SafetyNet Online Community: Member to Member

Lots of activity in the online member community, with discussions about on-site health services, delivery of supplies/transfer of ownership, exit door numbering, on-site dispensing of safety glasses, reoccurring forklift training and more.

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.

2018 Minnesota Workplace Safety Dashboard

The Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry, Minnesota Department of Health and Minnesota Safety Council have released the 2018 edition of their workplace safety dashboard. The annual statistical report highlights several key worker safety and health indicators through 2016, the most recent data available for most categories.

Regulatory News

FMCSA Seeking Input on Proposed Changes to Trucker Hours-of-Service Rules: The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration is asking for comment on an advance notice of proposed rulemaking on its hours-of-service regulations for commercial truck drivers. The deadline to comment is Sept. 24.

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.

New Resources

Free Webinar - Protecting Temp Workers From Noise Exposure: The American Staffing Association will host a webinar on Sept. 12 reviewing OSHA's latest Temporary Worker Initiative bulletin, which addresses noise exposure and hearing conservation.

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 taken together provide better pain relief than oxycodone.

Resources for Using N95s: NIOSH has developed a web page for employers and workers who use respirators, especially the N95 versions. Find resource such as fact sheets and infographics that can be used in your respiratory protection training programs.
Shipyard Industry - Fact Sheets on PPE, Handheld Power Tools: Recently published OSHA fact sheets, intended for shipyard employers and workers, address personal protective equipment and the safe use of handheld power tools.

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.

National Farm Safety and Health Week, Sept. 16-22

The National Education Center for Agricultural Safety, UMASH, and the US Ag Centers are spotlighting agricultural health and safety with resources for farm workers, their families, and everyone involved in agriculture. Learn more at umash.umn.edu/nfshw-2018.

 Annual MN Childhood Injury Conference, Sept. 27

The tenth annual Minnesota Childhood Injury Summit, September 27, 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., at Vadnais Heights Commons, will offer fresh perspectives and effective tools and strategies to help prevent unintentional injuries among Minnesota’s children. Presented by the Minnesota Safety Council, Safe Kids Minnesota, and the Minnesota Department of Health, the event welcomes all stakeholders with a focus on children. See details and registration information.

Upcoming Events

Calendar of Safety Observances

September 11-14 OSHA #500 - Trainer Course in Occupational Safety and Health Standards for Construction Industry
September 12-13 10-hour OSHA General Industry Safety and Health Training
September 12-13 First Aid/CPR/AED Instructor Training
September 18 Bloodborne Pathogens Train-the-Trainer PLUS
September 19 Emergency Response Refresher (HAZWOPER)
September 19 Preparing for a DOT Audit
September 20 First Aid/CPR/AED Training
September 24 Defensive Driving Course, Basic (4-hour)
September 24-25 Defensive Driving Course, Instructor Development (4-hour)
September 24 Forklift Train-the-Trainer
September 25 Introduction to Occupational Safety
September 25 2018 Northern Regional Safety Day
September 26, October 8-9 Defensive Driving Course, Basic (8-hour)
September 26 Introduction to Occupational Health
September 27 Drug and Alcohol Recognition Techniques for Employers
September 27 Introduction to Loss Control
September 27 Tenth Annual Minnesota Childhood Injury Summit
October 2-5 30-Hour Occupational Safety and Health Standards for General Industry
October 8 Aerial Platform Train-the-Trainer
October 8-10 Defensive Driving Course, Instructor Development (8-hour)
October 9-11 OSHA #503 - Update for General Industry Outreach Trainers
October 12 Forklift Train-the-Trainer PLUS
Complete training schedule available online.

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