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SafetyNet Online Community: Busy Start to the New Year

The first weeks of 2018 have been busy in the online member community, including discussions on silica exposure, indoor humidity, safety bonus programs, eyewash stations, audiograms and office space heaters. If you've got a question, make use of this tremendous resource - it's your community! 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.

2018 State of Safety

As a new year begins, Safety+Health magazine provides various data to help describe the current safety landscape.

Increase in MN's Fatal Work-Injuries

According to the MN Department of Labor and Industry, a total of 92 fatal work-injuries were recorded in MN in 2016, an increase from 2015 and the highest total number of fatal work-related injuries since 1996.

Regulatory News

Updated Regulatory Agenda Shows Fewer Changes to OSHA: The US Department of Labor recently released an updated regulatory agenda which contains fewer changes for OSHA than the previous agenda, published in July. The agenda details the status and projected dates for all regulations.

New Resources

New Data for Days of Job Transfer or Restriction Study: The Bureau of Labor Statistics has released 2016 data for the BLS Days of Job Transfer or Restriction pilot study. The study provides occupational injury and illness counts and incidence rates, as well as median days of job transfer or restriction for six industry subsectors.
Transportation Safety Data Initiative: USDOT is launching a multi-modal initiative, including two pilot programs, to modernize its data analysis and provide insights to help improve highway safety.

IOSH Guidance on Construction Nanomaterials: The Institution of Occupational Safety and Health has posted a research report and new guidance on the use of nanomaterials in construction.

Cold Weather Resources for Workers: Cold stress information and resources from MNOSHA and federal OSHA can help reduce workers' risk from cold temps and wind chill. See MNOSHA Cold Stress page.

2018 PDC Keynote - Risk Assessment on the NFL Playing Field: Attend the 2018 Northwest Professional Development Conference (PDC), sponsored by ASSE, Northwest Chapter, to hear from two NFL referees as they explore risk management on the NFL playing field. The PDC will be February 13, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. at Graduate Minneapolis and features a full day of sessions. For complete conference details, including how to register, click here.

Off-the-Job Safety

Super Bowl Fans Don't Let Fans Drive Drunk: The Super Bowl has become synonymous with drinking and celebrating, making roads on game day dangerous. Find Super Bowl safety tips and free impaired driving resources to share with employees on the Minnesota NETS website.

January is National Radon Action Month: Radon is the number one cause of lung cancer in non-smokers and the second leading cause in smokers. The Minnesota Department of Health has helpful information regarding radon and ways to protect you and your family, including how to test your home.

Upcoming Activities

Calendar of Safety Observances
January 17-19 OSHA 502 Update, Construction Industry Outreach Trainer
January 18, February 15 First Aid/CPR/AED Training
January 19 Ladder Safety Train-the-Trainer PLUS
January 22 OSHA Recordkeeping: Beyond the Basics
January 23 Forklift Train-the-Trainer
January 26 Drug and Alcohol Recognition Techniques for Employers
January 26 Fall Protection for General Industry Train-the-Trainer PLUS
January 30-February 1 CHST Examination Preparation Workshop
January 30-February 2 Fundamentals of Industrial Hygiene
February 6-9 OSHA 511 Occupational S&H Standards for General Industry
February 7-8 10-Hour OSHA General Industry S&H Training
February 9 Electrical Safety in the Workplace: NFPA 70E

Complete training schedule available online.