

SAWMILL/LUMBER/POST AND POLE - TEMPORARY TRANSITIONAL EMPLOYMENT IDEAS

Task Options for Injured Employees	Injury: LE=Lower Extremity; UE=Upper Extremity				In-house expertise
	Back	LE	UE	Comment	
Industry-specific					
Fire safety inspector (extinguishers, dry pipe sprinkler valves, fire pumps, sprinkler lines/heads and cleaning sawdust from junction boxes, motor control centers, breaker boxes, and conduit, clean hydraulic power units)	P	P	Y		
Gate attendant/site security	Y	Y	Y	Sit or stand based on comfort	
In-feed guider for machines with light or no-material handling, such as planer feed table or dryer feed)	P	P	P		
Label pipes/conduit/breaker boxes	Y	Y	Y		
Lumber grader (with auto product flipper table)	Y	Y	Y		
Millwright assistant	Y	Y	Y		
Night watchman	P	P	Y		
Painter/stenciler (building support posts, curbs/barriers, machine guards, floor striping, small signs)	P	P	Y		
Parts runner	P	P	Y		
Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) inspector	Y	Y	Y		
Power tool inspector/inventory taker/minor maintenance	Y	Y	P		
Pre-shift prep (arrive prior to shift start, have all tools and equipment out and ready to go)	P	P	P		
Product packaging labeler	Y	Y	Y		
Quality control inspector (moisture content, product shape, size, weight)	Y	Y	Y		
Research laws/regulations pertaining to industry	Y	Y	Y	Sit or stand based on comfort	
Sling sorter	P	P	P		
Special research projects (industry trends)	Y	Y	Y	Sit or stand based on comfort	
Superintendent/manager assistant	P	P	P		
Tool sharpener or tool and property engraver	P	Y	N	Sit or stand based on comfort	
Traffic flagger (if certified, qualified)	P	P	P		
Vehicle/equipment washer	P	P	P		
Videotape record of property or process	Y	Y	Y		
General Industry					
Attend vendor-provided specialty or recurring training (OSHA, DOL, State Fund)	Y	Y	Y	Sit or stand based on comfort	
Comparison shopper (are suppliers providing best product/prices, what prices/services are competitors offering)	Y	Y	Y	Sit or stand based on comfort	
Cross trainer/mentor	Y	Y	Y		
Develop safety training schedule, identify and schedule topics/trainers	Y	Y	Y	Sit or stand based on comfort	
Foreign language translator (translate policies/practices/posters to other common language)	Y	Y	N	Sit or stand based on comfort	
Mail/fax delivery for small packages	P	P	Y		
MSDS book updater/organizer	Y	Y	P	Sit or stand based on comfort	
Review and evaluate safety training videos, recommend those to use for staff training	Y	Y	Y	Sit or stand based on comfort	
Review and update safety programs (accident prevention program, evacuation maps, etc.)	Y	Y	Y	Sit or stand based on comfort	
Rotate/replace/update/clean warning signs/posters	Y	Y	Y		
Safety inspector (extension cords, first aid kits, BBP kits, emergency exit routes, emergency numbers posted, etc.)	Y	Y	Y		
Safety program trainer	Y	Y	Y	Sit or stand based on comfort	
Take company vehicles to shop for service (oil change, tire rotation, etc.)	P	P	Y		
Trade show booth person	P	P	P	Sit or stand based on comfort	
Community service (see community service ideas page)	Y	Y	Y		

Y=Yes; P=Possible; N=No