowers, including but not limited to ride-on/sit-down or robotic, gas, electric, solar, manual or battery powered machine used to cut grass, weeds, or other vegetation
 - **Exception:** non-ride-on/non-sit-down, non-residential, or remote-controlled robotic mowers specifically engineered for sloped or dangerous terrain greater than or equal to ($\geq$) 15°
 - Applies only to public employers and non-commercial policyholders whose primary business is not landscaping or vegetation control, but who perform incidental grounds or vegetation tasks (e.g., cities, counties, townships, villages,

schools, and special districts such as parks and recreation.

- Mulch dispensing equipment (e.g., blowers, dumpers, buggies, mules, belts and conveyors)
- Office furniture and accessories, including chairs, desks, sit/stand desks, tables, and computer workstation accessories
- Pallets and storage bins
- Passive safety devices: equipment or systems that help protect people or property by monitoring, alerting, or deterring risks without requiring active intervention (e.g., netting, guard rails, bollards, safety shutoffs, life alerts, radios, non-medical digital x-ray machinery/equipment)
- Powered or manual hand tools
- Remote meter readers
- Road repair systems, including, but not limited to equipment/machinery and materials used for the maintenance, rehabilitation/repair, and construction of paved or unpaved roadways
- Security devices (e.g., security cameras/systems, card access systems, monitoring systems, computer/software programs)
- Specialty tools designed to perform specialized tasks that general-purpose tools cannot safely or effectively accomplish (e.g., precision measuring instruments, custom cutting devices, or tools engineered for specialized use or repairs)
 - **Exception:** pipe saws and tools specifically designed and used to reduce exposure to respirable crystalline silica
- Tire changers, wheel balancers, and alignment machines
- Trailers (standard transportation trailers)
 - **Exception:** trailers with interventions permanently or integrally mounted
- Training and training simulators
- Trench boxes and shoring equipment
- Vehicle or equipment lift devices used for routine or primary business purposes (e.g. automotive and autobody/auto repair shops or dealerships)
- Vehicles, including stand-on/sit-down powered equipment used to transport personnel or

materials that may be used for purposes other than the intended intervention task

- Weaponry (including tasers)
- Wearable devices, wearable technology, and exoskeletons

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