

# Safety Update

## Ohio BWC Library

### SteadyU Fall Prevention

The Ohio Department of Aging has a [website](#) dedicated to helping Ohio business prevent falls in their workers and their customers. Learn steps you can take to prevent this leading cause of worker injury. The site includes statistics on worker injuries from Ohio BWC, safety tips, and links to additional information and resources.

### NIOSH News

#### PCBs and Renovation of Older School Buildings

If you are involved in the renovation of a school building that was constructed before 1978 here is information on potential PCB contamination. <http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/docs/2012-170/>

#### CPWR/NIOSH Ladder Safety Videos

The Center for Construction Research and Testing has posted two videos on ladder safety.

[A Simple Task -- Fatal Ladder Fall](#) - This video recreates the real-life series of events that led to the death of a 33-year-old construction worker from a ladder fall.

[Don't Fall For It -- Detailed training on safe ladder use](#) - This video presents detailed training on safe ladder use, plus interviews with fall survivors.

#### Cold Stress

The cold weather is here already and winter hasn't even officially begun. Here are some [tips from NIOSH](#) to keep you safe in the cold.

#### Infographic of the Month

This month we bring you an [infographic](#) from NIOSH on their Total Worker Health initiative. This one can be downloaded as individual slides for use in presentations.

#### NIOSH Science Blog

The [NIOSH Science blog](#) recapped a recent webinar on stress and total worker health held on August 19 2014. The article summarizes the presentations and the Q and A session afterwards. A link is provided to the webinar recording for those who would like more detail.

## OSHA News

### OSHA Video on the New Injury Reporting Requirements

OSHA has produced a [short video](#) outlining the new injury reporting requirements that go into effect on January 1, 2015.

### New Factsheets Available on Tube and Coupler Scaffold Safety

Two new OSHA fact sheets – [“Tube and Coupler Scaffold Planning and Design”](#) and [“Tube and Coupler Scaffold Erection and Use”](#) – are now available to help employers protect construction workers using this type of scaffold on the job.

### Small Business Assistance

If you own or work at a small business, OSHA has a [website](#) dedicated to help you comply with regulations. The BWC library suggests that the [Quick Start](#) is a great place to begin when learning about OSHA compliance.

### OSHA Information on Crowd Control

As the holiday season approaches, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration is encouraging retail employers to implement safety measures to prevent workplace injuries during major sales events, including Black Friday. This [news release](#) contains more information along with a link to crowd management safety guidelines.

### Residential Construction Fall Protection Resource

Researchers at Washington University School of Medicine, with support from the Center for Construction Research and Training through a National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health cooperative agreement have created a new [website](#) to assist employers looking for fall protection methods to protect workers in residential construction. The new site covers the types of equipment described in [OSHA’s Guidance Document for Residential Construction](#)

The site is divided into types of fall protection and phase of construction. Under each heading are photographs of the types of equipment or the task they are used for. Each device listed on the site has information about when it is used, photographs of the device in use, how to install it and information about vendors and costs of the devices.

## Other News

### Science Demonstration Safety

The Chemical Safety Board has issued a [safety bulletin](#) aimed at safety in educational demonstrations of flammable chemicals. The document provides guidance on safety when performing demonstrations in a school laboratory setting.

### Updated MedlinePlus Mobile Websites

The National Library of Medicine (NLM) released new versions of the [MedlinePlus](#) and [MedlinePlus en español](#) mobile sites. The sites are optimized for use on mobile phones and tablets and now contain all the information available on the regular sites.

## **The Year in Occupational Health & Safety**

This [recently published document](#) from authors affiliated with George Washington University is available for download from the eLCOSH website. It covers Federal, State and Local issues on OH&S as well as new research and look at the year ahead.

## **AIHA White Paper on the Use of Electronic Cigarettes**

The American Industrial Hygiene Association® (AIHA) has described the potential exposures and health risks associated with the use of electronic cigarettes in a [new report](#). The report reviewed current scientific information and evaluated the effects of chemicals used in e-cigarettes and emitted from them.

## **Bicycle Fatalities are Rising in the United States.**

If you commute to work on a bicycle or are just a casual rider you will want to look at this report from the Governors Highway Safety Association (GHSA). [Spotlight on Highway Safety: Bicyclist Safety](#) notes that yearly bicyclist deaths increased 16 percent between 2010 and 2012, while overall motor vehicle fatalities increased just one percent during the same time period.

## **Loading Dock Dangers**

Do you load large trucks at your facility? If so, this [informative article](#) from EHSToday can help you keep your forklift operators and drivers safe.

## **National Library of Medicine CHEMM Website Update**

The National Library of Medicine (NLM) has released a new version of [Chemical Hazards Emergency Medical Management \(CHEMM\)](#). CHEMM is a Web-based resource that can be downloaded in advance to Windows and Mac computers to ensure availability during an event if the Internet is not accessible. The site is designed to enable first responders, first receivers, other healthcare providers, and planners to plan for, respond to, recover from, and mitigate the effects of mass-casualty incidents involving chemicals

## **Seasonal Influenza Q & A**

If you have questions about seasonal influenza, the Centers for Disease Control have answers. Learn about the symptoms, flu season, how to treat the flu and more on the [CDC question and answer page](#).

## **Fire Causes by Month**

This [table](#) from the National Fire Protection Administration shows the frequency of fires by different causes. In December the greatest risk is from Christmas tree fires. Take extra care of trees in your homes and businesses and stay safe!

## **National Safety Council Website for New Driver Safety**

[DriveitHOME™](#) is an initiative of the National Safety Council. It is designed by and for parents of newly licensed teen drivers. DriveitHOME™ offers a variety of options parents can use to help their teen get the experience they need behind the wheel more safely.

## **Federal Highway Administration Safety Compass Newsletter**

If you are interested in transportation safety, the Federal Highway Administration publishes a quarterly news letter. [This link](#) will download a PDF version of the Fall 2014 edition which contains a link to subscribe.

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