



The Safety Connection

San Diego

The President's Message — September, 2020

Happy September! I don't know about your experience with the last four weeks, but August was a bit too busy for me! I was working on multiple concurrent projects at work (continuing into September), migrated to a new work computer, changed my personal email address (still tailoring the new account to my liking), and went to my dentist for inflammation of my left temporomandibular joint which prevented me from closing my jaw! That was enough with just my own issues, but then with the pandemic, a local heat wave seemed to never end, tropical storms and hurricanes on both coasts, protests and riots, two political conventions...Whew! I think we can all agree that 2020 is already a dumpster fire, and to me, August was that fire finding an improperly discarded propane tank!

Here's to summer winding down and making way for fall, however, I foresee more fun in the making as we enter flu season. I encourage you to get your flu shot as soon as it is available. We will still be in fire season

and I'm hoping that our fellow residents are still heeding the guidelines for defensible space around their homes, particularly in the wildland-urban interface areas. CAL Fire has great info at [ReadyForWildfire.org](https://www.readyforwildfire.org).

As we phase out of summer, we are about seven months away from our annual pro-

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Scott Simerson

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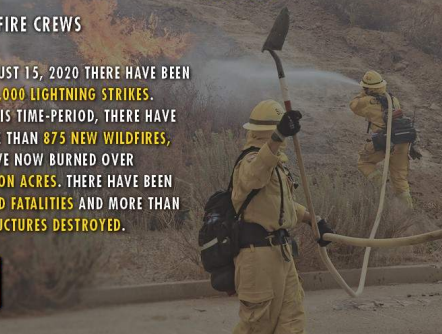
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CALIFORNIA STATEWIDE FIRE SUMMARY MONDAY, AUGUST 31, 2020

RESOURCE BREAKDOWN

354 WATERTENDERS OVER 16,000 FIREFIGHTERS/PERSONNEL
304 DOZERS NEARLY 2,200 FIRE ENGINES
291 FIRE CREWS

SINCE AUGUST 15, 2020 THERE HAVE BEEN NEARLY 14,000 LIGHTNING STRIKES. DURING THIS TIME-PERIOD, THERE HAVE BEEN MORE THAN 875 NEW WILDFIRES, WHICH HAVE NOW BURNED OVER 1.46 MILLION ACRES. THERE HAVE BEEN 7 REPORTED FATALITIES AND MORE THAN 2,800 STRUCTURES DESTROYED.



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fessional development event, which will most likely be a virtual one. I'm calling it the San Diego Chapter ASSP Professional Development Training (PDT), and we are currently seeking speakers and sponsors. As this is a new style of presentation for us, attendance at other virtual events is beneficial to our learning curve. I was impressed with the layout and execution of Safety 2020, and I realized we could pull off something similar, if not on a smaller scale. I liked the aspect of the presenters being able to chat with the audience while the recorded session was playing and answer questions in real time, and would like to have the same thing for our event. We will be using the Region I GoToWebinar account for our video platform, and employing Whova for document deployment and participant interaction. Whova says they can also support an interactive vendor area, but I need to find out more on how the interaction takes place and what the privacy rules are. One gripe I have regarding the Safety 2020 exhibitor page is that I did not see the opt-out button for follow-up communication from vendors and now my inbox is flooded with offers.

I do not want that to happen to our attendees, and if we have the control, I would like to make follow-up contact an opt-in feature.

If you attended Safety 2020 or any of the multitude of virtual events this summer, I would really appreciate hearing your feedback; what did you like, what did you not like, what made it enjoyable, what was cringe-inducing, what made you want to stay in it? I would also like to hear your referrals for speakers, sponsors, and vendors (exhibitors?). With a virtual platform, we are not limited to people or companies in our locality or region, so really, the planet is the limit!

On a related theme, I would like your input on our monthly meeting presenters. Who do you want to hear from, what topics do you want to learn about? This is YOUR chapter, and I and the rest of the Executive Committee are but your humble servants, so speak out and let me know what you want!

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Scott Simerson
President
San Diego ASSP Chapter

SAN DIEGO ASSP EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

The Executive Committee met over the phone on Tuesday, August 4th. Brooks Carder, Cait Casey, Lee Donahue, David Ferguson, David Hiipakka, Chris Malicki, Scott Simerson, Isaac Szmilowicz, Dusty Walton-Bowen, Wesley Williams, Claire Wilson, and Steve Workman were present.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Review/Approve Minutes from July 7, 2020 ExCom Meeting:

- a. Edits - Clarification regarding President's Award; David H. & Claire should be titled under a program heading of "Communications" with Social Media

and Webmaster titles, respectively.

- b. Scott Simerson entertained the motion and Lee Donahue seconded the motion to approve the minutes for July 7th, 2020. Subsequent to changes, unanimous approval with no further discussion, no abstentions.

2. Treasurer's Report:

- a. Light month for transactions (8) because there has been no in-person meetings. This condition is expected to continue in the near future. We are now on the 5th month of no [physical] breakfast

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meeting.

- b. Consideration of changing financial institutions to a local credit union to help reduce banking fees.
- c. Chris will explore options and put together a table of other financial institutions and their offerings.
- d. Scott thinks a credit union may be better.
- e. Steve thinks that customer service is important to consider as we explore fees.
- f. Members may view a copy of the Treasurer’s Report upon request to the Chapter President.

3. Platforms:

GoTo Meeting platform offered by Region 1 seems to be working well and better than GoTo Webinar. The only caveat is that we have to schedule it in order to use it. Lee has it reserved as needed for the remainder of the year.

