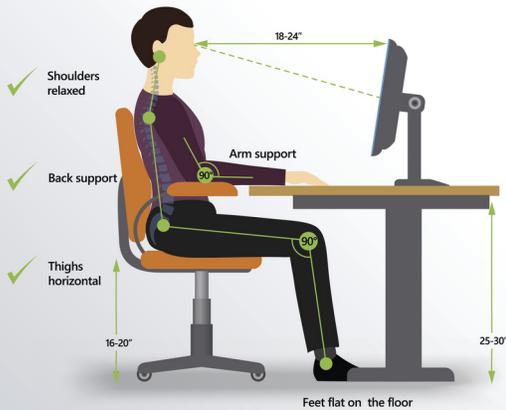


# Safety Update

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**June is National Safety Month.** The National Safety Council (NSC) has a campaign that you can participate in to celebrate this important initiative. Each week has a different emphasis.

- **Week 1:** Stand Up to Falls
- **Week 2:** Recharge to Be In Charge (Focusing on Fatigue)
- **Week 3:** Prepare for Active Shooters
- **Week 4:** Don't Just Sit There (Focusing on Ergonomics)

Free downloadable materials such as posters and tip sheets are available [online](#) from NSC to help spread National Safety Month's messages.

### NIOSH/CDC News

#### Occupational Health Safety Network

The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) has a program for health-care facilities that enables them to improve the health and safety of their workers using data collected on worker injury and exposure. This [program](#) assists with the identification of injuries and exposures, tracking them over time and measuring interventions. Participation in the program gives facilities access to intervention tools and generates data reports to meet accreditation requirements.

#### Health and Safety Practices of Healthcare Workers

NIOSH has a new topic page discussing the results of a health-care worker survey it performed in 2011. The survey found that respondents did not always follow best practices when handling hazardous chemicals. Read about the survey, the chemicals studied and the findings on the [NIOSH website](#).

#### 2017 Beat the Heat

NIOSH and the U.S. Agricultural Safety and Health Centers joined to share heat-stress information with the farming, fishing and forestry communities. This campaign focuses on preventing heat illnesses and deaths in agriculture. The [website](#) contains links to resources from the Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA), NIOSH and other organizations.

#### Rethink Your Drink

Weight control is part of general wellness. You may not think that your beverage choices have an impact on your weight, but they do. This [website](#) gives the calorie counts for many common beverages and add-ins, presents alternate choices to consider that have lower calories and discusses the various types of sweeteners that you might find in the ingredients lists for your beverage of choice.

## Safe + Sound Week

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OSHA, the NSC, the American Industrial Hygiene Association, the American Society of Safety Engineers and NIOSH present the inaugural Safe + Sound Week, June 12-18, 2017. The event is a nationwide effort to raise awareness of the value of workplace safety and health programs. The week includes management leadership, worker participation and a systematic approach to finding and fixing hazards. The [website](#) has information on how to participate, plan and promote events, and recognize your participation.

## Emergency Preparedness and Response

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OSHA's [website](#) contains a wealth of information on how to prepare for and respond to emergencies. Learn about preparedness and response to natural disasters and weather, disease agents and toxins and much more, including links to resources and guides developed by OSHA.

## Other News

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### NSC 2017 Edition of Injury Facts

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The NSC stated in this most recent preventable death report that poisoning, which includes death by overdose of prescription opioids, is the leading cause of preventable death in 24 states. The odds of adults dying from opioid abuse are greater than that of dying in a vehicular crash. You can find these and other statistics from this report along with a link for a free webinar discussing the trends in the [NSC press release](#).

### Hypothenar Hammer Syndrome

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If you use portable vibrating tools or have a job where they push, strike or press objects with your palms you may be at risk for this syndrome. The Canadian research organization IRSST has a [website](#) with a video and downloadable flyer to help you recognize warning signs. To prevent the syndrome, the group cautions workers not to use their hands as a hammer, not to grip tools with excessive force and to regularly rest their hands.

### Fires by Occupancy or Property Type

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This [collection of tables](#) shows the estimated average number of fires, associated civilian deaths and civilian injuries, and direct property damage per year reported to local U.S. fire departments during 2010-2014. The report presents estimates for structural, vehicular and outside fires.

### New Fire Research Fact Sheet

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This National Fire Protection Association [research fact sheet](#) contains an overall summary of the fire problem in the U.S. It briefly covers response numbers, vehicle and home structure fires and leading causes of fires.

### Distracted Driving Webinar

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The NSC presented a webinar on distracted driving in April. The webinar is available [online](#). During the one-hour presentation, NSC Senior Program Manager of Transportation Initiatives Deb Trombley discusses how to deal with family, friends and employers who have not gotten the message about the dangers of distracted driving. She also addresses how you can be safer on the road.

## Poison Help

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Do you know what to do if someone has ingested or come into contact with a poison? [This website](#) from American Association of Poison Control Centers can help. Enter information into the form and access guidance and information instantly.

## Virtual Reality App

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The NSC and the University of Iowa developed a new cell phone app. Called CarTech VR360, the app provides a virtual reality test drive of advanced vehicle technologies. With this app and a virtual reality headset for your phone, you can test six vehicle technologies. These include blind spot monitoring and emergency braking. The app is available for [Apple](#) and [Android](#) devices.

## Safety Compass Spring Issue

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The Federal Highway Administration Safety Program posted the [spring issue of the Safety Compass](#) Newsletter. This issue contains information on:

- Pedestrian and bike safety policies;
- Best practices for roadway safety data gathering;
- A list of safety publications available from the office of Safety;
- More roadway safety topics.

## Children and Agriculture

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The Marshfield Clinic Research Foundation created the [North American Guidelines for Children's Agricultural Tasks](#), a collection of guidelines designed to assist parents and others in assigning age-appropriate tasks for children ages 7–16 that live or work on farms and ranches across North America. The program assists parents in choosing safe work for their children on the farm.

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