

Safety Update

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National Safety Stand-Down to Prevent Falls in Construction

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) is joining with occupational safety organizations nationwide for the sixth annual National Fall Prevention Safety Stand-Down, May 6-10, 2019. The week-long event focuses attention on preventing falls in construction, which is the leading cause of fatalities in the industry. OSHA's [Fall Prevention website](#) has more information and links to free resources about fall prevention and protection.

BWC is participating in free stand-down events throughout the state, including:

Cleveland area

8 a.m. – noon May 7, 2019, at the BWC Service Office 4800 E. 131st St., Garfield Heights, OH 44131.

Pickerington

9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. May 10, 2019, at the Ohio Center for Occupational Safety and Health 13430 Yarmouth Drive, Pickerington, OH 43147.

Mansfield

9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. May 7, 2019 at MHS Industrial Supply, 70 Sawyer Parkway, Mansfield, OH 44903.

To register, visit the [BWC Learning Center](#) and search Stand-Down. Attendees will receive Industry-Specific Safety Program, Safety Council Rebate Program and continuing education credit and a certificate of attendance through the BWC Learning Center.

Youngstown

7:30 – 9 a.m. May 7, 2019, at Boak & Sons, Incorporated 75 Victoria Road, Austintown, OH 44515. Email David.L.2@bwc.state.oh.us to reserve a seat. No BWC program credit is available for this event.

NIOSH/CDC News

New First Responder Video

The National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) has collaborated with the Fredericksburg, Virginia police and fire departments and the FBI Laboratory, to produce a new video, [Illicit Drugs, Including Fentanyl: Preventing Occupational Exposure to Emergency Responders](#), to help first responders understand the risks of exposure to illicit drugs and learn what they can do to protect themselves from exposure during a response.

New Falls Fact Sheet

Falls are the leading cause of construction worker deaths on the job. The [Prevent Construction Falls from Roofs, Ladders, and Scaffolds](#) fact sheet gives recommendations, reports and resources to help employers, safety professionals and workers prevent fall injuries and deaths from roofs, ladders and scaffolds.

New Opioid Research Website

NIOSH has a new [webpage](#) with information on education, training, research and surveillance data related to the prevention of opioid misuse and overdose in working populations.

Responding to a Suspected Overdose

This [document](#) offers a step-by-step approach to responding to a suspected opioid overdose.

OSHA News

Young Worker Safety

OSHA is partnering with worker safety organizations on #MySafeSummerJob, a social media campaign to educate young workers about their rights in the workplace, how to speak up about dangerous work conditions and how to protect themselves on the job. Visit the [MySafeSummerJob](#) website for information about the campaign, which runs from April 14 – May 15.

OSHA Silica Exposure Prevention Videos

This series of six videos shows techniques for preventing silica exposure when using specific construction equipment.

[Controlling Respirable Crystalline Silica in Construction: Handheld Power Saws](#)

[Controlling Respirable Crystalline Silica: Handheld Grinders for Mortar Removal \(Tuckpointing\)](#)

[Controlling Respirable Crystalline Silica: Handheld and Stand-Mounted Drills](#)

[Controlling Respirable Crystalline Silica: Handheld Grinders for Uses Other Than Mortar Removal](#)

[Controlling Respirable Crystalline Silica in Construction: Stationary Masonry Saws](#)

[Controlling Respirable Crystalline Silica: Jackhammers and Handheld Powered Chipping Tools](#)

Other News

Pictograms

Do you know your pictograms? Employers must train workers on Safety Data Sheets and labels. This [matching game](#) from Safety+Health magazine tests your knowledge of pictograms and has a link to an interactive version.

Tickborne Diseases

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reports an increase in tickborne diseases like Lyme disease in the U.S. This [article](#) from the CDC describes newly identified germs, new tick species, risks in your area and how to prevent tick bites.

Mosquito Bites

Mosquito season has arrived in Ohio. This [page](#) from the CDC has information on how to prevent bites.

Financial Preparedness

The Ready Campaign has a [website](#) on financial preparedness during disasters and emergencies. The site has a video on three steps to prepare finances for natural disasters and lists of materials that organizations and individuals should have available.

Statistics

The Bureau of Labor Statistics published a report, [25 years of Worker Injury, Illness and Fatality Case Data](#). The 25 years of data now available show workers are incurring fewer injuries and fatalities on the job. However, the report also shows worker safety can still improve.

Ergonomics Webinar

The Center for Construction Research and Training will present a webinar, [Safety Voice for Ergonomics – a Research to Practice Example in the Masonry Trade](#), at 2 p.m. May 21, 2019. The webinar will discuss the SAVE (Safety Voice for Ergonomics) program.

Fire Service Training

National Fire Protection Administration (NFPA) offers [four training modules](#) for dealing with emergencies involving high voltage commercial and residential energy storage and photovoltaic systems such as solar panels. The three-hour online class is available for free to the U.S. Fire Service.

Workplace Health Study

The study, [Workplace Health in America 2017](#), is the first government survey of workplace health promotion programs in 13 years. The report shows that 46.1% of all responding workplaces offered some sort of workplace health program and 69.4% of all work sites had a written injury and illness prevention program.

Home Fire Sprinkler Week

May 19-25 is [Home Fire Sprinkler Week™](#). The NFPA raises awareness of the use of fire sprinklers in residential construction with this initiative.

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