



Safety Update

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STEP UP YOUR COMMITMENT TO SAFETY DURING NATIONAL SAFETY MONTH

The Ohio BWC has joined the National Safety Council in recognizing June as National Safety Month, when thousands of organizations across the country raise awareness of what it takes to stay safe at work, on the road and in our homes and communities.

National Safety Month focuses on reducing leading causes of injury and death at work, on the road and in our homes and communities. The National Safety Council provides downloadable resources highlighting a different safety topic is provided for each week this month: Week 1 - Emergency Preparedness, Week 2 - Wellness, Week 3 - Falls, and Week 4 - Driving.

Learn more and view safety resources [here](#).

REGISTER TODAY FOR THE AGC OF OHIO SAFETY LUNCHEON!

The annual AGC of Ohio Safety Luncheon will be held on June 22 at J. Liu Restaurant in Worthington. The Luncheon will begin at 11:30 a.m. and will be followed by the awards presentation to this year's Ohio Construction Safety Excellence Award winners and the National AGC Safety Awards Certificates of Commendation for excellent safety records.

Prior to the lunch, a safety meeting will be held. Regular agenda items include an OSHA regulatory and enforcement update, BWC news, safety-related advocacy, and other pertinent safety-and-health matters of interest.

BE A SPONSOR! AGC is accepting sponsors for the event. Three levels of sponsorship are available: Safety Meeting - \$100; Luncheon - \$250; and Event - \$500.

Register for the event and learn more about sponsorship opportunities [here](#). Direct questions to Andrea Ashley at (614) 486-6446 or andrea@agcoho.com.

POTENTIAL NEGATIVE IMPACT OF BWC RATE REDUCTIONS FOR CONTRACTORS

In February, the Ohio BWC reduced workers' comp rates by an average of 12 percent. Some contractors have found the reduction of the base rate will cause their experience modification rate (EM) to increase, even without incurring additional claims.

If you haven't already done so, work with your TPA or risk professional to find out the rate reduction's impact on your EM. Also, the BWC has a construction [EM Construction Cap Program](#) that can be used for bidding purposes if the change causes your company's EM to increase over 1.0. AGC of Ohio advocated for the creation of the Cap Program when the BWC first began significantly reducing base rates under the Strickland administration after members expressed concern about the increase in their EM's and resulting inability to bid on some projects.

ATTEND THE AGC OF AMERICA SUMMER SAFETY MEETING IN INDIANAPOLIS - July 25-27

If you haven't done so, be sure to register for the AGC of America Summer Safety & Health Conference at the JW Marriott Indianapolis. It's a great opportunity for Ohio contractors with the event being held close by!

Participants will:

- Hear from key OSHA representatives on the latest updates to regulations and OSHA activities
- Get the latest updates on congressional activities directly affecting construction safety and health.
- Participate on subcommittee and taskforce meetings
- Take an active role in improving safety and health in the construction industry
- Attend social events hosted by the sponsors and AGC and interact with other attendees

The complete agenda, registration materials, and hotel accommodation information can be found [here](#).

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TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE CEA SILICA PROGRAM!

The [CEA Silica Sampling & Objective Program](#) saves contractors thousands on silica sampling while simultaneously building a searchable sampling database for the construction industry. The accompanying website provides numerous resources about silica and compliance with the new standard.

Participating contractors can rely on the database in the future when managing employee safety and multiple-contractor activities where job tasks produce respirable silica emissions. *(Note - Contractors must first submit sampling data in order to access the searchable sampling database.)*

If you are a member of one of the Contributing Associations, including most of the AGC divisions in Ohio, you have immediate access to purchase testing supplies and submit silica sampling results. Learn more [here](#) or contact your local AGC division.

SAFETY EVENT CALENDAR

June 18-23, 2018

TRENCH SAFETY STAND DOWN

National Utility Contractors Association (NUCA) Initiative

[Learn more, trench safety resources](#)

June 22, 2018

AGC OF OHIO SAFETY LUNCHEON

J. Liu Worthington

(6880 High St., 43085)

10:00-11:30 a.m. – Safety Meeting

11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. – Luncheon & Awards Program

Register:

<https://www.tfaforms.com/4676716>

July 25-27, 2018

AGC OF AMERICA SUMMER SAFETY & HEALTH CONFERENCE

JW Marriott Indianapolis

Agenda: Click [here](#)

September 28, 2018

AGC OF OHIO SAFETY MEETING

9:30 a.m. – noon, AGC office (Columbus)

RSVP: Andrea Ashley,

andrea@agcoho.com

Cost: FREE (*members only*)

Agenda: Presentation topic TBD; Other regular agenda items: OSHA regulatory and enforcement activities, silica update, AGC safety efforts, roundtable discussion on safety & health issues

November 16, 2018

AGC OF OHIO SAFETY MEETING

9:30 a.m. – noon, AGC office (Columbus)

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