



Safety Update

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AGC OF OHIO SAFETY LUNCHEON RESERVATION DEADLINE THIS WEEK, REGISTER TODAY!

Date: June 10, 2016

Location: Embassy Suites Dublin (5100 Upper Metro Place, Dublin, OH 43017)

Agenda:

9:30 - 11:15 am: AGC of Ohio Safety Committee Meeting

Presentation about the new Confined Space regulation; OSHA enforcement and regulatory update; BWC news and discussion on other safety and health matters

11:30 am - 1:00 pm: Safety Luncheon & Awards Presentation

Recognition of the Ohio Construction Safety Excellence Award winners and the National AGC Safety Award Certificate of Commendation recipients.

Sponsorship Opportunities:

AGC is accepting sponsors for the Safety Luncheon. Sponsor levels include Event Sponsor (\$500), Luncheon Sponsor (\$250) and Meeting Sponsor (\$100). Sponsors gain exposure to the safety managers and executives in attendance, plus the entire AGC of Ohio membership through promotional pieces and the association's publications. Sponsorship details and form is included with the [registration information](#).

More information/register: www.tfaforms.com/420985

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OSHA'S FINAL RULE TO 'NUDGE' EMPLOYERS TO PREVENT WORKPLACE INJURIES, ILLNESSES

New federal requirements take effect August 10, 2016

The [Occupational Safety and Health Administration](#) yesterday issued a [final rule](#) to modernize injury data collection to better inform workers, employers, the public and OSHA about workplace hazards. With this new rule, OSHA attempts to apply the insights of behavioral economics to improve workplace safety and prevent injuries and illnesses.

OSHA requires many employers to keep a [record](#) of injuries and illnesses to help these employers and their employees identify hazards, fix problems and prevent additional injuries and illnesses. Currently, little or no information about worker injuries and illnesses at individual employers is made public or available to OSHA. Under the new rule, employers in high-hazard industries will send OSHA injury and illness data that the employers are already [required to collect](#), for posting on the agency's website.

Under the new rule, all establishments with 250 or more employees in industries covered by the recordkeeping regulation must electronically submit to OSHA injury and illness information from OSHA Forms

300, 300A, and 301. Establishments with 20-249 employees in certain [industries](#), including construction, must electronically submit information from OSHA Form 300A only.

To ensure that the injury data on OSHA logs are accurate and complete, the final rule also promotes an employee's right to report injuries and illnesses without fear of retaliation, and clarifies that an employer must have a reasonable procedure for reporting work-related injuries that does not discourage employees from reporting.

Using data collected under the new rule, OSHA will create the largest publicly available data set on work injuries and illnesses, enabling researchers to better study injury causation, identify new workplace safety hazards before they become widespread and evaluate the effectiveness of injury and illness prevention activities.

The new requirements take effect August 10, with phased in data submissions beginning in 2017. These requirements do not add to or change an employer's obligation to complete and retain injury and illness records under the [Recording and Reporting Occupational Injuries and Illnesses](#) regulation.

The final rule is available in the Federal Register [here](#).

OHIO BWC NEWS:

Private employers: Prepare now for the true-up period that begins July 1

Ohio BWC's first-ever payroll true-up period is coming July 1 for Ohio private employers. This new process is part of BWC's recent change to prospective billing and requires employers to report their actual payroll for the previous policy year and reconcile any differences in premiums paid.

This is an important step that is necessary for BWC to accurately calculate your premium. It's also critically important in order to maintain their policy, as well as participation in their current rating plan or discount programs. Employers must complete the true-up report even if your payroll for the year matches the estimate sent from BWC. View this [video tutorial](#) to learn more about the true-up process.

The most convenient way to true-up will be online with a BWC e-account. To create an e-account, go to bwc.ohio.gov and click on the create e-account link in the top right-hand corner of the home page. This [video tutorial](#) explains the process for creating an e-account.

Please visit the BWC website if you already have an e-account but don't remember your password. If otherwise unable to access your account, contact the BWC call center at 1-800-644-6292.

BWC workers' comp opioid prescribing rule

BWC Board recently approved a new opioid prescribing rule to support the health and safety of Ohio's injured workers. The rule, the first of its kind in Ohio law, defines best medical practices for the use of opioids to treat workplace injuries and illnesses.

"While opioid prescriptions are often an appropriate part of treatment for workplace injuries and illnesses, we know that long-term use can actually hinder recovery and a timely return to work," said BWC Acting Administrator/CEO Sarah Morrison. "Ohio's injured workers deserve the best possible treatment that addresses their medical needs without facing the life-changing consequences of opioid dependence or addiction."

Under the rule, reimbursement for opioid prescriptions would be limited to claims in which current best medical practices are followed. The rule builds upon best practices developed by Governor Kasich's [Cabinet Opioid Action Team](#) by addressing the needs of injured workers. The BWC Board of Directors approved the proposal during its May 26 meeting. It will become effective Oct. 1, 2016. Learn more [here](#).

Resources of interest (pulled from Ohio BWC Safety Update, May 2016):

Hearing Impairment among Noise-Exposed Workers — United States, 2003–2012: The [Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report \(MMWR\)](#) outlines a study done by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) Occupational Hearing Loss Surveillance Project on noise-exposed workers. Findings show the mining sector had the highest prevalence of workers with any impairment (17 percent) and with moderate or worse impairment (3 percent), followed by the construction sector with any impairment (16 percent) and with moderate or worse impairment (3 percent), and the manufacturing sector (14 percent and 2 percent).

Job Stress: This month's NIOSH [Research Rounds](#) is all about job stress. Read articles about how job control and night shift work can affect stress and weight, and the relationship between job strain and stress hormones. (If you get an error with the address, make sure it translated with a # sign between the html and word intro at the end of the address, it doesn't show up that way with some fonts.)

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Join more than 150 industry professionals and participate in the development of regulatory and legislative activity on both a national and local levels, assist in the development and creation of new safety training programs and products and hear the latest initiatives from OSHA and other industry experts. The AGC [Safety & Health Conference](#) is open to both interested AGC members and non-members.

- Get the latest updates to regulations and OSHA activities
- Peer-to-Peer Interaction and networking.
- Find out what is or is not working from construction safety professionals across the industry.
- Get the latest updates on congressional activities directly affecting construction safety and health.
- Take an active role in improving safety and health in the construction industry
- Conference sessions will cover safety culture and climate, leadership, how to conduct effective safety and health training, safety and health considerations surrounding the aging worker, and building erection stability among others.

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