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Your Online Member Community - Join In!

Tap into one of the most valued benefits of membership - the SafetyNet online community! Join in and ask a safety question or help solve a problem by sharing your expertise with other members. You can respond or post through the community e-mails, or log in at www.minnesotasafetycouncil.org/mo and click the SafetyNet link. You can also search for previous discussion threads or a particular topic.

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.

MN Workplace Injury Rate Reaches All-time Low Level

According to the MN Department of Labor and Industry, Minnesota's estimated workplace injury and illness rate for 2017 is [at its lowest rate](#) since the measurement started in 1973. In the past 15 years, our state has seen a 40 percent decrease in its rate of work-related injuries and illnesses.

Fall Protection Tops OSHA's Annual 'Top 10' List of Most Frequently Cited Violations

Preliminary data for [OSHA's Top 10 list](#) for fiscal year 2018 represents the most-cited standards, calling out areas that require increased vigilance to ensure worker safety. The top five violations remained unchanged for the fourth straight year - Fall Protection, Hazard Communication, Scaffolding, Respiratory Protection and Lockout/Tagout.

Regulatory Update

OSHA Issues Final Rule on Crane Operator Certification Requirements: Federal OSHA has published a [final rule](#) that clarifies certification requirements for crane operators and maintains the employer's duty to ensure that crane operators can safely operate the equipment. The final rule, with the exception of evaluation and documentation requirements, will become effective on Dec. 9, 2018. The evaluation and documentation requirements will become effective on February 7, 2019.

New Resources

NSC's Injury Facts Now Includes Workplace Section: The National Safety Council has launched a [Workplace section](#) of its Injury Facts database to provide employers with trends and information on injuries.

Opioid Epidemic Response - Employer Toolkit: This [toolkit](#), developed

by the MN Department of Health and the MN Business Partnership, outlines five steps employers can take to prevent and address substance use disorder within the workplace. Toolkit materials can be customized to fit the needs of your employees.

MSHA's Vehicle Fire Suppression System Initiative: Recent truck fires at mining worksites have prompted the Mine Safety and Health Administration to launch a new [fire suppression system initiative](#), including an educational effort aimed at employers and an order directing agency inspectors to make these systems a priority in future inspections.

Online Resources for Control of Hazardous Energy in Manufacturing Sector: A [new website](#) from the National Occupational Research Agenda (NORA) Manufacturing Sector Council features ways in which companies can safeguard employees from the release of hazardous energy during service and maintenance activities.

Let's Talk Turkey: Thanksgiving Safety

Looking for holiday safety resources for your employees? Cooking safety [handouts in multiple languages](#) from the National Fire Protection Association can help reduce the risk of cooking fires. Turkey lovers will find information about [safe preparation, handling and cooking](#) on the Centers for Disease Control website. Promote safe driving with free materials from the [Minnesota Network of Employers for Traffic Safety](#) on the importance of seat belt use and driving sober.

Upcoming Events

[Calendar of Safety Observances](#)

November 16 [Aerial Lift Train-the-Trainer PLUS](#)

November 20 [Confined Space Entry](#)

November 27-30 [30-Hour Occupational Safety and Health Standards for General Industry](#)

November 28 [Emergency Response Refresher \(HAZWOPER\)](#)

December 4-7 [OSHA #511 - Occupational Safety & Health Standards for General Industry](#)

December 5-6 [First Aid/CPR/AED Instructor Training](#)

December 7 [Lockout/Tagout Train-the-Trainer PLUS](#)

December 10 [Electrical Safety in the Workplace: NFPA 70E](#)

December 11 [Coaching the Emergency Vehicle Operator \(CEVO\)- Ambulance, Train-the-Trainer](#)

December 13 [Drug and Alcohol Recognition Techniques for Employers](#)

December 17-18 [Transporting Hazardous Materials and Dangerous Goods](#)

December 18 [Forklift Train-the-Trainer PLUS](#)

December 20 [First Aid/CPR/AED Training](#)

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