

Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation

Safety Innovations

Competition

BWC is seeking employers who developed or implemented an innovative solution to an occupational safety or health issue for the next [Safety Innovations Competition](#). Private, public and self-insuring employers in Ohio are invited to apply for the competition, which showcases successful innovations and helps other Ohio employers in their safety efforts by inspiring more innovative solutions.

Innovations can come in many forms, whether it's a change in equipment, machinery, processes or procedures. Employers should be prepared to share how their innovations reduced safety, ergonomic and occupational health risks for their employees. The first round of judging starts in October. Finalists will compete for cash awards during the Ohio Safety Congress & Expo 2016, which will be held March 9 to 11, 2016, at the Greater Columbus Convention Center. Cash prizes range from \$1,000 to \$6,000.

To be eligible, employers must have an Ohio BWC policy number and be current on all monies owed to BWC. The innovations must be currently in use and placed into service between July 1, 2010, and June 30, 2014. The deadline to apply for the Safety Innovations Competition is Sept. 30. For more information and to apply, visit www.bwc.ohio.gov.

September is National Preparedness Month.

2015 NPM Theme: Don't Wait. Communicate. Make Your Emergency Plan Today.
Take action now – [make a plan](#) with your community, your family, and for your pets. Plan how to stay safe and communicate during the disasters that can affect your community. Participate in America's PrepareAthon! and the national day of action, [National PrepareAthon! Day](#), which culminates National Preparedness Month on September 30.



2015 weekly hazard focused themes

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| Week 1 | September 1-5 | Flood |
| Week 2 | September 6-12 | Wildfire |
| Week 3 | September 13-19 | Hurricane |
| Week 4 | September 20-26 | Power Outage |
| Week 5 | September 27-30 | Lead up to National PrepareAthon! Day (September 30) |

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) also has a [website](#) with materials and resources for this important month of events.

NIOSH News

N95 Day is September 4

National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health(NIOSH) is celebrating the 4th Annual N95 Day on Friday, September 4. The focus this year is to equip you with the necessary tools to provide and/or practice proper respiratory protection when the use of N95 filtering facepiece respirators is necessary. Keep an eye on social media channels that day including Twitter (@NIOSH, @NPPTL, #N95Day) Facebook, Instagram, and Pinterest as well as the annual N95 Day NIOSH Science Blog article.

Blog posts from the last three N95 days can be found here:

2012: <http://blogs.cdc.gov/niosh-science-blog/2012/09/05/n95day/>

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2014: <http://blogs.cdc.gov/niosh-science-blog/2014/09/05/n95day-2014/>

New eDoc Format for Short Publications

NIOSH eDoc provides a mobile-friendly format for short NIOSH publications. This new publication product presents workplace safety and health information in a way that is accessible and easy to use on any mobile device, desktop, or laptop computer. By minimizing the need for resizing, panning, and scrolling, responsive design allows easy reading and movement through a document. Read about the eDocs format in this [NIOSH Science Blog](#) post.

OSHA News

Updated Guide to OSHA Training Requirements Available

Occupational Safety and Health Administration(OSHA) has posted a fully updated version of its guide to all agency training requirements to help employers, safety and health professionals, training directors and others comply with the law and keep workers safe. [Training Requirements in OSHA Standards](#) organizes the training requirements into five categories: general industry, maritime, construction, agriculture and Federal employee programs.

Eyewash Maintenance

This new [OSHA Infosheet](#) describes the health issues that can occur from contaminated water in eyewash stations and instructs employers to follow manufacturer's instructions on keeping them maintained. The document emphasizes the importance of maintaining emergency eyewash stations so the water does not become contaminated and lead to potential infections.

OSHA e-Books

Did you know that several OSHA books are available in formats that can be used on tablet computers, smart phones and e-readers? The [OSHA Mobile-Friendly e-Books](#) website has books you can download on ladder and nail gun safety, tree care hazards and many more topics.

High Penalty Enforcement Cases

OSHA launched a new website containing information on [high citation dollar enforcement cases by state](#) (cases with initial penalties over \$40,000). Users can click on a state from the map and see the cases listed by date beginning with data from January 2015.

National Safety Council Driving Statistics

This [news release](#) from the National Safety Council presents sobering news about the numbers of traffic deaths during the first half of 2015. They estimate that deaths are up 14% from the same period in 2014 with serious injuries up 30%. The press release includes tips on driving safety.

Here are more [safe driving trips](#) from the Ohio Turnpike Commission

Avoid Struck By Accidents

Did you love the Lego Movie? If so, watch this [short video](#) produced by WorkSafeBC. The video creatively illustrates the importance of giving mobile equipment the right of way and avoiding danger zones on a jobsite.

UL Laboratories Construction Confined Space Webinar

Underwriter Laboratories presented a webinar in July 2015 about the new OSHA construction confined space regulations. A free download of the webinar is available [here](#) (site registration required)

Hazardous Substances Data Bank (HSDB)

[HSDB](#) is a toxicology database that focuses on the toxicology of potentially hazardous chemicals. It provides information on human exposure, industrial hygiene, emergency handling procedures, environmental fate, regulatory requirements, nanomaterials, and related areas

Ladder Safety Hub

The [Ladder Safety Toolbox](#) from Ladder Safety Hub contains a video ladder safety toolbox talk and links to ladder safety resources from OSHA, the Mine Safety Health Administration and others.

Safe Patient Handling

[This report from Public Citizen](#) presents data from 6 studies including Ohio BWC data to show that investments in safe patient handling can save money by reducing injuries to nurses and other healthcare employees

Hazard Communication Training Program

The Center for Construction Research and Training has a complete [hazard communication training program](#) on its website. The program in both English and Spanish includes instructor and student manuals as well as PowerPoint slides to be used in the class. The curriculum is for a 4-hour class that complies with 29 CFR 1910.1200 requirements.

Confined Space Tracking for Agriculture

WorkSafeBC has released a mobile app called [My Confined Space](#). The App allows users to inventory confined spaces at a variety of farm types including dairy farms and orchards. The user can create an inventory on a map and include log information and photos for each confined space. The app also contains information on the hazards for many common confined spaces found on farms.

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