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## BWC Safety eBriefs

### Data security update

Data security is always a high priority at BWC. While many websites have been hit hard by the new bug called "Heartbleed," BWC's IT department has run scans on all of our Web servers and we are pleased to announce that [bwc.ohio.gov](http://bwc.ohio.gov) is not vulnerable to this bug.

### Registration open for

## Safety Congress draws thousands, Safety Innovations Award winners named

More than 6,200 people attended the 2014 Ohio Safety Congress & Expo (OSC14) in March. We're glad you joined Ohio's top safety-minded professionals from more than 28 industries to learn from our expert speakers.



During OSC14, the following businesses were honored for the third annual Safety Innovations Award competition, which recognizes development of innovative ergonomic and safety solutions for businesses:

- [Otterbein University](#), of Westerville (Franklin County), received the People's Choice award for obtaining mechanical equipment to lift nursing department mannequins and a stall shifter to help employees safely clean equestrian barn facilities.
- [Advanced Industrial Roofing, Inc.](#), of Massillon (Stark County), received the Judge's Award for implementing roofing tools to fasten insulation to the roof deck to eliminate bending and kneeling when using hand-held tools.
- [Lake Shore Cryotronics Inc.](#), of Westerville (Delaware County), received an honorable mention for purchasing and customizing a material handling lifter to move materials weighing up to 500 pounds.
- [Magee's Express Inc.](#), of West Chester (Butler County), received an honorable mention for installing a closed tank and piping

## Advanced Safety class in May

If you tried to sign up for the May 5 Advanced Safety for Public Employers course in Toledo, and couldn't, please try again! We experienced technical difficulty with registration, but are pleased to report the class is open. [Click here](#) to register.

## Tree felling and trimming operations fact sheet available

Tree work operations can be dangerous and may result in severe injury or death, if proper precautions and work practices are not carried out in the workplace.

[Click here](#) to download the "Hazards of tree felling and trimming operations" Safety Alert fact sheet created by BWC's Public Employment Risk Reduction Program.

## Kudos given to businesses around the state

More than 80 safety councils around Ohio serve as partners in BWC's efforts to educate employers and workers about the importance of workplace safety. In recent weeks, many of these safety councils and BWC have recognized businesses with strong safety records for keeping their employees safe on

system to dispose of cooking oil and eliminate the need for employees to lift and carry heavy buckets of oil.

- [National Machine Company](#), of Stow (Summit County), received an honorable mention for incorporating a solution to reduce hazards associated with machining aircraft landing gear.
- [Bryan City Schools](#), of Bryan (Williams County), received an honorable mention for using a walk-behind floor scrubber to quickly dry floors and eliminate the need for janitorial staff to frequently bend over.

View OSC14 highlights by [clicking here](#).

And, mark your calendars for OSC15, which will be held March 31 to April 2, 2015.

## MCO open enrollment starts April 28

All state-fund employers with active workers' comp policies will be able to change their managed care organization (MCO) to help manage the medical portion of their workers' compensation claims from April 28 to May 23. MCOs help businesses file and manage claims as well as facilitate medical care for injured workers.

If you're satisfied with your MCO, you do not need to take any action.

To select a new MCO, you may:

- Complete the MCO Selection Form, which will be available at [bwc.ohio.gov](http://bwc.ohio.gov) starting April 28. The form can be filled out online, or, fill out a hard copy and mail or fax it to BWC.
- Complete a selection form provided by an MCO.
- Submit a letter stating the selection on company letterhead to BWC.

MCO changes become effective June 30.

Visit [bwc.ohio.gov](http://bwc.ohio.gov) for more information starting April 28!

## Starting May 14: Condition descriptions, not diagnosis ICD codes, on employer/injured worker correspondence

In preparation for the upcoming transition to ICD-10, BWC will make changes to how it provides diagnoses on BWC-generated correspondence. Beginning May 14, BWC will only include the

the job.

For more information about safety councils, [click here](#).

### Safety Update

Check out this month's Safety Update from the Ohio BWC Library by [clicking here](#).

### Safety Day offered in northern Ohio May 2

Attention, business owners in Erie, Ottawa and Sandusky counties: Safety Day 2014 will be held May 2 at Terra State Community College. Workplace safety classes will be offered all day for employees. For more details and to register, [click here](#).

narrative condition descriptions in correspondence to injured workers and employers as well as orders.

BWC bases claim allowances on condition descriptions provided by physicians. BWC staff members then verify a numeric International Classification of Diseases (ICD) code that corresponds to the condition description. BWC systems store the code for medical bill reimbursement, claim reserving and accident/injury trending and analysis. Historically, BWC correspondence and orders included the narrative condition description and the numeric ICD code.

BWC will continue to include narrative condition descriptions and numeric ICD codes in physician and medical-provider correspondence. Providers need this information for billing and reimbursement purposes.

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