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NIOSH/CDC News

Take Home Contamination

The National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) Health Hazard Evaluation Program issued a report, [Evaluation of Exposure to Metals at an Electronics Recycling Facility](#). This report covers an evaluation of workers at a recycling facility exposed to metals and flame retardants. The researchers concluded that workers were exposed to cadmium and lead, and that handwashing did not remove the metals from their hands potentially exposing family members to take home contamination.

New Ohio Workers' Compensation Data Charts

NIOSH released [interactive charts and graphs](#) that display summaries of 1.2 million Ohio workers' compensation injury claims. NIOSH partnered with the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation to give users the ability to search general causes of injury, no matter the industry. NIOSH presents the data, covering claims from 2001 to 2011, in dashboard and Excel workbook formats. The charts and graphs break out the data by general industry results, detailed industry results and diagnosis by cause.

New Opioid Website

NIOSH has a new [Opioid web page](#) available. The page presents data and field investigation information, and is designed to transfer research and solutions from NIOSH into practice.

Safe + Sound Week

[Safe+Sound week](#) is Aug. 13-19. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) invites employers to this nationwide event to raise awareness and understanding of the value of safety and health programs that include management leadership, worker participation, and a systematic approach to finding and fixing hazards in workplaces. OSHA invites all organizations to participate by selecting activities from the website.

Talk About Safety

The OSHA Safe+Sound campaign has a document to help you have [Better Safety Conversations](#). The document describes the basics of having a safety conversation, describes several types of conversations, such as walk-arounds and safety feedback, and describes the risks that can occur from not having these conversations.

Construction Safety

The Center for Construction Research and Training (CPWR) and OSHA have a [find and fix worksheet](#) for construction sites that employers can use as part of a Safe+SoundWeek initiative. The document has checklists of frequent OSHA citations and frequent sources of injuries at construction sites as well as links to resources for controlling hazards.

Forklift Safety

This new OSHA [Quick Card](#) on forklift safety contains tips for forklift operators, training requirements and maintenance tips.

Temporary Worker Bulletins

OSHA has issued nine [Temporary Worker Bulletins](#) to assist employers with compliance of occupational safety and health regulations when employing temporary workers with a staffing agency. Topics include:

- Injury and Illness Recordkeeping Requirements.
- Personal Protective Equipment.
- Whistleblower Protection Rights.
- Safety and Health Training.
- Hazard Communication.
- Bloodborne Pathogens.
- Powered Industrial Truck Training.
- Respiratory Protection.
- Noise Exposure and Hearing Conservation.

Fatigue and Sleepiness in Ridesharing

The American Academy of Sleep Medicine released [a position statement](#) in the Journal of Clinical Sleep Medicine about the potential for fatigued driving in the ridesharing industries. Drivers in this industry often work additional jobs and drive during time off. This can lead to fatigue and sleepiness, which is a major cause of automobile accidents.

Reinjury Rates

A [Texas study](#) looked at reinjury rates in workers' compensation. The study found that from 1998 to 2017 around 40 percent of new claims were from individuals with at least one previous claim. Meanwhile, new claimants with no previous injury have a 30 percent chance of a reinjury within 10 years.

Firefighter Cancer Prevention

The National Volunteer Fire Council and several other organizations issued a [poster](#) for firefighters to inform them of best practices in cancer prevention. The poster contains eleven tips on personal protective equipment, decontamination and other practices that can reduce the risk of occupational cancers.

Confined Space Poster

This CPWR Hazard Alert on Confined Spaces defines confined spaces, addresses the hazards of working in a confined space, and provides steps workers can take while working in a confined space. It's available in both [English](#) and [Spanish](#).

Contractor Safety and Unions

Dodge Data conducted a survey on behalf of CPWR. The Construction Safety Management Survey examined the relationship between safety management practices among union and non-union general and specialty trades contractors in 2017. A [CPWR Quarterly Data Report](#) summarizes the findings.

Disaster Healthcare Resources in Spanish

The Healthcare Emergency Preparedness Information Gateway has a website with links to [Spanish-language healthcare resources](#). Topics include chronic illnesses, disaster behavioral and mental health, and emergency preparedness.

Stop the Bleed

A website called [Stop the Bleed](#), teaches laypeople how to correctly apply pressure to stop life-threatening bleeding. The website has a short video with information about what to do if someone is bleeding.

2018 Training Survey

Safety+Health Magazine surveyed safety professionals regarding their organizations' training budgets and types of training offered. A summary of the results is available on the [Safety+Health website](#).

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