

Safety Update

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Operation Safe Driver Week

The Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance sponsors Operation Safe Driver Week, Oct. 15-21, 2017. Law enforcement agencies across North America engage in heightened traffic safety enforcement and education.

They aim to combat unsafe driving behaviors by commercial motor vehicle and passenger-vehicle drivers. The [Operation Safe Driver website](#) has statistics for previous year's events. It also has campaign materials for teens, distracted driving and improving driver behaviors.

NIOSH/CDC News

CDC Workplace Health Resource Center

This new [resource center](#) from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention contains information for employers on wellness programs. The page includes evidence-based strategies, health scorecards, assessment and survey documents related to employee health and wellness. Find resources to help get your employee health promotion program started.

Protecting Oil and Gas Workers from Hydrocarbon Gases and Vapors

The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) and the California Department of Public Health created a [video](#) for the oil and gas extraction industry. The video describes the hazards associated with manual gauging and fluid sampling on oil and gas production tanks. It also describes steps that employers and workers can take to do this work safely.

NIOSH Total Worker Health Webinars

NIOSH has added a new webinar to the [Total Worker Health Webinar series](#). This installment recorded on Sept. 28, 2017, examines interventions and promising practices for the aging workforce from three perspectives. Together, these three presentations provide a complementary overview of interventions and promising practices for addressing the challenges and opportunities posed by an aging workforce.

New NIOSH Publication

This new fact sheet, [Young Drivers in the Workplace: How Employers and Parents Can Help Keep Them Safe on the Road](#), gives information on workplace driving laws young drivers should follow to gain work experience under the safest conditions possible. It also provides recommendations on how to promote safe driving and prevent motor vehicle crashes among young workers who drive as part of their job.

OSHA News

OSHA Top 10 Violations for 2017

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) announced its [top 10 violations for 2017](#) at the National Safety Council Congress and Expo. The list was generally unchanged from 2016 with one exception: Fall Protection – Training Requirements (1926.503) was new this year at the ninth position with 1,933 citations. OSHA has a document on this topic, [Fall Prevention Training Guide: A Lesson Plan for Employers](#). Make sure to train your employees on this important topic.

Farm Safety and Health Webinars

AgriSafe Network created [webinars](#) using an OSHA Susan Harwood Training Grant for National Farm Safety and Health Week. You can view recordings of the webinars on the website through Oct. 13. Topics include heat illness, respiratory protection, youth safety, ATV injuries and respiratory exposure.

Two New OSHA Publications

- OSHA has released a new guidance document to help employers at oil refineries comply with the agency's Process Safety Management (PSM) standard. [Process Safety Management for Petroleum Refineries](#) reviews common instances of non-compliance with OSHA's PSM standard in the petroleum refinery industry.
- A new Fatal Facts series report describes the importance of using manufacturer-approved lifting equipment to prevent falls. [Warehouse Fall from a Pallet Lifted by a Forklift](#), examines the root causes of an incident in which a worker died in a fall from an improperly raised pallet while pulling stock from elevated shelves.

Other News

New Silica Standard Resources

Enforcement of the new OSHA Silica Standard began last month. The Center for Construction Research and Training has a website, [Work Safely With Silica](#), to inform employers about the regulation and requirements. The site contains a Create a Plan function to assist with creating the silica exposure control plan required by the standard along with videos, toolbox talks and other aids to assist you in keeping yourself and your employees safe.

Our Roads Our Safety

Learn about sharing the road with commercial vehicles such as buses and trucks. The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) website [Our Roads Our Safety](#) has videos, safety tips, posters and outreach materials to help all users of the nation's roads operate safely around large trucks and buses. Learn how these large vehicles operate, including how blind spots, stopping distances and maneuverability are different than passenger vehicles.

Truck and Bus Statistics

Want to learn more about the large vehicles on the roads?The FMCSA [2017 Pocket Guide to Large Truck and Bus Statistics](#) has the answer.This document contains numbers of vehicles, statistics on inspections and violations, investigations, crashes and more.

Slow Down!

The National Transportation Safety Board has issued a safety study, [Reducing Speeding-Related Crashes Involving Passenger Vehicles](#). The study found that speeding increases the likelihood of severe and fatal crashes as well as the severity of injuries.

Chemical Safety in the Classroom

The Chemical Safety Board (CSB) has a safety reminder for teachers, staff and school administrators about the hazards of flammable materials in classroom science demonstrations. The page has links to a [video](#) and the 2014 CSB safety bulletin "[Key Lessons for Preventing Incidents from Flammable Chemicals in Educational Demonstrations.](#)"

Cleaning Fentanyl Spills

Research performed by scientists at Bowling Green State University shows that a household product, OxiClean™ Versatile Stain Remover can be used to clean up fentanyl spills. The Ohio Attorney General's Office issued a [Criminal Intelligence Unit Public Bulletin](#) to Ohio law enforcement agencies with details on the procedure.

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