Mark your calendar! The thermometer may say January but we're gearing up for the 84th Annual Minnesota Safety & Health Conference, May 8-10. The conference program will be available online late January. Plan now to join over 1,400 of your colleagues at the biggest safety and health event in the Midwest!

NOTE: The Governor's Safety Award application is available online. Guidelines and the application form are linked from [http://www.minnesotasafetycouncil.org/awards](http://www.minnesotasafetycouncil.org/awards). Apply by February 9!

### Upcoming Training Highlights

**Electrical Safety in the Workplace: NFPA 70E Updated!**

*January 16, February 9, March 19, April 23, May 22, June 26*

*Includes NEW 2017 NEC Code changes & 2018 NFPA 70E Code changes!*

You'll learn: What a "qualified person" is as defined by OSHA; what an arc flash/arc blast is; who must be trained; proper selection and use of PPE; clearance distances; and proper lockout/tagout procedures.

This course meets the requirements for both qualified and non-qualified workers. Qualified workers are required to attend a mandatory refresher course every three years. Also available for customized training at your facility. Contact Janie Ritter for details.

**Forklift Train-the-Trainer**

*January 23, March 12, April 13, May 15, June 14*

Full-day classroom workshop provides technical expertise to safely operate forklift equipment and will qualify you to conduct an effective training session. Includes PowerPoint CD. **Bonus!** Members may use free streaming video and DVDs from our lending library as part of their employee training.

Are your employees due for their three-year required operator requalification training? Contact Janie Ritter to schedule it on-site.
CHST Examination Preparation Workshop  
*January 30 - February 1*

This three-day workshop will prepare you for the Construction Health and Safety Technician examination leading to certification as a CHST.

Emphasis will be on core competencies along with math knowledge and skills in each of the four domains: Safety and health program management; worksite auditing; training; and professional responsibilities.

Students should bring a [scientific calculator](#) to class. Math review of all mathematical concepts needed for the exam. Includes extensive handouts plus 60-page workbook to use as study guide for the test.

**Registration deadline: January 17, 2018!**  
Contact [Sheila Thao](#) for more information or to register. *(This course will not be offered again until 2019!)*

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**Once-A-Year Training Opportunities!**

Mike Weigand with Langlois, Weigand & Associates, Inc. will be joining us from Baton Rouge, Louisiana to offer the ASP/CSP Specialty Examination Review Courses:

- **February 18** [Math Review Course for Certification Exams](#)
- **February 19-21** [Associate Safety Professional (Safety Fundamentals) Review Course](#)
- **February 22-24** [Certified Safety Professional (CSP) Comprehensive Practice and Specialty Examination Review Course](#)

**These courses will not be offered again until February 2019!**

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**Advanced Safety Certificate**

Earn nationally recognized credit while learning advanced skills here at home! Sponsored by the National Safety Council, the [Advanced Safety Certificate](#) is earned through the completion of three of the following courses within a five year period:

- [Fundamentals of Industrial Hygiene](#)  
  January 30-February 2  
- [Principles of Occupational Safety & Health](#) (required)  
  February 26-March 1  
- [Safety Management Techniques](#)  
  April 24-27  
- [Safety Training Methods](#)
  June 4-7

*Expect the best!* Jan Fedora, Minnesota Safety Council; JoAnn
Dankert, National Safety Council; and Mike Weigand with Langlois, Weigand & Associates (Baton Rouge, LA) will be the lead instructors for these courses.

Contact Sheila Thao for more information or to register.

OSHA Training Institute Classes Close to Home

The Minnesota Safety Council is an OSHA Training Institute (OTI) Education Center host site authorized to offer occupational safety and health training to workers and employers on behalf of OTI. Check out our upcoming courses:

**January 17-19** OSHA 502 Update for Construction Industry Outreach Trainers  
**February 6-9** OSHA 511 OS&H Standards, General Industry (Pre-requisite for OSHA 501)  
**February 13-16** OSHA 500 Basic Instructor Course in Occupational Safety, Construction Industry  
**March 6-9** OSHA 501 Trainer Course in OSHA Standards, General Industry  
**March 14-16** OSHA 503 Update for General Industry Outreach Trainers  
**April 17-20** OSHA 510 OS&H Standards, Construction Industry (Pre-requisite for OSHA 500)

In addition, we offer 10- and 30-hour courses at our St. Paul location:

**February 7-8, March 26-27** 10-hour OSHA General Industry Safety and Health Training  
**March 20-23** 30-Hour OSHA Standards, General Industry  
*On-site training also available.*

Questions? Contact Janie at 651-228-7324/800-444-9150; janie.riter@minnesotasafetycouncil.org.

To register, contact Sheila at 651-228-7319/800-444-9150; sheila.thao@minnesotasafetycouncil.org.

Preventing Workplace Harassment and Discrimination Workshop

How prepared is your organization in dealing with inappropriate workplace behavior? Have you implemented policies and training to raise awareness and set guidelines for work conduct? Do you have a plan to handle harassment complaints and investigations carefully and quickly?

Preventing and addressing workplace harassment and discrimination is the right thing to do, and reaps organizational benefits including increased employee retention, reduced liability, and improved employer reputation.

**Join us** at the Minnesota Safety Council on **February 21 or March 21** from **9-11 a.m.** and hear from guest presenter Michael Hyatt from MRA to learn more. Continental breakfast starting at 8:30 a.m. **Cost: $20.**
Questions? Contact Janie Ritter, Director of Education and Public Relations, at janie.ritter@minnesotasafetycouncil.org.

Three Chances to Update Your Forklift Training!

Join us for one of our most popular classes, Forklift Train-the-Trainer PLUS - now coming to three different locations!

**February 2** - Cabela's - Rogers  
**February 16** - Minnesota Safety Council - Saint Paul  
**March 2** - Cabela's - Owatonna

*Space is limited for the two Cabela's sessions - register now!* 

For more information, contact Steve at 651-228-7326 or steve.rauh@minnesotasafetycouncil.org. Check out our other Train-the-Trainer PLUS offerings.

First Aid/CPR/AED Training

January 18, February 15 [First Aid/CPR/AED Training](#)  
April 4-5 [First Aid/CPR/AED Instructor Training](#)

Driver Training/DOT Compliance

January 15-16 [Defensive Driving Course, Basic (8-hour)](#)  
January 15-17 [Defensive Driving Course, Instructor Development (8-hour)](#)  
January 22 [Defensive Driving Course, Basic (4-hour)](#)  
January 22-23 [Defensive Driving Course, Instructor Development (4-hour)](#)  
January 26, February 20 [Drug and Alcohol Recognition Training for Supervisors](#)

More Upcoming Training - Just for You!

January 22 [OSHA Recordkeeping: Beyond the Basics](#)  
February 5 [Aerial Platform Train-the-Trainer](#)  
March 2 [Accident/Incident Investigation](#)  
March 5 [Fall Protection: Competent Person](#)  
March 12 [Forklift Train-the-Trainer](#)

For a complete listing of our January-June 2018 courses, see our training calendar.