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OSC12 features employee wellness and workplace safety theme

Well at home. Safe at work. That's the theme for the 2012 Ohio Safety Congress & Expo (OSC12). The free, three-day event is the largest and longest-running occupational safety, health and workers' compensation conference in Ohio and will run March 27-29 at the Greater Columbus Convention Center. Registration is now available online at ohiobwc.com.

"Safe, healthy workers are more likely to have a better quality of life, be more productive and have a greater chance for a quick recovery if a workplace accident does happen," said BWC Administrator/CEO Stephen Buehrer. "I encourage Ohio employers to attend safety congress and learn how a commitment to safety and wellness can benefit their workforce and lower workers' comp and health-care costs."

OSC12 will feature more than 200 exhibitors offering safety services, industrial supplies, and safety equipment and gear, in addition to workshops and 150 educational sessions.

Consider attending OSC12 if you work in any of the fields below.

- Company owners, presidents and chief executive officers
- Safety, health and risk managers
- Human resource directors
- Safety officers and consultants
- Loss prevention and control managers
- Workers' comp managers and directors
- Health-care and wellness personnel
- Paralegals and attorneys
- Small business owners
- Ergonomists
- Industrial hygienists

Remember to catch congress updates on Twitter [@ohiobwc](#).

[Attention online payroll filers!!](#)

We've taken the initiative to decrease the amount of paper we use in the payroll reporting process. First, we've replaced the hard-copy payroll report with a postcard reminder for all employers that previously filed their reports online. We hope this will be a stepping stone for employers to help save even more by signing up to receive paperless payroll alerts via email. If you currently file payroll online and are not signed up for paperless payroll, [click here](#) to get started.

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To avoid lapses in coverage, private employers must report payroll and pay premium due by Feb. 29, 2012; public employers must report payroll and pay 45 percent of their premium due by May 15, 2012, with the remaining 55 percent due by Sept. 1, 2012.

PERRP annual recordkeeping deadline Feb. 1

Attention all public employers: The Public Employment Risk Reduction Program (PERRP) annual recordkeeping deadline is Feb. 1. You can submit the Summary of Work-Related Injuries and Illnesses (300AP) by mail or online. Access the form, and view submission options at ohiobwc.com.

PERRP offers a number of services that help public employers identify and reduce workplace hazards through effective safety and health programs. These free services include:

- Compliance assistance visits;
- Safety training;
- Site-specific evaluations;
- Presentations;
- Written program review;
- Industrial hygiene surveys.

Contact your local [PERRP representative](#) to find out if you're taking full advantage of all the opportunities available.

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