

# Safety Update

## Ohio BWC Library

### New Data Released on Nonfatal Occupational Injuries in 2014

The Bureau of Labor Statistics has released [numbers of nonfatal occupational injuries for 2014](#). The rate of injuries decreased slightly from 2013 and the number of injured remained essentially the same. The median days away from work to recuperate rose to nine, one day more than reported in 2013. This number is indicative of the severity of injuries. The report contains numerous data tables.



#### NIOSH News

##### Safety and Health Training for Young Workers

The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) and the American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA) have created a youth safety program called [Safety Matters](#). NIOSH and AIHA designed the program to teach safety to students in grades 7 to 12. It includes an interactive module and PowerPoint presentation.

##### Small Business Resources

NIOSH has a page dedicated to [small business safety](#). The page contains information on compliance and insurance, emergency preparedness, guides and handbooks, tools and safety plans and much more.

##### The Lighter Side of Safety

Check out the NIOSH [blog post for Nov. 18](#), it is a list of songs that contain work-related themes. Not all have a specific safety message but they talk about issues of long hours, stress and other things that could lead to safety issues. Dolly Parton's 9 to 5 is one that easily comes to mind, you will have fun seeing all the others listed as well.

##### Buy Quiet Campaign

NIOSH's campaign to buy quiet is all about reducing the risk of occupational hearing loss among operators and nearby workers by spending the money up front to buy quieter equipment to eliminate noise hazards. NIOSH put together a [series of infographics](#) to help people visualize the severity of the problem. These designs are great for companies that need to reduce noise exposures for their employees. Topics include wearing hearing protection properly, spending on workers compensation due to hearing loss and levels of noise exposure.

### Give Your Input on New OSHA Guidelines

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The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) is seeking public comment on an updated version of its voluntary Safety and Health Program Management Guidelines. The [website](#) has a link to the revised guidelines and a link where you can provide comments.

### Work Safe in Cold Weather – Plan. Equip. Train

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Together OSHA and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration created an [online public education effort](#) aimed at improving the way people prepare for and respond to working in [severe weather](#). You can find information about preventing slips and falls, cold stress guides, winter safety checklists and much more.

### Farm Safety – Important information for employers that employ tractor operators

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OSHA developed a [fact sheet](#) to help protect workers from accidents caused while operating a tractor. This fact sheet provides employers with safety measures to avoid incidents involving overturns, runovers, power take-off (PTO) systems, and unintended contact with tractor attachments or implements.

## Other News

### Infographic of the Month!

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The Centers for Disease Control's Business Pulse website brings us this [infographic](#) on five critical challenges facing businesses. These include work-related injuries, illness and fatalities, temporary or contingent employment, work-related stress disorders, aging workforce and chronic conditions. Included are links to actions you can take to reduce risks.

### Howard Leight Hearing Toolbox

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Honeywell Inc. has created a [hearing app for the iPad](#). The app includes hearing-conservation program information, best practice articles, videos, a noise thermometer infographic, and information on choosing, fitting and caring for hearing protection devices.

### Winter Driving Tips

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Winter is about to sneak up on us soon! Here are [winter driving tips](#) from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Keep safe when you are battling ice and snow.

### Journey to Safety Excellence

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The National Safety Council has created three [safety measurement tools](#) that are available free from its website. The tools include a safety assessment, a safety perception survey and an incident rate calculator. When you register, you can also access articles and an online forum to discuss safety with other professionals.

### New Podcasts from the American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE)

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ASSE hosts a weekly safety update called [Safety Lately](#). Recent topics have included confined spaces in construction, first responder safety, ergonomics and hand washing. The podcasts are no longer than 5 minutes and most don't go much past three minutes in length. Listen, and keep up with what is happening in safety.

## Construction Industry Injury Statistics

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The Center for Construction Research and Training posted a [third quarter data report](#) covering fatal and non-fatal injuries in the construction trades from 2003 to 2014. The report shows fatalities increased the past four years matching the changes in numbers of workers in the trades.

## Roofing Safety

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The Simplified Safety [Fall Protection Blog](#) has a post with five habits you should develop to keep you safe while working on a roof. Great advice!

## Electrical Equipment Safety

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The United Kingdom Health and Safety Executive website has [information](#) on how to make sure you use electrical equipment safely. The page includes information on checking the suitability, condition and safety of equipment, and the electrical supply.

## Material Stacking

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This [guide](#) from material handling company Cisco Eagle has tips on how to properly stack many common materials stored in warehouses. Tips cover stacking bars and pipe, pallets and sheet metal. The article has links to other good resources as well.

## TOXNET Databases

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The National Library of Medicine (NLM) developed the TOXNET databases in 1985 to provide better access to toxicology information stored by NLM. There are 16 databases under TOXNET. Read about how TOXNET came to be and what information you can obtain in this [NLM In Focus article](#).

## Mold Resource Center

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The American Industrial Hygiene Association has posted a [resource for information on mold](#). The website has mold facts, information about flood resources and a link to their facts page on mold.

Please contact the [library@bwc.state.oh.us](mailto:library@bwc.state.oh.us) or 614-466-7388 for more information on any of these items.