

MINNESOTA SAFETY COUNCIL

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Waste Not



The National Safety Council Congress was held at the end of October this year. It's a gathering of 15,000 people to talk and think safety. There are thousands of vendors and a thousand safety training sessions. After going to sessions, wandering the vendor hall and talking to our friends and colleagues at the other Safety Council chapters, it dawned on me that we humans get unsafe when we feel like we are wasting time.

Whenever I hear a personal story of tragedy or a near-miss, the story almost always includes the need to do something fast or the desire to just get done. "It was late on the Friday shift and I was in a hurry because I wanted to leave for the weekend." "I left some tools in the trench and just hopped in to retrieve them as we finished up for the day." "It was only going to take a moment and it would have taken longer to get my safety gear." "I was running late and driving too fast." "It's such a long boring drive and I hate wasting time in the car." No one wants to waste time if they can avoid it, or, when it comes to safety, when they can get away with it.

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Federal OSHA/DOT/USDA Updates

[Incentive Programs, Post-incident Drug](#)

[USDOT Releases Updated Guidance for](#)

Testing Not Prohibited Under Electronic Recordkeeping Rule

According to an October 11 [memorandum](#) from OSHA, post-incident drug testing and safety incentive programs are not prohibited under the anti-retaliation provisions in OSHA's electronic recordkeeping rule.

OSHA Updates National Emphasis Program on Trenching and Excavation

OSHA has updated its National Emphasis Program (NEP) on [preventing trenching and excavation collapses](#) in response to a recent spike in trenching fatalities. Under the NEP, OSHA will increase its education and enforcement efforts; inspectors will record trenching and excavation inspections in a national reporting system; and each area office will develop outreach programs. The NEP began Oct. 1, with a three-month period of education and prevention outreach.

Automated Vehicles

The U.S. Department of Transportation recently released [new Federal guidance](#) for automated vehicles. The updated guidance includes the results of stakeholder engagement and provides policy considerations for a variety of industry sectors, including state and local governments, infrastructure owners and operators, commercial motor carriers, bus transit, and manufacturers and technology developers.

USDA Announces Criteria for Allowing Poultry Processors to Operate at Faster Line Speeds

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service announced in a [Federal Register notice](#) published Sept. 28 that it will allow poultry-processing plants to increase line speeds if they meet certain criteria.

New Resources & Online Tools



Winterization Safety at Chemical, Processing Facilities

The Chemical Safety Board recently released a new [Safety Digest and corresponding video](#) emphasizing the importance of preparing for cold weather at refineries, chemical plants and other facilities that handle hazardous materials.



New Compliance Assistance Resources for Silica Standard

Federal OSHA has developed new [compliance assistance resources](#) including FAQs and training videos on limiting worker exposure to respirable crystalline silica.



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.



Resources for Using N95s

NIOSH has developed a [web page](#) for employers and workers who use respirators, especially the N95 versions. Find resources such as fact sheets and infographics that can be used in your respiratory protection training programs.



Mathematics of Pain Relief Infographic

The National Safety Council has created a new, [easy-to-understand infographic](#) to show people how a 200-mg Advil and a 500-mg Tylenol



Confined Space Entry on a Farm

This new [OSHA fact sheet](#) highlights the importance of identifying confined spaces in agricultural workplaces to prevent fatalities.

taken together provide better pain relief than oxycodone.



Safety Shorts Series

Three new videos have been added to the Safety Shorts series created by the National Safety Council Young Professionals Division. The new videos address topics such as what motivates safety professionals to do what they do and why it's important to keep workers safe on the job.

Sleep is Important for the Long Haul

NIOSH's long-haul truck drivers [web page](#) has a number of useful health and safety resources for truck drivers and everyone working in the truck transport industry.

Keep Workers Safe from Natural Disasters

OSHA has an Emergency Preparedness and Response [webpage](#) that provides information and resources to help protect workers before and after natural disasters.

Articles of Interest

OSHA's Annual 'Top 10'

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.

ISO 45001: The Benefits of Change

A [look](#) at how to assess the value of ISO 45001 and what it could mean for your organization and workforce.

How to Have a Robust Electrical Worker Program

Four important [questions answered](#) to support a robust Qualified Electrical Worker Program so all electrical employees go home each day without having suffered shock, arc flash, or other electrical-related injuries.

Preparing Emergency Response Coordinators for Success

Helpful [insights](#) on the value of emergency response coordinators taking an active role in risk assessments, planning, training, drilling and executing a facility's response plans to help ensure everyone involved in an emergency response can perform their roles safely.

Getting Lockout/Tagout Compliance Right

The OSHA Lockout/Tagout (LOTO) rules for industrial equipment are among the least understood and most-often violated by employers. This [article](#) looks at common misunderstandings and the importance of proactively reviewing policies, practices and procedures to address any program deficiencies.

Improve Production with Smart Safety

This [article](#) looks at how using a more connected approach to industrial safety can increase productivity and uptime, and enhance safety.

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 **NEW LOCATION!** Mystic Lake Center

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