

# BWC Update

Safety news from the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation

## Never put safety on cruise control

Your employees can face a number of hazards when working in confined spaces. The risk of a cave in, collapse or asphyxiation is present every moment spent working in these dangerous areas. Regardless of your workers' level of experience, employers must always inform their employees of the hazards and available escape routes.

BWC recommends taking the following measures to ensure your employees are safe on the road:

- Purchase safe, well-designed vehicles;
- Ensure vehicles are regularly inspected and properly maintained;
- Provide vehicle safety training;
- Require training on defensive driving;
- Develop and enforce safe driving policies.

BWC also has resources your company can use to educate workers about the hazards on the road, and safety measures they can take to prevent accidents. These include:

- Safety consulting services on fleet safety hazards;
- Training courses on powered industrial trucks;
- Videos on backing, defensive driving, cargo security and driving safety;
- *Safety Talks* on defensive driving, distracted driving, motor vehicle safety and road rage.

BWC can also assist you in keeping your employees safe from other common workplace hazards, such as:

- Getting struck by forklifts/equipment and falling objects;
- Cuts, lacerations and sharp object penetrations;
- Overexertion due to manual material handling and trauma;
- Slips, trips and falls.

More information is available about preventing injuries in the manufacturing industry by [clicking here](#).

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