

Safety Update

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June

NATIONAL SAFETY MONTH 2019

The National Safety Council (NSC) designates each June as National Safety Month. National Safety Month focuses on reducing leading causes of injury and death at work, on the road, and in our homes and communities. The four weekly topics this year are:

- Hazard recognition.
- Slips, trips and falls.
- Fatigue.
- Impairment.

Public materials include posters, tip sheets, articles, family activities, special offers, social graphics and more. Go to the [NSC website](#) to sign up to receive these materials.

BWC News

BWC Safety Congress Call for Presentations

Do you have the experience to help make workplaces safer and healthier? Are you comfortable speaking to a crowd?

If so, you could be a presenter at our Ohio Safety Congress & Expo 2020 (OSC20), the nation's largest occupational-focused safety and health event. We're now [accepting presentation proposals](#) for this multi-day event, scheduled for March 11 – 13, 2020, in Columbus.

Updated Aerial Lift Hazard Recognition Simulator

The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) released an updated version of its [Aerial Lift Hazard Recognition Simulator](#). The simulator now includes a boom lift scenario. Both scissor and boom lift operators can use this free simulator to refresh their knowledge or familiarize themselves with hazards they may encounter on the job.

Statistics

Looking for statistics on medical and health topics? The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has a [website](#) with links to several topics, data tools and related organizations.

OSHA Rules Updates

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) made 14 revisions to existing standards in the recordkeeping, general industry, maritime and construction standards as part of the [Standards Improvement Project \(SIP\)](#). The purpose of SIP is to remove or revise outdated, duplicative, unnecessary and inconsistent requirements in OSHA's safety and health standards.

Annual Trucking "Roadcheck"

June 4-6 is the annual safety "Roadcheck" for commercial trucks and busses. Inspectors from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration participate in this event along with counterparts in Canada and Mexico. This year's emphasis is on [steering and suspension systems](#). Last year there were 67,603 inspections which identified 11,910 vehicles and 2,666 drivers with out-of-service conditions.

Marijuana-Impaired Driving

The American Transportation Research Institute released a report in March titled [Marijuana Legalization and Impaired Driving: Solutions for Protecting our Roadways](#). The report discusses legalization trends, safety and legal implications of driving under the influence of marijuana and collecting evidence for prosecution of marijuana-impaired driving.

Risk Assessment/Management Tool

The American Industrial Hygiene Association released the [Occupational Exposure Risk Assessment/Management Body of Knowledge](#). This free resource assists occupational safety and health professionals with decision-making processes in evaluating and mitigating risks.

ASSP's Women and Safety Report

The American Society of Safety Professionals released a report on the challenges women in safety face in the workplace. The report, [Women and Safety in the Modern Workplace: Creating a Diverse and Inclusive Workplace Can Boost Safety, Productivity and Profitability](#), discusses three main challenges: increasing the number of women in safety, improving personal protective equipment for women, and workplace violence.

Safety Podcast

Love podcasts and safety? Vivid Learning Systems' Chief Safety Officer Jill James hosts [The Accidental Safety Pro](#), a bi-weekly podcast about safety professionals.

Fall Rescue Webinar

The Center for Construction Research & Training (CPWR) will present a [webinar](#) on fall rescue at 1 p.m. June 27. The presenters discuss the importance of fall rescue, including suspension trauma, rescue plans, solutions for self- and assisted-rescue, and the importance of training.

CPWR [infographics](#) on construction fall risks and safe practices are available in English and Spanish.

Lockout/Tagout Video

The American Poultry and Egg Association created this [video](#) to demonstrate the proper steps for completing lockout/tagout on poultry equipment or machinery with the goal of illustrating some basic concepts with few, if any, words.

Safety at Heights

The International Safety Equipment Association has a [website](#) focusing on safety at heights, including information on unstable surfaces, dropped tools, unprotected edges and misused fall protection. There is also a link to a webinar on this topic on the site. Learn how to stay safe when working at heights.

Remove the Risk

The Food and Drug Administration has a [toolkit](#) containing public service announcements, social media images and posts, fact sheets, and more for talking with others about safe opioid disposal. Learn how to protect your loved ones from the risks of unused opioid medications.

Projected Growth in Safety Inspection Occupations

If you are interested in the field of safety, the Bureau of Labor Statistics has [projections of jobs in these fields from 2016-2026](#). See the typical educational requirements and median annual wages for eight job categories.

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