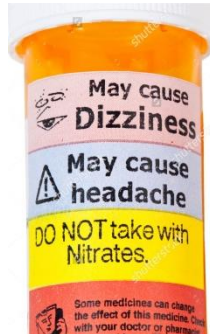




SAFETY ALERT

Warning Labels on Prescription Meds

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Summary: Some forestry workers who work in safety sensitive environments do not acknowledge or heed the warning labels on their prescription or over-the-counter medications. On the jobsite or while driving or operating machinery, this means that workers could be lightheaded, nauseous, dizzy, drowsy or weak. If workers are required to make decisions that affect the safety of themselves or others, the probability of making a mistake may increase.

Learnings and Suggestions:

- If you work in a safety sensitive environment, inform your doctor about the nature of your work.
- Ask your doctor if he or she endorses the use of your prescription medication while at work.
- Inform your employer about the warning labels or negative side-effects of your prescription or over-the-counter medications as alternate low risk work may be available or your employer may request you stay home until your condition stabilizes.

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