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Watch: What workers' comp fraud looks like



[Click here](#) to check out our new fraud awareness video, which features some of our most popular recent cases.

Remember, you can report suspected workers' compensation fraud anytime by calling 1-800-644-6292 or visiting bwc.ohio.gov.

Seeking Safety Talks submissions

We're looking for two-page discussion guides about protective clothing, preventing overexertion injuries, working in trenches and excavations, driving in hazardous conditions, small chemical spills, and more.

Submissions should include questions a discussion leader can ask a group, and the appropriate responses. Cited references, associated regulations and a list of additional resources are

Happy holidays!



We wish you a happy holiday season, and want to remind you that our offices will be closed on Thursday, Dec. 25 and on Thursday, Jan. 1, 2015.

[Click here](#) for a holiday greeting from BWC.

We look forward to serving you in the new year!

\$4.7M in workplace safety grants awarded to Ohio employers

Public and private employers were awarded \$4.7 million in safety intervention grants in September, October and November. A total of 161 grants were approved. This grant program was designed to help employers reduce illnesses and injuries, and to partner with them to establish best practices for accident and injury prevention.

Here are a few of our latest grant recipients:

The Polk-Jackson-Perry Fire District (Ashland County) received \$29,969 to purchase one power cot and one power load system, which will improve the process of patient handling and lifting.

G2 Revolution LLC (Hancock County) received \$30,308 to purchase two vacuum lifts, two pallet

helpful.

We accept submissions all year long, and notify authors of acceptance of their articles, which are [posted on bwc.ohio.gov](#).

[Click here](#) for more information.

Monthly safety news

In this month's Safety Update, you can:

- Read the Chemical Safety Board's new safety bulletin regarding educational demonstrations of flammable chemicals in school laboratories.
- Watch the Occupational Safety & Health Administration's video about new injury reporting requirements that go into effect Jan. 1, 2015.
- Learn about ladder safety by viewing the Center for Construction Research and Testing's videos.

Check out our December Safety Update by [clicking here](#).

leveling lift tables and a drum dumper. This intervention will improve the sorting, pallet transfer and material handling processes.

Northwest Schools (Stark County) received \$40,000 to purchase a boom lift. This intervention will improve the repair and routine maintenance processes.

Swihart Industries Inc. (Montgomery County) received \$40,000 to purchase 10 air chain hoists, one free standing bridge crane, and one ceiling mounted bridge crane. This intervention will reduce the manual handling and maneuvering of parts during production.

A full listing of safety interventions and grant amounts are available by [clicking here](#).

Your business, too, can receive a 3-to-1 match of up to \$40,000 for safety interventions. Learn more about the Safety Intervention Grant Program and best practices at [bwc.ohio.gov](#).

Reminder: Payment addresses have changed

We'll send payroll reports to you starting Dec. 31, and would like to remind you of our recent address change.

Please use the following address when submitting payments to BWC via mail: Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation, P.O. Box 89492, Cleveland, OH 44101-6492.

Express and overnight payments may be mailed to: Attn: Lockbox 89492, 5575 Venture Drive, Unit A, Parma, OH 44130.

Return envelopes that will be sent with invoices and payroll reports will include the new address. As long as you use the envelope BWC sends out, you will not need to take any additional action. If you do not use the envelopes provided, please update the address.

Safety Innovations semifinalists named

Twelve semifinalists have been chosen for BWC's fourth annual [Safety Innovations Competition](#), which encourages and recognizes development of innovative solutions that help to reduce workplace injuries and illnesses.

Representatives from BWC's Division of Safety & Hygiene reviewed and selected the semifinalists from more than 50 entries. Applications were received from both private and public entities.

Here are the semifinalists:

Airmate Co., Bryan - Window Gluing Process: Safety First

Beiersdorf Inc., Cincinnati - Stop Gravity: After Sorter Belts

Bemis North America, Fremont - Adjustable Height Packing Platforms for Thermoforming Lines

City of Cuyahoga Falls, Cuyahoga Falls - Gator-Getter

City of Stow, Stow - Gator-Getter

Diversified Fall Protection, Westlake - Fall Prevention System for Loading Flatbed Trucks More Than Four Feet High

First Solar Inc., Perrysburg - Multiple Redesign Initiatives for Ergonomic Risk Reduction in Interlayer Roll Changing Tasks

FORJAK Industrial, Columbus - The Better, Faster Finish Painting System

Harmony Systems & Service Inc., Piqua - Skid Loader to Assembly Line

Mansfield Engineered Components, Mansfield - Spring Puller

Town & Country Co-Op Inc., Ashland - Wild Bird Food Ingredient Process Improvement

Verst Group Logistics, Northern Kentucky/Cincinnati - Emergency Brake Alarms.

The second round of judging is underway, and five finalists will be announced Jan. 31, 2015.

Finalists will display their innovations at the [2015 Ohio Safety Congress & Expo](#) for a chance to win up to \$7,000.

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