

# MINNESOTA SAFETY COUNCIL

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## Thanks for Nothing



I was walking Gracie the dog during Christmas week when we passed a sign on a local sports field. What caught my eye was the note on the bottom of the sign thanking the association that had donated the sign. "That's nice," I thought, "or maybe it's a bit self-promoting. I mean, I wonder how many signs or other donations there are without anyone's name on the bottom. A lot, I'd guess."

I know for sure some signs I never see. "Another safe day brought to you by your safety committee." "Machine guarding all your fingers every day!" "Thank your safety pros for another routine day at work." These are signs we never see but they are just as true as the sports field sign. So why not?

➔ [Read more](#)

## Rules and Regulations

### Updated Regulatory Agenda Shows Fewer Changes to OSHA

The Department of Labor has 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.

### DOT Adds Synthetic Opioids to Drug Test Panel

According to a [final rule](#) published Nov. 13, DOT-

### NIOSH Withdraws Proposed Rule on Respirator Leakage Standards

NIOSH has withdrawn a notice of [proposed rulemaking](#) that would have established standards for total inward leakage of half-mask air-purifying particulate respirators.

### FDA Offers 3D Printing Guidance to

### Medical Device Makers

The FDA has published a [3D printing guidance](#)

regulated employers will be required to test for the opioids hydrocodone, hydromorphone, oxycodone, and oxycodone starting Jan. 1, 2018.

document that addresses a variety of issues, from design, software, and materials to post-processing, device testing, biocompatibility, and labeling.

## New Resources & Online Tools



### Cold (Work) Comforts

The CPWR "Working in Cold Weather" Hazard Alert is a valuable summary of what to do, and what not to do, if you must work in the cold. It's written for construction workers but applies to other occupations.



### BLS: 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.



### Eye Tracking Research Tackles Safety and Performance in Manufacturing

A new eye-tracking study, designed to understand how visual concentration impacts worker safety and performance, has revealed ways for reducing the risk of accidents and improving how new hires are trained.



### Evaluation of Shipyard Fire and Rescue Services

This new OSHA fact sheet can help employers in the shipyard industry evaluate the adequacy of their fire and rescue response capabilities and includes checklists for a fire safety plan and fire response medical requirements.



### Web-based Hazard Recognition Challenge for Mineworkers

The Hazard Recognition Challenge, a web application developed by NIOSH, gives mineworkers the opportunity to test their knowledge of hazards in a virtual work environment.



### Grants Available to Help Employers Develop Apprenticeships

Applications are now being accepted for the Minnesota Apprenticeship Initiative (MAI) grant to help create or expand registered apprenticeship programs in advanced manufacturing, agriculture, health care, information technology and transportation. Employers can receive up to \$5,000 for each registered apprentice.

## Articles of Interest

### Keeping Your Workers and Facility Safe This Winter

Four steps an EHS manager can take to help maintain a safe work

environment during winter weather, regardless of company size or industry.

### The Economic Value for

### Realistically Testing Your Emergency Response Plan

A look at the value of realistically testing your Emergency Response

Plan so that it challenges your plan, response teams and employees.

### Global EHS Spending Expected to Rise in 2018

### Understanding - and Avoiding - Near Misses

Tips for increasing worker engagement in near-miss reporting programs.

### Minnesota's Fatal Work-Injuries Increased in 2016

## Employers of Workplace Drug Testing

Drug abuse costs U.S. business owners more than \$140 billion dollars every year. This [article](#) looks at the implications and impact of this "epidemic" on America's workforce and how employers can take action.

[Expected to Rise in 2018](#)  
Worldwide environmental, health and safety professionals budgets will increase about 5.4 percent in 2018 - with investment in technology driving much of the expected increase, according to a [recent survey](#) of EHS directors.

A total of 92 fatal work-injuries were [recorded](#) in Minnesota in 2016, an increase from the 74 fatal work-injuries in 2015. This is the highest total number of fatal work-related injuries since 1996.

## Northern Minnesota Safety Conference April 17, 2018

Evangelical Covenant Church's Family Life Center, Bemidji

STAY CURRENT, NETWORK WITH COLLEAGUES AND SPEAKERS, VISIT EXHIBITS FOR TOOLS AND RESOURCES



## Member Marketplace

### Featured Products



[Winter Emergency Kit](#)



[Think Safety Chocolate Bars](#)



[Philips Heartstart Onsite AED](#)



[MSDSonline](#)

## Look Out for 90!

### The Minnesota Safety Council turns 90 in 2018!

While the world has changed a lot since 1928, the need to keep people safe hasn't. People at work still need to spend time and energy to protect their eyes and ears and hands. Drivers on the road still need to protect each other by driving responsibly and we all need to watch for hazards at home like icy sidewalks and cooking fires. Helping make life safer is still the goal.

### So how are we going to turn 90?

- We want to celebrate **you** - our members. Look for member features throughout the year on the web and in social media.
- We want to keep learning. Look for new and different training classes during the year and at conference.
- And we want to spread safety. Look for community and partner events that bring safety home.

**We are looking forward to turning 90** and continuing our work together with you - our members and partners - to support safer, healthier lives.



## 2018 Minnesota Safety & Health Conference

Planning is well underway for the 84th annual [Minnesota Safety & Health Conference](#), May 8-10, 2018! We know you'll benefit from all of our conference speakers, and our **keynoters** will definitely kickstart your day!



**Tuesday, May 8, 2018**  
**Safety, It's a**  
**Wonderful Life**



**Dale Lesinski**, QSSP, VP, Sales  
and Training, DiVal Safety  
Equipment, Inc., Buffalo, NY

**Wednesday, May 9, 2018**  
**Influencing Safety**



**Garrison Wynn**, CEO, Wynn  
Solutions, Houston, TX

**Thursday, May 10, 2018**  
**Your Treasure Chest**



**Terry Hughes**, Motivational  
Speaker, DiVal Safety Equipment,  
Inc., Buffalo, NY

## How Safe Are You?

Has your company been working hard on safety?  
Is it working? Are you keeping people safe? If yes,  
then you deserve recognition for a job well done.

**APPLICATION NOW OPEN!**

[minnesotasafetycouncil.org/awards/](http://minnesotasafetycouncil.org/awards/)

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:**  
**February 9, 2018**

Apply for a Governor's Safety Award and get recognized at the MN Safety & Health Conference, May 10, 2018.

## Your Solution for Training

We offer online, classroom and customized on-site training as well as regional training sessions and consultation on 100+ topics to help you comply with regulations and keep workers safe. **Take a look at our complete 2018 [training schedule online](#).**



## Training for Emergencies: Be Prepared!

Training your employees for an emergency isn't a luxury, it's a requirement - and our proven, flexible [First Aid/CPR/AED training](#) gives you options to meet your internal needs, budget and schedule!

To learn more, contact Al Terwedo, first aid programs coordinator, at 651-228-7315/800-444-9150; [al.terwedo@minnesotasafetycouncil.org](mailto:al.terwedo@minnesotasafetycouncil.org).

