

Safety Update

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Red Wing Shoes Recalls Steel Toe Work Boots Due to Impact Hazard

The Consumer Product Safety Commission has issued a recall of certain styles of Red Wing steel toe work boots because the steel toe cap in the boots could fail to protect the wearer's feet in an impact. This recall involves 45 styles of Red Wing men's steel toe work boots in sizes 11 to 18 and widths ranging from B to H depending on the size and style. Consumers should stop wearing the recalled boots immediately and return them to a Red Wing store/dealer or contact Red Wing Shoes for a free replacement pair of boots. **Go to this [website](#) for more information.**

Other News

EPA Guidance for Management of Fluorescent Lights in Schools

The purpose of this [website](#) is to provide information to school administrators and maintenance personnel on the hazards posed by polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) in PCB-containing fluorescent light ballasts (banned after 1979), how to properly handle and dispose of these items, and how to properly retrofit the lighting fixtures in your school to remove potential PCB hazards.

National Survey of Speeding Attitudes and Behavior

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) released a new "[National Survey of Speeding Attitudes and Behavior](#)" in which nearly half of drivers surveyed say speeding is a problem on the nation's roads, and one in five drivers surveyed admitted, "I try to get where I am going as fast as I can." Speeding-related deaths nationwide account for nearly a third of all traffic fatalities each year, taking close to 10,000 lives.

Cold Weather Eye Protection

You have your gloves, insulated boots and coveralls on so you are well protected against the elements. But what about your eyes? Protective eyewear used in warm temperatures is not the best choice for use in cold weather. This [article](#) from Occupational Health & Safety magazine presents four tips for selecting proper cold weather eye protection.

FDA Press Release on Recalled Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs)

If you have an AED at your facility take a look at this [news release](#) from the FDA. Certain AEDs have been recalled and may not be able to perform properly in an emergency. The FDA recommends keeping them in service until a replacement can be obtained.

New Survey for Nurses to Assess their Workplace Risks

The American Nurses Association (ANA) and Pfizer have developed a free online [survey](#) that helps nurses to assess risk at their workplaces. The survey asks questions about demographics, work environment, health safety and wellness. The survey website also includes information on fitness, nutrition, stress management, health screenings, sleep and tobacco and alcohol use. The survey is part of the Healthy Nurse Program at (ANA).

Toolkit for Improved Health, Safety and Wellness

The [Healthy Workplace Participatory Program](#) was developed by the Center for the Promotion of Health in the New England Workplace, which is a joint initiative from the University of Massachusetts Lowell and the University of Connecticut. Included is a [nine-question survey](#) to help users develop a summary report that can be used to develop programs that improve employee health, safety and productivity. An hour-long training webinar on use of the tool is available on [January 14, 1 to 2pm EST](#).

Traffic-Related Deaths Increased In 2012

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration [reported](#) that traffic-related deaths increased 3.3 percent in 2012 from 2011 – the first annual increase since 2005. Traffic-related fatalities totaled 33,561 in 2012. Among other findings:

- Fatalities increased among pedestrians involved in a traffic crash by 6.4 percent and among motorcycle riders by 7.1 percent – two categories with increases for the third consecutive year.
- People killed in distraction-related crashes decreased slightly to 3,328 in 2012 from 3,360 in 2011, while injuries from distraction-affected crashes increased 9 percent to an estimated 421,000.
- Alcohol-related impaired driving crashes accounted for nearly one-third of all crash fatalities in 2012, with these fatalities increasing 4.6 percent from the previous year.

Nonfatal Occupational Injuries and Illnesses Requiring Days Away From Work, 2012

U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported in a [news release](#) that the rate of nonfatal occupational injury and illness cases requiring days away from work to recuperate was 112 cases per 10,000 full-time workers in 2012, down from 117 in 2011. The total number of private industry, state government, and local government cases with days away from work decreased 2 percent to 1,153,980 cases. The median days away from work—a key measure of severity of injuries and illnesses—was 9 days. This is one day more than in 2011.

NIOSH News

New Construction Safety Material from the Center for Construction Research and Training (CPWR)

CPWR serves as the National Construction Center for the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH).

- A new ladder safety [pocket guide](#) is available with tips on how to avoid falls and electrocution and how to choose the right ladder for the job.
- [52 free toolbox talks](#) are now available on construction topics. The documents are intended to be printed on both sides. One side features an incident scenario and related questions, prevention tips, and space to write down specific steps workers can take to prevent injuries related to the hazard. The other side has an illustration that can be displayed in the workplace as a poster.
- CPWR has created a new step-by-step tool, [Work Safely with Silica](#), to help construction contractors safely work in the presence of silica dust. The tool is designed to help workers learn about the hazards of exposure to silica dust and create plans to reduce the levels of dust at worksites and develop site-specific control plans. The site also has links to silica-related handouts, fact sheets, videos, toolbox talks and other resources for workers and contractors.

American Red Cross and OSHA Alliance Free Bloodborne Pathogens Webcast

A webcast, “Bloodborne Pathogens — What You Need to Know to Prevent Disease Transmission in the Workplace,” will be presented by the [OSHA and the American Red Cross Alliance](#) on Jan. 8, 2014, from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. EST. The webcast will include an overview of: the BBP Standard and the Needlestick Safety and Prevention Act, methods of compliance, recordkeeping, compliance determination, exposure control plans, personal protective equipment, and training requirements. For more information and to register for the free webcast, visit this [page](#).

Revisions to the OSHA Power Press Standard

OSHA is making two main revisions to its Mechanical Power Presses Standard. First, OSHA is adding a requirement that employers develop and maintain certification records of any maintenance and repairs they perform on the presses during periodic inspections. Second, OSHA is removing the requirement from another provision that employers develop and maintain certification records of weekly inspections and tests performed on the presses. The direct final rule will go into effect Feb. 18 unless the agency receives a “significant adverse comment” by Dec. 20. If such a comment is received, OSHA will proceed with a [notice of proposed rulemaking](#).

OSHA Fact Sheet on Abrasive Blasting Hazards

OSHA recently issued a [fact sheet](#) about protecting workers from abrasive blasting materials. The fact sheet contains information on health hazards, engineering controls, respiratory protection, worker training and hazard communication.

OSHA Interpretation for the New HAZCOM Law

A recent [OSHA interpretation](#) reiterated that labels must be attached to a hazardous chemical’s immediate container. This means that manufacturers, importers, or distributors may not attach a label only to the outside packaging of a shipped hazardous chemical or use a key and separate document to transmit the information required on the label. OSHA indicated that labeling can be done with pull-out labels, fold back labels, tags or other methods.

New Video - Preventing Electrocutions with Cranes

A new animated video in OSHA’s educational series about potential hazards in the construction industry is now available in both Spanish and English. “[Prevent Electrocutions: Work Safely with Cranes near Power Lines](#)” is the 14th video in the series, which are based on real-life incidents and include detailed depictions of hazards and the safety measures that would have prevented the injuries and fatalities.

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