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Please note: BWC services will be unavailable on March 29

Due to scheduled system maintenance, BWC's computer systems will not be available on Saturday, March 29. Internet and phone service will be affected, including our website, bwc.ohio.gov. Callers to our automated phone service, which is accessed by calling 1-800-644-6292, will receive a busy signal.

We apologize for any inconvenience, but look forward to this opportunity to serve you better after this scheduled

Register today for Ohio Safety Congress & Expo 2014

Make plans to attend the Ohio Safety Congress & Expo 2014 (OSC14), the largest regional safety and health conference in the nation! This free event will be held March 25 to 27 at the Greater Columbus Convention Center.



Check out some of the 180 expert-led educational sessions, three general sessions and 227 exhibitors, and you're sure to bring back ideas for your workplace.

OSC14 offers the following:

- **Free CEU's**—Earn free continuing education units with many of the educational sessions offered at OSC14. [Click here](#) for more information.
- **Passport to Safety**—Visit our featured exhibitors in the Expo Marketplace, gather stamps on your Passport, then turn it in for a chance to win prizes valued at \$100 or more!
- **Safety Innovation Awards**— Visit, see and vote for the most innovative safety adaptation to a work process by fellow Ohio employers. A panel of experts will judge the safety innovations and awards will be given Thursday morning at the general session. Competitors all received a BWC safety intervention grant to help implement their safety innovations. Our safety grants have been helping employers for more than 10 years to protect workers, so get inspired by these innovations and think of ways a safety grant could improve your workplace. Visit booth 831.
- **Guidebook**—Check out schedules, maps and social features on your mobile device with this application for iPhone, Android and Blackberry users. To download the app, visit Guidebook.com/getit or search for "Guidebook" in the Apple, Google or Amazon app stores. Then, search for "2014 Ohio

maintenance. Thank you in advance for your patience!

Safety update

In this month's Safety Update from BWC, you can:

- Learn about the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's new health mobile application;
- Check out the Occupational Safety and Health Administration's website about communication tower safety;
- Download a poster about office ergonomics.

[Click here](#) for the Safety Update.

Safety Congress and Expo.”

Register to attend OSC14 today at bwc.ohio.gov, or call 1-800-644-6292.

Safety improvements demonstrated, safety grants awarded

BWC Administrator/CEO Steve Buehrer visited several businesses around the state in recent weeks, all for the sake of workplace safety.



In late February, he visited Wooster's [Rayco Manufacturing Inc.](#) to view improvements the company made with the assistance of a \$21,000 BWC Safety Intervention Grant (pictured at right). The company, which builds and services specialized stump cutters, wood chippers and forestry mulchers, received a \$21,266.66 grant in 2011 to purchase weld tables to reduce the risk of injury related to moving suspended equipment weighing between 200 and 1300 pounds while building large forestry chippers.

Earlier this month, the [Marion Industrial Center](#) hosted the administrator to demonstrate a locking system that prevents trucks from pulling away from dock doors before forklift operators are finished loading them. That purchase was made possible with the assistance of a \$40,000 BWC Safety Intervention Grant.

This week, the administrator presented a \$40,000 Safety Intervention Grant check to the [Sandusky County Emergency Medical Services](#) agency to purchase cardiac support pumps that will help first responders better perform CPR while protecting them from on-the-job injuries. He also gave Norwalk's [David Price Metal Services, Inc.](#) a \$20,000 check awarded to the company through the Safety Intervention Grant Program to purchase an overhead crane that's expected to increase productivity while reducing the risk of injuries.

Learn more about the Safety Intervention Grant Program and view the stories of previous grant recipients at bwc.ohio.gov or [BWC's YouTube channel](#).

Enroll now in Destination: Excellence programs to make your workplace safer, earn rebates

Enrollment is underway for private employers to sign up for several programs of [Destination: Excellence](#), a bundle of programs that helps businesses improve workplace safety, enhance injured workers care and save money on workers' compensation costs.

Currently, private employers may enroll in the following programs until April 30, for the program year that runs from July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015:

- [Industry-Specific Safety Program](#), which allows companies to earn a 3 percent premium rebate for completing loss-prevention activities, such as training classes or on-site consulting;
- [Drug-Free Safety Program](#), which yields a 4 or 7 percent premium rebate for businesses that incorporate an alcohol and drug testing and education program at their workplaces;
- [Transitional Work Bonus Program](#), which allows businesses to earn up to a 10 percent premium rebate for successfully using a transitional work plan to successfully return an injured worker released with restrictions back to work by accommodating their needs.

Want to learn more? We have a new Destination: Excellence video that explains it! Check it out [here](#).

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