SafetyNet Online Community: Add Your Experience to the Conversation!

Recent postings have included questions about an Active Shooter/Armed Intruder Readiness Plan for a high-rise office building, safety training for ride-on vacuum cleaners, ammonia level testing, and fall protection training for warehouse stock pickers.

Add your experience to the conversation! Post or respond through community e-mails or log in at www.minnesotasafetycouncil.org/mo and click the SafetyNet link. Forgot your ID number? Enter your e-mail address into the "Forgot Your Password?" box on the right side of the Members Only homepage and submit it. You’ll receive an e-mail momentarily.

Safe + Sound Week: Make Safety a Priority

Safe + Sound Week is August 13-19. Register to join the more than 1,000 organizations already planning to participate. The Safe + Sound website offers free training and events, including a workshop from Maryland OSHA and webinars from the National Safety Education Center and Chief Insurance Solutions, LLC. A free OSHA webinar can help you to change your approach to safety and health as well as plan an event. Visit the Safe + Sound Week webpage for more information.

Regulatory News

OSHA Proposes Rule to Better Protect Personally Identifiable Information: Federal OSHA has issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to better protect personally identifiable information by removing provisions of the "Improve Tracking of Workplace Injuries and Illnesses" rule. The proposed rule eliminates the requirement to electronically submit information from OSHA Forms 300 and 301 for establishments with 250 or more employees. These establishments would continue to be required to submit information from their Form 300A summaries. Comments must be submitted by September 28, 2018.

Updated ISO Food Safety Management Systems Standard: ISO 22000:2018, a recently-released ISO standard on food safety management systems offers a dynamic control of food safety hazards combining the following key elements: interactive communication, systems management, Prerequisite Programs (PRPs), and Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points (HACCP) principles.

New Resources

CBRN Respiratory Protection Handbook: This recently-published handbook provides technical information on respiratory protective devices (RPDs) for chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear (CBRN) hazards. Useful resource for any user of CBRN respirators and for those responsible for administering respirator protection programs or
Measuring Impulse Noise Properly: This new NIOSH Science blog reviews impulse noise measurement, risk characterization, and the best way to protect workers against such exposures.

Ways to Improve Construction Site Safety: Strategies to help prevent downtime, chances of injury, and improve overall safety on a construction site.

Trench Safety Stickers: OSHA has created a new sticker intended to raise awareness of trenching safety by reminding workers to "slope it, shore it, shield it."

Motorcycle Safety: Expect the Unexpected

New motorcycle safety video from the MN Department of Public Safety features crash survivor Geri Katte and reminds riders to expect the unexpected by always wearing your riding gear, and prepare for the unexpected by taking a riding training course. Download and share the revamped Sharing the Road: A Guide for Motorists and Motorcyclists brochure with co-workers, family members and friends. For more information, see www.motorcyclesafety.org.

Upcoming Events

Calendar of Safety Observances
August 7 Electrical Safety in the Workplace: NFPA 70E
August 8 Respirator Fit Testing Competent Person
August 9 Aerial Platform Train-the-Trainer
August 9 Emergency Response Initial Training (HAZWOPER), 8-hour
August 9 Emergency Response Refresher (HAZWOPER)
August 14 Machine Guarding Basics
August 14-17 OSHA #510 - Occupational Safety & Health Standards for the Construction Industry
August 16 First Aid/CPR/AED Training
August 17 Lockout/Tagout Train-the-Trainer PLUS
August 21-24 OSHA #511 - Occupational Safety & Health Standards for General Industry
August 28 Fall Protection for General Industry Train-the-Trainer PLUS
September 5 Right-to-Know / GHS Workshop
September 6 Confined Space Entry
September 7 Ladder Safety Train-the-Trainer PLUS
September 11-14 OSHA #500 - Trainer Course in Occupational Safety and Health Standards for Construction Industry
September 12-13 10-hour OSHA General Industry Safety and Health Training
September 12-13 First Aid/CPR/AED Instructor Training

Complete training schedule available online.