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SafetyNet Online Community: What's New

Recent discussions have included questions about free zones around safety equipment and buying refurbished SCBA gear.

Share your insights or post a question through community e-mails or 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.

MNOSHA: October Edition of "Safety Lines" Now Available

The new [October 2018 Safety Lines](#) from Minnesota OSHA is now online. Some of the articles in this edition include staying safe from the dangers of working with grain, MNOSHA's annual report as well as regulation updates.

Federal OSHA/DOT/USDA Updates

Incentive Programs, Post-incident Drug 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.

USDOT Releases Updated Guidance for 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

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.

Fire in Minnesota Report: The latest annual [Fire in Minnesota](#) report is now available and includes information on fire causes, fatalities, and trends.

Stop the Shock - Worker Safety Campaign: The American Wind Energy Association's October 2018 [Stop the Shock](#) safety campaign focuses on raising electrical safety awareness for wind energy workers and educating them on how to work safely and efficiently.

Preventing Overdose Deaths in the Workplace: NIOSH has released a new [fact sheet](#) that provides a series of steps for employers to consider when deciding whether to implement a naloxone program in the workplace.

Off-the-Job Safety

Drive Safely on Halloween: Remind your workforce to be especially alert, slow down and put away cell phones when driving on Halloween to help keep everyone safe. Share downloadable [trick-or-treating safety tips](#) and general [pedestrian safety](#) reminders from our website. Additional resources available from [NHTSA](#).

Get Ready for Winter: Help your employees prepare for the hazards of winter. Find [information and resources](#) from DPS for Winter Hazard Awareness Week, November 5-9. Daily topics include [Winter Storms](#), [Outdoor Winter Safety](#), [Winter Fire Safety](#), [Indoor Winter Safety](#) and [Winter Driving](#).

Upcoming Events

[Calendar of Safety Observances](#)

October 23-25 [Emergency Response Initial Training \(HAZWOPER\), 24-hour](#)

October 25 [Cargo and Load Securement](#)

October 25 [Hours of Service Rules and Regulations](#)

October 26 [Right-to-Know Train-the-Trainer PLUS](#)

October 29 [Forklift Train-the-Trainer](#)

October 29-30 [Transporting Hazardous Materials and Dangerous Goods](#)

October 30 - November 2 [Safety Management Techniques](#)

October 31 - November 1 [10-hour OSHA General Industry Safety and Health Training](#)

October 31 [2018 Southern Regional Safety Day](#)

November 2 [Fall Protection for General Industry Train-the-Trainer PLU](#)

November 5-8 [30-Hour Occupational Safety and Health Standards for the Construction Industry](#)

November 5 [Lockout/Tagout Worksho](#)

November 6-9 [OSHA #501 - Trainer Course in Occupational Safety and Health Standards for General Industry](#)

November 12 [Accident/Incident Investigation](#)

November 13-15 [OSHA #502 - Update for Construction Industry Outreach Trainers](#)

November 14 [Respirator Fit Testing Competent Person](#)

November 15 [First Aid/CPR/AED Training](#)

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 \(HAZWOPER\)](#)

Complete training schedule available [online](#).



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