

Safety Update

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Watch Out for Deer on Ohio Roadways!

According to stats from State Farm, we Ohioans have a 1-in-134 chance of hitting a deer while driving. The autumn months provide plenty of opportunities for deer-vehicle collisions. Because of mating season and the clearing of fields, deer are on the move. Thus, the chances of them being in the road increases.

Unfortunately, there isn't really a way to keep deer off roadways. However, there are precautions you can take to decrease the chances of hitting one. Learn more in this recent [BWC blog post](#).

NIOSH/CDC News

New Naloxone Use Fact Sheet

The National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) issued a new [fact sheet](#) on the use of naloxone to reverse opioid overdoses in the workplace. The fact sheet contains information about purchasing and storing naloxone as well as personal protective equipment storage, follow up care and program maintenance.

Total Worker Health Webinar

NIOSH will hold a free [webinar](#), New Insights into the Opioid Crisis and Work: Important Information for Workers and Employers, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Nov. 6. The presenters will share their latest insights related to the risks of opioid use, misuse and overdose in worker populations. Register [here](#) to attend.

Hazardous Energy Control

A new [website](#) from the National Occupational Research Agenda Manufacturing Sector Council features ways in which businesses and companies can safeguard employees from the release of hazardous energy during service and maintenance activities. The page features a new resource guide for hazardous energy control.

New NIOSH Research Videos

Twelve [new videos](#) filmed during a recent conference highlight NIOSH scientist and researcher grantees discussing their studies and programs. Topics include robotics, fire station health risks, construction falls, nail salons and more.

OSHA News

New OSHA Memorandum

In a recent [memorandum](#), the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) clarified its position on the use of workplace safety incentive programs and post-accident drug testing. The memo says for these programs and drug testing to be valid, employers must apply them in a non-retaliatory way to promote workplace safety and health.

OSHA Top-10 Violations List

OSHA announced the [preliminary top 10 violations for fiscal year 2018](#) at the National Safety Council Congress and Expo. The violation list remains essentially the same from previous years except for the addition of one new entry at No. 10. Personal protective and lifesaving equipment - eye and face protection (29 CFR 1926.102) made the list for the first time. It knocked out electrical wiring methods (29 CFR 1910.305) which was No. 10 in 2017.

Flu Season Has Arrived

OSHA has a [webpage](#) dedicated to information for employers and workers in health-care and non-health-care settings. The page has links to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's flu vaccine recommendations for this year.

National Emphasis Program on Trenching

On Oct. 2, 2018, OSHA updated the National Emphasis Program on preventing trenching and excavation collapses in response to a recent spike in trenching fatalities. OSHA released the following new compliance assistance materials.

- Public service announcements in [English](#) and [Spanish](#) and a [5 Things You Should Know to Stay Safe video](#).
- An updated [trenching operations QuickCard](#).
- OSHA's revised "Protect Workers in Trenches" poster, available in [English](#) and [Spanish](#).
- An updated [trenching and excavation webpage](#).

Free Active Shooter Training

Safety training company Vivid Learning Resources has a free online [Active Shooter Preparedness training course](#). The website has links to additional resources on this topic.

New Safety Standard Podcast

The American Society of Safety Professional's (ASSP) [Safety Standards and Tech Pubs Podcast](#) helps you stay up to speed on the latest in industry consensus safety standards and technical publications.

Silica Resource Guide

ASSP developed a [resource guide](#) to assist contractors with complying with OSHA's silica standard. The guide addresses issues such as air sampling, the use and sources of objective data, medical surveillance, respirator use and exposure control plans. It also contains links to external resources.

Research on Return to Work

How a supervisor reacts to a recovering injured worker can make a difference in his or her eventual successful return to work. This AtWork newsletter [article](#) from the Institute for Work and Health describes a [study published in the Journal of Occupational Rehabilitation](#) on workers in Victoria Australia. Workers who had a supportive supervisor reaction were 2.3 times more likely to have sustainably returned to work than those who received a negative supervisor reaction.

An Impact Analysis of Two Silica Dust Exposure Reduction Strategies

The Institute for Work and Health will present a [talk](#) from 11 a.m. to noon Nov. 6 from by senior scientist Dr. Emile Tompa. Dr. Tompa will share findings from an impact analysis based on data spanning 30 years.

Safety Tool for Small Construction Companies

The Center for Construction Research and Training (CPWR) has a tool that small construction companies can use to assess and improve their job-site safety. The [Safety Climate Assessment Tool for Small Contractors](#) (S-CAT SC) uses eight leading indicators. Companies can complete an assessment online or by downloading the workbook.

Fatal Injuries among Small Construction Establishments

This [CPWR Quarterly Report](#) found that for 2016, 67 percent of all fatalities in the construction industry occurred in establishments with 1 to 19 employees.

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