

# Safety Update

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### National Preparedness Month

September is [National Preparedness Month](#) (NPM). Sponsored by the Federal Emergency Management Agency in the US Department of Homeland Security. It serves as a reminder that we all must take action to prepare, now and throughout the year, for emergencies that could affect us where we live, work and visit.

#### There are weekly themes associated with the campaign.

Kickoff to NPM Aug. 28 to Sept. 3

- Find resources to promote NPM at: [www.ready.gov/september](http://www.ready.gov/september).

Week 2: Sept. 4 to 10 Preparing Family & Friends

- Make a [family emergency communication plan](#).

Week 3: Sept. 11 to 17 Preparing Through Service

- Honor 9/11 by [getting involved in your community](#) and planning with neighbors.

Week 4: Sept. 18 to 24 Individual Preparedness

- Take individual steps to prepare for a disaster today, like [downloading the FEMA app](#).

Week 5: Sept. 25 to 30 Lead up to [National PrepareAthon Day!](#)



### NIOSH/CDC News

#### NIOSH Research Rounds

Research Rounds highlights selected National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) research projects every month. This edition of [NIOSH Research Rounds](#) has articles on a new rock crusher booth, traumatic brain injury deaths in construction, a method to protect health-care workers from hazardous drugs and neck pain risks at work.

#### N95 Day

If you use respiratory protection at work, there is a holiday for you! NIOSH is celebrating the fifth anniversary of [N95 Day](#) on Sept. 6. The website has information about the event and resources for those using respirators, including [a new document on hospital respiratory protection programs](#).

#### Total Worker Health® Webinars

The NIOSH Total Worker Health® program presents a [free webinar series](#) aimed at providing the latest research and case studies for protecting the safety and health of workers everywhere. The newest webinar will be on Sept. 27. It features two speakers talking about productive aging and work. You can [register to listen](#) to this webinar live and listen to recordings of past webinars.

## OSHA Interpretation of Recordable Injuries Regulation

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The Occupational Safety and Health Administration's (OSHA) website has interpretation letters for many safety regulations. [This recent letter](#) interprets a portion of 29 CFR Part 1904 - Recording and Reporting Occupational Injuries and Illnesses regarding medical treatment beyond first aid.

## New OSHA Guidance on Penalty Increases

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OSHA has raised [penalties as of August 2016](#). Read about the new penalties and procedures in the OSHA Field Operations [Manual](#) (CPL-02-00-160). The manual provides OSHA offices, state plan programs and federal agencies with policy and procedures concerning the enforcement of occupational safety and health standards.

## New Fact Sheet on Combustible Dust

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This [new OSHA publication](#) describes how to protect workers from explosions caused by combustible dust. It includes information on how to control dust, how to keep workers safe and workers rights.

## Other News

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### NFPA 350: Guide for Safe Confined Space Entry and Work Draft

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The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) has posted the current draft of the 2018 edition of this standard for public comment. [Read the current and draft editions here](#). The NFPA will accept public comments until 2017.

### Using Leading Indicators in Construction Safety

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This [workbook from the Center for Construction Research and Training](#) helps safety professionals learn about and work with leading indicators in construction. The workbook has eight customizable worksheets that employers can tailor to a specific company. It also features a safety-climate assessment tool to assist a company to learn its level of safety climate maturity.

### Solvents in the Workplace

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If you work with solvents at your facility, you must be aware of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) hazardous waste regulations on how to discard them. [This guidance document from the US Environmental Protection Agency](#) will assist you in determining if waste solvents are hazardous. It also explains how to dispose of hazardous waste properly.

### Excessive Heat Events Guidebook

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This new [U.S. Environmental Protection Agency](#) document assists community officials, emergency managers, meteorologists and others plan for and respond to excessive heat events. Developed with the assistance of several government agencies, the document contains up to date information on coping with extreme heat. It includes an appendix of online federal resources.

### Sitting at work

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Do you generally sit for eight hours a day? If so, then this [information from the British Journal The Lancet](#) can give you some guidance on how to counteract the risks. The website has audio files, commentary, articles and a webcast on this important topic.

## First-Aid Information

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The website [MedlinePlus](#) has information on a variety of first-aid topics. Whether you are new to the subject or just want a refresher, this page can help.

## Share the Road

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The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Association has created [these 13 graphics](#) to remind drivers how to share the road safely with large trucks. Graphics include information on blind spots and stopping distances.

## Automobile Fatalities Up 9 Percent

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The National Safety Council (NSC) collects statistics on roadway fatalities. It reports in this [press release](#) that 2016 is on track to be the most dangerous year since 2008. NSC estimates accidents will potentially kill 438 people during the Labor Day holiday weekend. This is the continuation of a two-year trend of significantly higher fatality numbers on the nation's roadways.

## Pocket Guide to Transportation

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The U.S. Department of Transportation's Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) has a smartphone app of the Pocket Guide to Transportation 2016. The app has statistics with trends for the U.S. transportation system. It includes chapters on infrastructure, economy and safety. [This link](#) allows you to download the guide in PDF format along with previous editions or go to a website to access the app.

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