SafetyNet Online Community: Member to Member

There's a new member question posted in the online community asking if anyone has an example of a written policy/program for "Stretch and Flex" that they could share. JOIN IN! You can respond through the community e-mails, or log in at minnesotasafetycouncil.org/mo and click the SafetyNet link. If you've got a question, make use of this tremendous members-only resource!

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.

OSHA Reporting Requirements: Filing Your OSHA 300 Form

As of this year, OSHA requires that establishments with 250 or more employees must submit electronically. Forms 300, 300A, and 301—which summarize job-related injuries and illnesses logged during the 2017 calendar year—all must be digitally provided to OSHA on or before July 1, 2018. Establishments with 20-249 workers in certain high-injury rate industries will need to electronically submit Form 300A by that same time.

New Resources

OSHA Renews Alliance with International Window Cleaning Association: OSHA and the IWCA recently renewed an alliance to continue providing training and resources to protect the safety and health of workers in the window cleaning industry.

Safety Walk-Arounds for Managers: This new OSHA fact sheet provides guidance to help managers and business owners identify hazards in the workplace and communicate with workers about hazards in their jobs, by conducting safety walk-arounds.

NIOSH’s Latest Research Agenda for Manufacturing Sector: NIOSH has published its National Occupational Research Agenda for Manufacturing, highlighting the industry’s most important occupational safety and health research needs for the next decade.
First-ever Minnesota Apprenticeship Summit, March 7: Employers are invited to register to attend a free, one-day Minnesota Apprenticeship Summit, March 7 in Brooklyn Center. The Summit will showcase best practices and explore strategies to expand apprenticeship to build Minnesota’s 21st century workforce and includes speakers and panel discussions from a range of industries and organizations.

Resources for St. Patrick's Day, Brain Injury Awareness Month, Poison Prevention Week

Impaired-related crashes, injuries and fatalities continue to be a serious problem in Minnesota. Before celebrating St. Patrick's Day this year, share safe driving messages and materials with your employees from the Minnesota Network of Employers for Traffic Safety.

March is Brain Injury Awareness Month; find resources on our website. For National Poison Prevention Week (March 18-24) materials, see the poison prevention page on our website and the National Safety Council's Prescription Drug Employer Kit.

Upcoming Activities

Calendar of Safety Observances
March 2 Accident/Incident Investigation
March 2 Forklift Train-the-Trainer PLUS
March 9 Right-to-Know Train-the-Trainer PLUS
March 12 Forklift Train-the-Trainer
March 13 Lockout/Tagout Train-the-Trainer PLUS
March 13 OSHA Recordkeeping: Beyond the Basics
March 14 Defensive Driving Course, Basic (8-hour)
March 14-16 OSHA #503 - Update for General Industry Outreach Trainers
March 15 First Aid/CPR/AED Training
March 16 Defensive Driving Course, Basic (4-hour)
March 19 Electrical Safety in the Workplace: NFPA 70E
March 20-23 30-Hour Occupational Safety and Health Standards for General Industry
March 21 Joint Meeting: Pills and Weed: Managing Injury Risks
March 21 Preventing Workplace Harassment and Discrimination Workshop
March 22-23 Transporting Hazardous Materials and Dangerous Goods
March 26-27 10-hour OSHA General Industry Safety and Health Training
March 28 Fall Protection: Competent Person
March 29 Scaffolding: Competent Person

Complete training schedule available online.