

Safety Update

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Drive Safe Work Week, Oct. 5-9

The Network of Employers for Traffic Safety's (NETS) Drive Safe Work Week is an annual workplace safety campaign to remind employees about safe driving practices. The theme this year is “#PlanAhead—Your Key to Driving Safely,” which underscores why advance preparation is important. Whether checking the fuel gauge the night before or thinking through your route, planning is a key element of safe driving. The campaign includes materials to help any employer remind its employees about safe driving practices. Click on the website, and go to the tool kit to find a launch letter employers can customize, campaign materials, graphics to produce a poster, web banners and images to promote the campaign.



NIOSH News

New Spanish Language Safety Materials

The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) published [new materials](#). They include brochures, posters and videos in Spanish aimed at keeping workers safe in a variety of settings.

Size Matters in Safety

The design of both protective equipment and workspaces is important to safety. In this [NIOSH Science Blog posting](#), the relationship between the size of firefighter's protective equipment and truck cabs and the safety of these workers is considered.

Prevention Musculoskeletal Disorders (MSDs)

This new [Workplace Solutions document](#) provides information on the prevention of MSDs in baggage screeners and handlers. It describes two ergonomic interventions, vacuum lifting devices and automatic baggage moving systems.

OSHA News

Updated Manual for Firefighters

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) updated [Fire Service Features of Buildings and Fire Protection Systems](#). OSHA's manual for firefighters, provides information on how firefighters typically interact with building features and fire protection systems during fires and similar emergencies. OSHA believes the manual will increase the safety of emergency responders and building occupants.

Success in Training

OSHA has a [new document](#) on how to create effective training of occupational safety and health topics.

Other News

Infographics of the Month (There are two!)

- The Bureau of Labor Statistics delivers 7 Steps of [Workplace Emergency Planning](#). It shows seven steps to help you create a comprehensive emergency plan to keep workers safe and get you back to business.
- The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) brings us this [infographic](#) on flu prevention. Learn about the challenge to businesses, the information you can get from CDC and what action to take.

Safety Lately

[Safety Lately](#) is a weekly podcast about occupational safety and health from the American Society of Safety Engineers. Recent topics have included the flu, the ABCs of fall protection, food trucks and preventing amputations.

Manufacturing Day

The Fabricators and Manufacturers Association International celebrate [Manufacturing Day](#) on the first Friday in October. The Manufacturing Day website lists events going on in Ohio. It features resources and ideas for employers and educators to host their own events.

First Release of Fatality Data from 2014

The Bureau of Labor Statistics released [preliminary data for occupational fatalities in 2014](#). The report shows total fatalities increased 2 percent from last year. The fatality rate remained the same at 3.3 workers per 100,000 full-time workers.

Deaths of older workers increased and decreased slightly among Hispanic and Latino workers.

Industries with increased fatalities included:

- Mining (up 17 percent);
- Agriculture (jumped 14 percent);
- Manufacturing (up 9 percent);
- Construction (increased 6 percent).

Some industries recorded a reduction in deaths. This included government workers (down 12 percent).

Underground Utilities Myths

The International Construction and Utility Equipment Expositions released a [top 10 list of myths about underground utilities](#). Learning these myths can help workers stay safe during underground utility installations.

Texting study

We all know texting while driving can be dangerous, but so can texting while walking according to [this study](#) from researchers at Texas A & M University.

Fatality Investigation Videos

Ten videos from the California Fatality Assessment and Control Evaluation program are available online. They describe actual deaths of workers in various situations and discuss ways to prevent those accidents.

My Car Does What?

Do you know all of the safety features of your vehicle and how they work? If not, this new website from the National Safety Council and the University of Iowa can help. The council and university created this site in response to a survey that showed drivers are confused about how their cars work when it comes to new technologies. The site houses videos and other material about 33 systems such as side view cameras, lane keeping assist and adaptive headlights.

Disaster Planning and Recovery Information

Planning for a disaster can be a daunting task. You may have a plan for your property, but what about your finances? The Red Cross has published an online guide to help you plan for your home and your business. The guide contains information about how to make a plan, protect your property, health, life and records and recover from a disaster.

Please contact the library@bwc.state.oh.us or 614-466-7388 for more information on any of these items.