



SAFETY UPDATE



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BCANJ Joins AGC of NJ In Sponsoring Safety Day

New this year, BCANJ will hold Safety Day, jointly with AGC of New Jersey, on Wednesday, October 10, 2012. On that day, participating members will place a special, coordinated emphasis on safety.

OSHA reports that injuries and fatalities on construction jobsites are declining at a rate greater than the rate at which construction activity has slowed during the past four years. OSHA attributes the decline to increasing awareness of hazards, particularly the Focus Four hazards that were responsible for more than half (56%) of the 774 construction worker deaths in 2010 – falls, electrocutions, struck-bys and caught-betweenes. Safety Day is aimed at raising public awareness about using caution around construction work zones and refocusing the attention of workers on the key elements of staying safe on the job so that all those working on member sites return home safe and sound at the end of the day.

Active members received Bulletin #76-12 promoting the value of Safety Day and suggesting a variety of activities members may wish to incorporate into and in advance of Safety Day. The bulletin also included a registration form for participation and an opportunity to order a Safety Day Banner to display on a jobsite. The first banner is free-of-charge; additional banners are \$75 each. Access the bulletin in the “Members Only” section of the BCANJ website, www.bcanj.com.

BCANJ to Host OSHA 502 “Trainer Refresher” Course

BCANJ will offer the OSHA 502 “Trainer Refresher” Course October 10-12, 2012, at a special rate for members of BCANJ, BCASJ, BCAAC, FCINJ and AGC of NJ. The course is for individuals who have taken the OSHA 500 or 502 and need to renew their certification in order to continue working as an active trainer in the OSHA outreach program. For information and registration, please refer to Bulletin #77-12 at www.bcanj.com.

NJ DOL Sponsors OSHA Safety Training in October

As we told you in Bulletin #75-12, the Northern New Jersey Federal Safety & Health Council, in partnership with the NJ Department of Labor and Workforce Development and the Atlantic OSHA Training Center, will conduct three OSHA training programs this fall. In October, the OSHA 10-Hour General Industry Safety & Health Course and the OSHA 10-Hour Construction Safety & Health Course will be offered as two-day courses.

A three-day OSHA 7600 Disaster Site Worker Course is scheduled over consecutive weeks in late October and November. The cost for the OSHA 10-Hour classes is \$5 per person, per class. There is no charge for the OSHA 7600 Disaster Site

Worker class, but participants must hold OSHA 10-Hour or OSHA 30-Hour certification. For details, access the bulletin on the “Members Only” section of the BCANJ website, www.bcanj.com.

AGC of America Announces Online Safety Training

AGC of America announced this month it is collaborating with ClickSafety, an OSHA-authorized training provider, to offer construction safety courses online and discounted for employees of AGC member firms. More than 300 courses, plus 70 courses in Spanish, will be available at a 10% discount.

The OSHA 10-Hour and 30-Hour Construction Safety & Health courses top the list, along with Focus Four prevention courses in fall protection, electrocution, struck-by and caught-between. Other offerings include the 10-Hour General Industry Safety & Health, 10-Hour Road Builder, 10-Hour Cal/OSHA, Mold in Construction and the EM 385-1-1 safety course required for Army Corps of Engineers projects.

Founded in 1999, ClickSafety was the first OSHA Outreach Training Provider to offer the OSHA 10- and 30-Hour courses online. For more information, members can call 877.507.7233 or email AGCSales@ClickSafety.com.

OSHA’s Top 10 Most Frequently Cited Standards

In our annual check of OSHA’s most frequently cited standards for the last fiscal year, we find they are much the same, with Scaffolding (1926.451) in the #1 spot, Fall Protection (1926.501) at #2, and Ladders (1926.1053) at #8.

London Olympics Construction Proved Safest in Years

The 2012 London Olympics reported zero fatalities occurred during construction of Olympic Park on an abandoned industrial site in the East End. That is in glaring contrast to other recent Olympics. In 1996, two workers died during construction of the Barcelona Olympics...one worker died during the 2000 Sydney Olympics construction...14 were killed in Greece in 2004...and 10 died in Beijing in 2008. The overall incidence rate was significantly lower than the average in Britain – on a project that employed 46,000 workers for 77 million manhours.

Using Your Heat App?

We recorded the highest temperatures ever this summer, a reminder to use the OSHA Heat Safety Tool. It helps workers and supervisors calculate the heat index and risk level for employees working outdoors. This app for your mobile device provides reminders about protective measures such as training your workforce to monitor each other for signs of heat-related illness. Visit OSHA’s heat illness webpage at www.osha.gov.

Coming in September: AGC Safety Management Training

AGC of America will offer its next AGC Safety Management Training Course September 18-20, 2012, in Madison, WI, providing comprehensive instruction on the basic skills needed to manage a corporate safety program on the jobsite. For details and registration, visit www.agc.org/smtc2012.

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