

# Safety Update

## Ohio BWC Library



### National Work Zone Awareness Week

The orange barrels of roadway work pop up on Ohio's roads every spring. April 8-12, 2019, is National Work Zone Awareness Week. The theme for this year's observance is Drive Like You Work Here.

Learn more about roadway safety in work zones for workers and the public, and obtain posters, social media campaigns and more from [National Work Zone Awareness Week](#), [workzonesafety.org](http://workzonesafety.org) and the [U.S. Department of Transportation](#).

### NIOSH/CDC News

#### Stress Intervention Research

A National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) [blog post](#) describes a review of stress intervention studies presented at a NIOSH symposium in 2018.

#### Ladder Safety

If you missed ladder safety month in March, you can still find lots of tools to help you be safe at home and at work while working on ladders. NIOSH has a [ladder safety app](#), infographic and postcard for extension and step ladder safety.

### Powered Industrial Trucks Information Request

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The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) is updating its powered industrial truck standard and is [now accepting comments](#) from the public. OSHA is requesting information on:

- The types, age and usage of powered industrial trucks.
- Maintenance and retrofitting.
- How to regulate older powered industrial trucks.
- Types of accidents and injuries associated with operating these machines.
- Costs and benefits of retrofitting the machines with safety features.
- Other components of a safety program.

Comments are due on or before June 10, 2019.

### Agricultural Safety

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OSHA revised its [Agricultural Operations](#) webpage to make it easier for users to find safety information on agriculture-related hazards such as grain bins and silos, heat, machinery, pesticides and other chemicals.

## Other News

### Ohio Transportation by the Numbers

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This [document](#) from the U.S. Bureau of Transportation Statistics provides information about the infrastructure, travel habits, shipping commodities, energy use and fatalities related to transportation in Ohio. More state transportation statistic reports are available [here](#).

### Protect Yourself from the Sun

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Spring and summer are coming! If you work outdoors, you are exposed to the sun. The Center for Construction Research and Training's Hazard Alert on Skin Cancer describes the hazards of working in ultraviolet (UV) radiation from the sun, how to protect yourself, and the signs of skin cancer. Click on the links to access the [English](#) version and the [Spanish](#) version.

### Journal of Wellness

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The University of Louisville has a new, open access, peer-reviewed journal, [Journal of Wellness](#), "dedicated to quality research on healthcare professional wellness." The first article is [Why a New Journal?](#)

### Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP)

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The [Federal Highway Administration](#) has released 2018's numbers for the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) safety performance management measures and state safety performance targets. Included is an interactive map for all 50 states. [Ohio's HSIP report](#) has information for number of fatalities, fatality rate, number of serious injuries, rate of serious injuries and number of non-motorized fatalities. Ohio has seen an increase in traffic fatalities during the last four years.

## **Injury Facts**

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The National Safety Council has an online resource for [fatal injury statistics](#). Statistics include odds of dying, deaths by month, costs paid by employers and government, the top 10 preventable injuries, specific death demographics, intentional deaths and historical fatality trends. Most topics include a short video, charts, tables and infographics.

## **Vaccine Safety Website**

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The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine created [Based on Science](#), a series of webpages answering common questions about science and human health. The site covers fluorides and water, weight loss, cancer, vaccines and children's health.

## **Transportation Most Wanted**

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The National Transportation Safety Board released its [2019-2020 Most Wanted List of Transportation Safety Improvements](#). Topic areas include: eliminating distractions, ending alcohol and drug impairment, and reducing fatigue and speed-related accidents.

## **Decontamination Guidance for Chemical Incidents**

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The second edition of the [Primary Response Incident Scene Management \(PRISM\)](#) series gives authoritative, evidence-based guidance on mass patient disrobe and decontamination during a chemical incident. The PRISM documentation has three volumes: Strategic Guidance, Tactical Guidance and Operational Guidance.

[ASPIRE \(Algorithm Suggesting Proportionate Incident Response Engagement\)](#) is a prototype decision-aiding tool experts in medicine and emergency response have developed to help identify the need for patients exposed to chemical agents to undertake wet decontamination.

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