



Safety Update

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS & EVENTS

May 11, 2018

AGC OF OHIO SAFETY MEETING; PRESENTATION ON MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY RULES

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

RSVP: Andrea Ashley, andrea@agcoho.com

Cost: FREE (*members only*)

Agenda: Presentation by Lillian Lancaster of PUCO on Motor Carrier Safety Rules, OSHA regulatory and enforcement activities, silica effort update (CEA program), AGC safety efforts update, roundtable discussion on safety & health issues

July 25-27, 2018



AGC OF AMERICA SUMMER SAFETY & HEALTH CONFERENCE IN INDIANAPOLIS

JW Marriott Indianapolis

Agenda: Click [here](#)

Registration and additional info: click [here](#)

May 10, 2018

AGC WEBED: LADDER SAFETY INNOVATION

1:00-2:30 p.m.

Cost: FREE

Register: Click [here](#)

Agenda: Little Giant Ladders' National Safety Director, Dave Francis, will help participants: identify key safety and legal issues facing organizations, expand their knowledge and professional skills to prevent fines and fatalities, engage a discourse concerning emerging issues of fall prevention and the profession.

2018 NATIONAL SAFETY STAND DOWN TO PREVENT FALLS: May 7-11, 2018

The 2018 National Safety Stand Down begins Monday. This voluntary event encourages employers to have a conversation with their workers about fall hazards and prevention. The week-long safety awareness initiative is sponsored by OSHA, the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health and CPWR (The Center for Construction Research and Training).

Companies are encouraged to hold a Safety Stand-Down by having a toolbox talk or another safety activity such as conducting safety equipment inspections, developing rescue plans, or discussing job specific hazards. Managers are encouraged to plan a stand-down that works best for their workplace anytime during the week.

Visit [OSHA's website](#) for resource materials for employers and employees, including posters. Share your story on social media using the hashtag, **#StandDown4Safety**.

ARE YOU USING THE CEA SILICA PROGRAM? IF NOT, YOU SHOULD BE!

AGC chapters across the country – including most of the local Ohio AGC divisions – are participating in the [CEA Silica Sampling & Objective Program](#).

The 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, like the AGC divisions in Ohio, you have immediate access to purchase testing supplies and submit silica sampling results. Take advantage of this important resource! Click [here](#) to learn more or contact your local AGC division.

DEALING WITH LEGALIZED MARIJUANA

On the [latest episode](#) of *The ConstructorCast*, AGC explores the issue of legalized marijuana consumption and what it means for the construction industry.

In the podcast, Mandi Kime, Director of Safety for AGC of Washington, Jeremy Taylor, Environmental Health and Safety Director for Turner Construction, and Gregg Giles, Trust Administrator for the Washington Construction Industry Substance Abuse Program, discuss the safety, drug testing, and communications implications for marijuana legalization. Stream or download the episode [here](#).

AGC CALLS FOR FINAL CRANE CERTIFICATION RULE TO IMPROVE SAFETY AND REDUCE UNCERTAINTY

AGC joined members of the Coalition for Crane Operator Safety this week in [urging](#) Congress to press the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) to finalize a rule on the certification requirements for crane operators. AGC opposes attempts to block OSHA from funding such a rule. Currently, the long-delayed rule is under final review and could be issued ahead of a November deadline.

The rule originally called for certifications by both type and capacity of cranes, however concerns were raised because testing entities were not prepared to meet the new requirements leading to much uncertainty among employers and the need for a revised rule. Originally, the rule also mistakenly deemed certification as an operator having all the requisite skills to operate a crane safely. AGC is working with OSHA to address these outstanding issues prior to issuing a final rule.

AGC also met with the Administration last week in a similar effort to encourage swift finalization of a rule and thereby give the regulated industry time to come into compliance ahead of a November compliance deadline. AGC looks forward to a rule that will bring certainty to the requirements that employers must undertake and views a final rule as a proactive step to improve jobsite and public safety.