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Our monthly newsletter is intended to give you helpful information regarding the newest technology in our industry, equipment, and building code updates, just to name a few.

We recently were approved as a provider to present Ohio Insurance continuing education classes. We look forward to having classes throughout the year at our six office locations. We are happy to further your education and enable us to better help each other and the families we serve.

This is Cousino Harris' way of giving thanks to those who have worked with us throughout the years and we commit ourselves to keep you informed.

You've heard About it! Now See it in Action at Cousino Harris!



The Esporta Wash System! 85% of soft contents previously deemed unsalvageable can now be restored to pre-loss condition, saving an average of \$4700 *per claim* and can generally be returned to the homeowner within 72hrs.

Do you have soft contents lying around your house that are 'a little under par' i.e. life jackets that have mildew, boots that are moldy or contents from claims that have been deemed "unsalvageable"? We challenge you to bring them in and have them restored for free! Our certified technicians will run ATP samples (bacteria testing) before and after rendering them "food-grade sanitized". That old, smelly duffel bag that your son keeps his football or hockey gear in, bring that, AND his sports equipment! If it will fit in the Esporta, it most likely can be restored. In addition to the basics; shoes, belts, stuffed animals, it also cleans but not limited to:

Sports equipment (hockey, football, helmets, pads, rollerblades)

Camping and survival gear (tents, lifejackets, wet suits, and sleeping bags)

Leathers and suede (jackets, wallets, purses)

Fire fighting/ police/ HAZMAT equipment (suits, coveralls, vests, riot gear, helmets and headgear)

Patio (furniture cushions and BBQ covers)

Bedding (comforters, pillows - including down)

Small car parts to porcelain dolls!

If you or your staff/ department have items you would like to be cleaned, or would like a demonstration, contact Shelly at (419) 931-2054 or skonk@cousinoharris.com

Electrical Code Updates!

This is really nothing new other than the that it is now going to be officially enforced by all jurisdictions statewide. Here is a breakdown to keep it quite simple with how it will affect all of us: (some jurisdictions were already requiring these)

1.) Tamper Resistant Receptacles. This is a new style receptacle which will not allow anything to be inserted unless equal pressure is on both of the tabs. This is an effort to reduced accidental contact by children, keys, paper clips, etc. Please note that they are harder to insert a cord into and you may receive complaints. They look no different than standard receptacles except upon closer inspection you will see small shutters covering the openings that move aside when the plug is inserted properly. As far as additional cost, the units are about one dollar more per device on average and are readily available.

2.) Arc Fault Protection/ Arc Fault Breakers. NEC section 210.12 defines an arc fault protector as a device intended to provide protection from the effect of arc faults by recognizing characteristics unique to arcing and by functioning to de-energize the circuit when an arc fault is detected.

To make this easier to understand, it is a different style of circuit breaker that not only trips if there is an over current or short circuit but also if a wire on the circuit is not properly tightened, is corroded or inadequate in such a way that the breaker can detect the possibility of arcing. These are now required in all family rooms, living rooms, dining rooms, parlors, libraries, bedrooms, sun rooms, rec rooms, closets, halls and similar areas as well as hotel and motel rooms. The concern is an increased cost. What used to be covered by a five dollar circuit breaker is now requiring a \$35 circuit breaker. Multiplying by the number of circuits in an average house, you could easily approach or exceed an additional \$1,000 per project. In addition to the increased cost, they are quite simply put a very fussy device and will create call-backs and service calls. This is especially important to know when adapting the new regulations to older wiring systems that are not wired in the ways to accept the new breakers.

You are all very familiar with the GFI regulations and a good rule of thumb to follow for the new requirements is this: *If it is not a GFI it will be an AFI (arc fault interrupter).* Be sure to check all reset buttons in both the service panels and at the GFI outlets themselves if you find something without power.

While these are not all of the increased code requirements, they are the most common ones that we will deal with on an everyday basis.

Thank you for taking your valuable time to read this. If there is anything you would like discussed in future newsletters, contact Shelly at skonk@cousinoharris.com or (419) 931-2054.

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