

Safety Update

Ohio BWC Library

Division of Safety & Hygiene's August webinars

BWC's Division of Safety & Hygiene (DSH) continues our series of free webinars covering a variety of workplace safety topics. Below is a list of dates and topics, including a link to register for the August webinars.

- Aug. 4 – Winning Management Commitment
- Aug. 11 – Help, My Confined Space Program Needs Work!
- Aug. 18 – [Replay] Precision OSHA Recordkeeping
- Aug. 25 – Who, When, and How to Inspect Personal Fall Protection Equipment

DSH safety experts conduct the webinars, and each of them lasts about one hour.

[Learn more and register for any of the August webinars here.](#)



Ohio BWC News

Updated BWC website coming soon

We are launching an updated website to better serve our injured workers and employer customers. Planned for an Aug. 18 implementation date, our website will have a similar look and feel to other State of Ohio agencies' sites and include some enhanced tools. Our website address remains bwc.ohio.gov, and our customer contact center associates can help you with any navigation issues.

BWC-sponsored public service announcements promote use of masks

We are sponsoring two new public service announcements created in partnership with the Ohio Restaurant Association, OhioHealth, JobsOhio, and the Ohio Business Roundtable. The [first public service announcement](#) features real Ohioans explaining why all Ohioans should wear a mask.



The [second public service announcement](#) features Dr. Steve Markovich, a former Air National Guardsman and fighter pilot, who is CEO of OhioHealth. He encourages younger adults to wear masks to protect family, friends, and coworkers.



Investigating and Responding to COVID-19 Cases in Non-healthcare Work Settings

These [tools](#) from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention aid public health departments in responding to individual cases and outbreaks in non-healthcare work settings such as manufacturing and corrections facilities.

NIOSH Pocket Guide Training Video

Learn about the updated Pocket Guide app from the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) in this new [video](#). See how to search the entire library of common chemicals, save favorites, control how data displays, and other advanced features. Download the app from [this page](#) on the NIOSH website.

NIOSH Events Page

Keep up-to-date on safety and health-related conferences, meetings, webinars, and events sponsored by NIOSH as well as other government agencies, and non-government agencies such as universities, professional societies, and organizations on this [website](#).

Safe + Sound Week

From Aug. 10 – 16, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) is celebrating its annual [Safe + Sound Week](#) to recognize the success of workplace health and safety programs. Find resources to jumpstart your programs, recognize your employees, and sign up for free events going on nationwide.

Guidance on Silica Safety Standards

OSHA recently released an [OSHA Instruction](#) document titled “Inspection Procedures for the Respirable Crystalline Silica Standards.” The directive (CPL 02-02-080) provides OSHA inspection officers with guidance on enforcement of silica standard requirements, including clarification on specific topics such as sampling, temporary workers, and alternative exposure control methods.

New OSHA Guidance for the Oil and Gas Industry

A [new page](#) on the OSHA website assists oil and gas workers and employers with information on risk assessments, engineering and administrative controls, safe work practices, and personal protective equipment related to risk of exposure to COVID-19.

OSHA Poster

OSHA has released a [new poster](#) in 17 languages showing safety steps for employers and workers at meat, poultry, and pork facilities to reduce exposure to COVID-19.

New Trenching Video

OSHA posted a new public service announcement video listing [five things you should know to stay safe in a trench](#). Add this brief video to your trainings and check out OSHA’s [trenching and excavation safety](#) and health topic page for more resources.

The Rise of Telemedicine in Workers' Comp

There has been an increase in telemedicine in recent years, along with its use in workers' compensation treatment plans. [An article published by NU PropertyCasualty](#) discusses the strengths, weaknesses, and considerations to take when using telemedicine in workers' compensation.

Camping Safety

Many of us are camping for our vacations or doing outdoor activities like hiking while staycating this year! [This post from Rider University](#) supplies information on disaster preparedness while camping and hiking. Make sure you are prepared and know what to do in case of a weather emergency or other disaster.

Ergonomics Webinar

VelocityEHS is offering a free webinar beginning at 2 p.m. Aug. 11. The webinar will cover common misconceptions about workplace ergonomics, and will showcase current research on industrial exoskeletons, lifting techniques, and job rotation programs. There will also be a question-and-answer session at the end to answer questions submitted by the audience during the session. To sign up for the webinar, visit the [Ergonomics Truths and Myths: What You Need to Know](#) webinar page.

Hazard Communication in 2020 Webinar

Occupational Health & Safety (OH&S) is offering a free webinar beginning at 2 p.m. Aug. 20. The webinar will cover the development of the hazard communication standard over the years and how to stay compliant in 2020. To sign up for the webinar, visit the [Understanding the Role of Hazard Communication in 2020](#) webinar page.

NFPA Fact Sheet for Grounding and Bonding

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) released a [new fact sheet](#) on how to properly apply the tables found in the 2020 National Electric Code, Article 250 – Grounding and Bonding. Engineers, electricians, and inspectors can download this free resource to learn how to use the tables to correctly size grounding electrode conductors, bonding jumpers, and equipment grounding conductors.

NFPA Guidance on Tents

Many restaurants and other businesses are using tents for outdoor dining and retail events. NFPA recently released a new fact sheet, [Building and Life Safety for Tents](#), providing guidance to ensure tents are used properly and safely.

Firefighter Fatality Report – 2019

The NFPA report on 2019 firefighter fatalities in the U.S. found there were 48 firefighter fatalities, 25 volunteer firefighter fatalities, 22 sudden cardiac deaths, and three road crash fatalities. All these numbers are the lowest since data collection began in 1977. Read the entire report on the [NFPA website](#).

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