

Safety Update

Ohio BWC Library



BWC's School Safety and Security Grant Program

We recently launched the School Safety and Security Grant (SSSG) Program to help Ohio employers ensure the safety of their staff when carrying out the instructional services they provide to children. The program is for eligible Ohio employers who wish to purchase equipment to substantially improve the safety and security of facilities and to reduce or eliminate injuries or illnesses associated with providing educational services to children.

The SSSG Program is available only to Ohio employers that operate licensed preschool through 12th grade educational facilities.

Employers may receive up to \$40,000 for the duration of the SSSG Program. This is a 3-to-1 matching grant, which means employers receive \$3 for every \$1 they contribute. You can review eligibility criteria and apply on our [SSSG Program webpage](#).

NIOSH/CDC News

Paper on Long-Haul Trucker Injuries

The journal *Workplace Health and Safety* published a [paper](#) that uses injury data from a 2010 survey of long-haul truck drivers. The survey looked at musculoskeletal injuries reported by those surveyed. It found that falls and contact with an object or equipment were the most common injury cause, and the arm and back were the most injured body parts. Long-haul drivers are almost four times more likely to have these kinds of injuries.

Patrol Officer Toolkit

The [Officer Road Code Toolkit](#) promotes safe driving practices within an agency so that patrol officers operate by a unified code behind the wheel. The theme of the materials is Drive to Arrive Alive. Learn how to use and customize these free materials, which include a manager sheet, 40 safety messages and a decal.

OSHA News

Crane Operator Certification Announced

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) published a final rule clarifying certification for crane operators in the [Federal Register](#) on Nov. 9, 2018. Most of the rule goes into effect on Dec. 10, 2018. Evaluation and documentation requirements become effective on Feb. 7, 2019. OSHA posted a [Frequently Asked Questions document](#) on its website with a table comparing the proposed and final rules.

Winter Weather Hazards

The [OSHA website for winter weather](#) lists 10 hazards that workers face when it gets cold and snowy. OSHA describes each hazard along with suggestions on reducing the risks.

Lockout/Tagout Bulletin

OSHA published a [new bulletin](#) on lockout/tagout for temporary workers. The bulletin outlines general responsibilities, including host and staffing agency responsibilities.

Soil Classification Video

OSHA has an 11-minute video that presents an overview of soil classification for excavations. Get the basics of how to protect your employees while working in trenches. The video is available in [English](#) and [Spanish](#).

Other News

Toy Safety – Make a List and Check It Twice

Toy safety is a serious matter, especially at this time of year. According to the non-profit toy safety group World Against Toys Causing Harm Inc., staff in U.S. emergency rooms treat a child every three minutes for a toy-related injury. This recent [BWC safety blog post](#) provides tips on how to keep unsafe toys out of the hands of children this holiday season.

Nonfatal Workplace Injuries

The Bureau of Labor Statistics [reported](#) approximately 2.8 million non-fatal workplace injuries in 2017. This number is 48,000 fewer injuries than BLS reported in 2016. The total recordable cases have declined every year since 2004 except for 2012. The numbers of injuries with days away from work was unchanged from 2016. Interactive graphics of the data is shown [here](#).

CPWR Quarterly Data Report

The latest quarterly report from the Center for Construction Research and Training (CPWR) covers [Fatal Injuries Among Small Construction Establishments](#). Companies with one to 19 employees reported 56.6 percent of fatalities in the construction industry. That's a higher rate than those employers with 20 or more employees. Fatality rates rose for these small firms between 2008 and 2016 while dropping in larger companies.

New Infographics

CPWR posted a series of [infographics](#) on protection from cold weather. Use these infographics on websites, social media, presentations or print them out.

Emergency Planning

The Chemical Safety Board (CSB) [Safety Digest](#) discusses preparation, training and communication for emergency planning and response. The document describes four incidents investigated by the CSB with an incident summary and key findings for each. The document concludes with key takeaways.

Safety Challenges

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration has a website with information on the [safety challenges](#) of driving, riding and walking near large trucks and busses. There are four modules: size, large blind spots, long stopping distances and limited maneuverability.

E. Coli

Recent food recalls have put the bacteria E. coli in the news. The National Library of Medicine MedlinePlus service has a page of [information](#) about this bacterium and how it can affect people.

Disaster Information

Find information for all kinds of disasters on this [informative site](#) from the National Library of Medicine. The site has links to search for literature on disaster medicine and public health. You can also search for materials on natural and man-made disasters, infectious diseases, disaster apps and more.

Please contact the library@bwc.state.oh.us or 614-466-7388 for more information on any of these items.