

Safety Update

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Save the Date!

When it comes to **Your Future in Safety, We've Got You Covered** at the 2020 Ohio Safety Congress & Expo (OSC 2020). So mark your calendar and plan to attend March 11 – 13, 2020, at the Greater Columbus Convention Center. Registration opens in January. **Best of all, it's FREE!**

At **OSC 2020**, you can:

- Learn from workplace safety and health experts.
- Find the latest safety gear and services.
- Earn free continuing education credits.
- Build your workplace safety network.

For the first time, we're offering a virtual conference option – a live broadcast of sessions and reports from the event you can watch online. It's the next best thing to being there.

We hope to see you there!

NIOSH/CDC News

Illicit Drug Tool-Kit

The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) released a new [virtual tool-kit](#) for first responders to help them stay safe when arriving on scene where illicit drugs, including fentanyl, are present or suspected to be present.

Taxi Driver Fact Sheet

This [new taxi driver fact sheet](#) has information about how to prevent robberies and violence, including information on dealing with cash, safely operating the taxi, and dealing with customers.

Ergonomics Symposium Summary

The ErgoX Symposium: Exoskeletons in the Workplace – Assessing Safety, Usability, & Productivity, was held Oct. 1, 2018, in Philadelphia. NIOSH prepared a [symposium report](#) to summarize the materials presented at the event.

Cold Injury Prevention

A [new NIOSH publication](#) describes what employers can do to prevent cold-related injuries to their employees who are exposed to environmental cold stress.

Choosing Safe Fleet Vehicles

The September 2019 edition of [Behind the Wheel at Work](#) has an article on choosing safe fleet vehicles. The article has links to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and Insurance Institute for Highway Safety's ratings for vehicles and information on advanced driver assistance systems.

Trust in the Workplace

An open and trusting environment at work has an impact on worker health according to a [NIOSH study](#) using data from the U.S. Gallup-Sharecare Well-Being Index. The study found that a lack of a trusting environment at work was associated with cardiovascular disease risk factors.

OSHA News

New Respirator Fit Test Protocols

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) approved new respirator fit testing protocols in a final rule. There are now two new testing protocols that employers can use to ensure employees' respirators are protecting them from airborne contaminants. All of the approved methods are in [Appendix A of Standard 1910.134](#).

OSHA Inspections

Concerned about OSHA inspections? Learn more about the process in this new [5-minute video](#).

Don't Forget Your OSHA Poster

The OSHA Job Safety and Health: It's the Law poster [must be posted](#) at all Ohio places of employment. You can obtain your poster in multiple languages from the [OSHA website](#).

OSHA Harvest Season Publications

OSHA has a [collection of publications for agricultural operations](#), including information on equipment safety, grain handling, pest control, and tree care.

Opioids at Work Toolkit

The National Safety Council has a [toolkit](#) employers can use to address opioids in their workplaces. The kit has sample policies, fact sheets, posters, and more for employers to use. There is material for human resources, safety professionals, and supervisors.

Flu Season

Flu season is just getting started in our hemisphere. The best thing you can do to prevent flu for yourself, your co-workers, and those who are at [greater risk of complications from contracting flu](#), is to get a flu vaccination. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has a [website](#) dedicated to information on the flu with prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and surveillance information.

Trends of Musculoskeletal Disorders and Interventions in the Construction Industry

The Center for Construction Research and Training (CPWR) [quarterly data report](#) for the third quarter of 2019 describes trends of work-related musculoskeletal disorders in the construction industry as reported by employers and workers.

Disaster Preparedness App

The National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences and CPWR created a [disaster preparedness mobile app](#) for workers at disaster sites. You can download materials on avian influenza, chemical incidents, debris removal, dirty bombs, earthquakes, floods, hurricanes, mold cleanup and treatment, oil spills, pathogen safety data guide, and wildfires to your phone. The materials are then available without internet access.

Trucking Safety Study

A [recent study](#) from the National Surface Transportation Safety Center of Excellence at Virginia Tech looked at case studies of commercial motor carriers to determine what safety interventions significantly improved safety outcomes, what interventions did not improve outcomes, and what barriers prevent companies from implementing these interventions and how can they be overcome.

Food Safety at Work

Do you eat at your desk? This [article](#) from the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics helps you do so safely. Find tips on food safety in the workplace, including a tip sheet and office safety memo you can download and put on your office refrigerator.

2018 Fire Loss Report

The National Fire Protection Association's statistics for fires in the U.S. in 2018 shows there were more than 1.3 million fires that year. This [article](#) in the September/October 2019 issue of the NFPA Journal presents statistics about those fires and the resulting civilian deaths and injuries.

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