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## Sharing Knowledge in the SafetyNet Online Community

Recent postings have included questions about sit/stand workstations, health records retention and rally points for fire evacuation. Join in and give other members the benefit of your experience - respond through community emails or log in through [www.minnesotasafetycouncil.org/mo](http://www.minnesotasafetycouncil.org/mo) and click the "SafetyNet" link.

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## Prescription Nation 2018: Facing America's Opioid Epidemic

An [extensive review](#) conducted by the National Safety Council looks at the scope of the opioid crisis and evaluates how states are taking action.

## New Resources

**Top 10 Most Dangerous Jobs of 2018:** A look at the [most dangerous occupations](#) in the U.S., as measured by fatal work injury rate.

**Falling Behind on Electrical Safety:** A [new report](#) from NFPA shows about one-third of states are skipping one or more updates of NFPA 70 National Electrical Code, and other states are amending the code to remove safety requirements.

### **Preventing Hearing Loss Caused by Chemical and Noise**

**Exposure:** New NIOSH [Safety and Health Bulletin](#) with information on preventing hearing loss caused by ototoxic chemicals and noise exposure.

### **Musculoskeletal Health Research to Benefit Construction**

**Workers:** A summary of [recent research](#) NIOSH has done on preventing musculoskeletal disorders among construction workers.

## MN Excavation Stand-down, April 16-20; National Safety Stand-down, May 7-11

MNOSHA and other safety partners are promoting the state's second annual Excavation Safety Stand-down, April 16-20. Trench collapses have killed three Minnesota workers since 2015. More information on the [MNOSHA website](#). Also, plan now to join the National Safety Stand-down

to Prevent Falls in Construction, May 7-11. Learn more on the [MNOSHA website](#).

## Resources for Distracted Driving; Statewide Tornado Drill

**April is Distracted Driving Month**; sign up for the National Safety Council's [free distracted driving webinar](#) scheduled for April 19, 11 a.m. to learn more about engaging ways to address distracted driving at work. Find additional [resources for the workplace](#) on our website or contact [Lisa Kons](#) for campaign ideas.

**It's Severe Weather Awareness Week**, and the [statewide tornado drill is this Thursday, April 12](#) - a good opportunity to support your organization's "take shelter" plan.

## Upcoming Events

### [Calendar of Safety Observances](#)

April 11-12 [Defensive Driving Course, Basic \(8-hour\)](#)  
April 11-13 [Defensive Driving Course, Instructor Development \(8-hour\)](#)  
April 12 [Emergency Response Initial Training \(HAZWOPER\), 8-hour](#)  
April 12 [Emergency Response Refresher \(HAZWOPER\)](#)  
April 13, May 15 [Forklift Train-the-Trainer](#)  
April 16 [Confined Space Entry](#)  
April 17 [13th Annual Northern Minnesota Safety Conference, Bemidji](#)  
April 17 [Defensive Driving Course, Basic \(4-hour\)](#)  
April 17-18 [Defensive Driving Course, Instructor Development \(4-hour\)](#)  
April 17-20 [OSHA #510 - Occupational Safety & Health Standards for the Construction Industry](#)  
April 23 [Electrical Safety in the Workplace: NFPA 70E](#)  
April 24 [Fall Protection for General Industry Train-the-Trainer PLUS](#)  
April 24-27 [Safety Management Techniques](#)  
April 26 [First Aid/CPR/AED Training](#)  
April 27, May 4 [Forklift Train-the-Trainer PLUS](#)  
April 30 - May 1 [10-hour OSHA General Industry Safety and Health Training](#)

May 2-4 [OSHA #502 - Update for Construction Industry Outreach Trainers](#)

May 3 [Aerial Platform Train-the-Trainer](#)

**May 8-10 Minnesota Safety & Health Conference**

May 14 [OSHA Recordkeeping: Beyond the Basics](#)

May 15-18 [OSHA #511 - Occupational Safety & Health Standards for General Industry](#)

Complete training schedule available [online](#).

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