

# Safety Update

## Ohio BWC Library

### September is National Preparedness Month

“Prepared, Not Scared” is the theme of this year’s **National Preparedness Month**. The Federal Emergency Management Agency recognizes National Preparedness Month to remind the public to take action and prepare for possible disasters before they strike. The Ready.gov website has a toolkit that contains social media themes, logos and materials for each weekly theme.

#### 2019 Weekly Themes

**Week 1: September 1-7 Save Early for Disaster Costs**

**Week 2: September 8-15 Make a Plan to Prepare for Disasters**

**Week 3: September 15-21 Teach Youth to Prepare for Disasters**

**Week 4: September 22-30 Get Involved in Your Community’s Preparedness**

Also, check out our recent [blog post](#) about 10 ways to take action for National Preparedness Month.



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National Preparedness Month 2019

### BWC News

#### Prize Amounts Increased for Safety Innovation Awards

We’re increasing the prize amounts for our 2020 Safety Innovation Awards. We bumped the top award to \$10,000, up from \$6,000. Second place will receive \$6,000 (up from \$4,000) and third place \$4,000 (up from \$3,000). The honorable mention prize remains \$1,500.

The [Safety Innovation Awards](#) recognize employers for innovative and creative solutions they have developed to reduce the risk of injuries and illnesses in their workplace. Innovations can include advanced technologies, creative use of existing equipment, or unique processes and practices.

### International Travel Planner

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The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) created a new [international travel planner](#) for small businesses. The document is in two parts. The first contains checklists for planning at three travel stages and helps identify risks, considerations, and actions for before, during, and after travel. The second contains forms to assess and document information during planning.

### Personal Protective Equipment for Emergency Responders

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NIOSH and the Fredericksburg, Virginia Police and Fire Departments developed [this video](#) to help emergency responders understand the risks of exposure to illicit drugs and what they can do to protect themselves by properly donning and doffing personal protective equipment.

## OSHA News

### Leading Indicators

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OSHA has a [new website dedicated to the use of leading indicators](#) to improve employee safety and health. The website has a guidance document with information on leading indicators, the benefits of using them, instructions on how to measure and use them, and links to additional resources.

### New OSHA On-Site Brochure

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The OSHA On-Site Consultation Program has a [new brochure](#) to describe this valuable service designed for small high-hazard businesses. To contact the Ohio OSHA On-Site Consultation Program see their page on the [BWC website](#).

## Other News

### Fall Injury Trends

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The Center for Construction Research and Training [second quarter report for 2019](#) discusses fall injuries and prevention in construction. One key finding from 2017 shows more than half the total falls in all industries were by construction workers, with roofers having the highest risk of fatal falls.

### Naloxone Video

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This [video](#) from the U.S. National Library of Medicine reviews when naloxone is used, how it is administered, and the way it works.

### Escape Room Safety

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Escape rooms are popular, but do you know what to do in an emergency? The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Journal published an [article about escape room safety](#). These rooms give the illusion of being locked in a space where you must solve a puzzle to escape. There are specific fire safety requirements for this type of space.

## Use and Location of Grills

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The NFPA [Xchange blog](#) has a post about using grills and cooking equipment at apartments, condos, and office buildings. Learn the restrictions on placement of this equipment.

## Total Worker Health Resources

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The American Society of Safety Professionals has a [website with resources](#) to help you implement Total Worker Health Programs at your facility. The site includes links to videos and materials divided into basic, intermediate, and advanced tools.

## Disaster Resources

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The National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences [All-Hazards Resources website](#) contains links to information on disaster preparedness and health and safety guidance to those involved in disaster response and cleanup activities.

## Vaccine Recommendations for 2019-20

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The Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report published an [article on vaccination recommendations](#) for the upcoming flu season. It recommends routine annual influenza vaccination for all persons ages 6 months or older who do not have contraindications.

## Brake Safety Campaign

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[Brake Safety Week](#) is Sept. 15-21, 2019. This initiative from the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance and the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration occurs yearly in September. During the 2018 event, Inspectors found critical vehicle inspection items in the brake systems of 4,955 (14.1%) of the vehicles inspected and placed those vehicles out of service.

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