4. Future monthly meeting logistics – Scott is promoting the opportunity to have a pre-recorded webinar with the speaker available for live Q&A during the airing. This was generally accepted by other committee members.
5. Steve Workman – received an email related to platinum level status for the San Diego Chapter that was for the 2018-2019 period. This is already a designation achieved by the chapter and appears to be an error. Steve has reached out to the sender of the email to get clarification. Steve and Scott agreed that Society probably does not have that much of a lag for this type of recognition. Steve will follow up and provide an update.
6. On July 11, 2020, Chris gifted Scott with the Robert’s Rule of Order book and commented on his noticeable improvement in the meetings. It was agreed that going forward, the book should be signed and passed to the next President.

NEW BUSINESS

1. 2020 -2021 Chapter Planning – Scott sent ExCom members an email to review and consider opportunities to provide value to our members over the next year. Scott would like feedback and input on ways to now provide value in this virtual world. Before Covid ideas included activities such as bowling, motorcycle rides and more engaging activities. Scott is now looking for creative ways to appeal to members and get them involved in the San Diego Chapter. Ideas should be emailed to Scott for consideration.
2. Scott - COMT operational plan is due 8/15. No other COMT requirements are due for the remainder of the year.
3. San Diego Youth Services – They usually come in during the July meeting. Scott did reach out to the organization. They are in need and accepting toiletry items for their new program that recently opened. David can promote donations on our social media, webpage and the chapter newsletter can

also help promote SD youth service. We can also include a link to the SDYS website to make donations. We traditionally support them again during the holiday season. Scott will share Mara’s email to get an idea of what else they need. Mara has been very busy with the pandemic and the new program.

4. SD ASSP Chapter imprinted face coverings – Wesley provided proofs and cost estimates depending on the quantity of product ordered. SD Rescue Mission or San Diego Youth Services were possible beneficiaries of masks. Steve suggested having KUSI do remote coverage of the story to help promote chapter activities and bring awareness to both groups. Dusty suggested offering them for sale on the Chapter website with proceeds going to selected non-profit beneficiaries. Scott asked if the vendor would send us a sample of the physical mask in order to ensure we’re getting a quality product. Wesley will look into it and get back to us.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Delegates — Nothing to report.
2. Government Affairs — Nothing to report.
3. Job Line — David updated jobs listings. 24 current openings. He continues to use actual websites and other job boards to identify opportunities. He can’t take them when they’re only listed on LinkedIn or Indeed. A nice improvement to the number of job offerings for local chapter members.
4. Membership — Absent—Lee Donahue - Gained one member and lost more than we gained, including Gary Couture who has retired.
5. Newsletter — Holding off on newsletter until we get additional information for the next virtual program meeting. Newsletter is a valuable product. David H. will make a social media post to link the Newsletter and further promote and call attention to the newsletter.
6. Programs — Absent – No update.
 - Scott – we don’t have the speakers lined up like we have in the past. Our local network can be expanded due to the broad reach of virtual platforms. Opportunity for an expanded window of speakers from across the country is available for consideration. We need to build up list of speakers and have monthly meeting prepared in advance.
 - Chris M. had success with network connections and AGC involvement. Over time, he developed a list of speakers to consider as presenters at the monthly meetings. Conferences and other professional engagements helped to create the list. Chris can reach out to help Fernand to expand the list of future speakers.
 - Cait – At PDC we had sister organizations to support us and also the national platform to consider for identifying

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- potential speakers.
 - David H. — He can send an email blast as a call for speakers, but first we will check with Fernand.
 - Lee has a contact at SDSU who we may consider for second hand smoke for the September presentation. Lee has a LOTO presentation available for next week. He had previously discussed it with Scott as an option for the August member meeting. Scott agreed that we'll move forward with that as we have one week to the next scheduled meeting.
- 7. Public Affairs — Still involved with the Red Cross. They are looking for speakers to help support several topics. They also have a new offering called the Social Reaching Process. Lee—they're also looking for blood donors.
- 8. Social Media — No update.
- 9. Webmaster—No update. Continuing to support David Hiipakka.
- 10. Succession Planning — Still working on contributing new stories. Looking at possibly September or October for next story. Enrique Medina provided information for a member that may provide an interesting story.
- 11. Special Projects — Prior discussion of a special survey to get an idea of member position regarding the San Diego Chapter. Brooks doesn't see the benefit of a survey at this time.
- 12. PDC — Wesley—still looking at outside venue opportunities for the PDT. He is also looking to increase student involvement and support of the program.

Last Call: No further comments.

Next Monthly Meeting: Tuesday, August 11th, 2020—GoTo Webinar—Presenter: Lee Donahue—LOTO

Next PDT Planning Meeting: August 18th, 2020—GoTo Meeting

Next EC Meeting: September 1st, 2020—GoTo Meeting

Next PDT Date: March 9th, 2020—GoTo Meeting

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CHAIR UPDATES

Government Affairs Committee:

by Scott Simerson

U.S. Department of Labor Issues the Final Beryllium Standard For General Industry

July 13, 2020

WASHINGTON, DC—The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) today published a final rule revising the beryllium standard for general industry. The final rule includes changes designed to clarify the standard, and simplify or improve compliance. These changes maintain protection for employees while ensuring that the standard is well understood and compliance is simple and straightforward.

The [final rule](#) amends the following paragraphs of the beryllium standard for general industry: "Definitions," "Methods of Compliance," "Personal Protective Clothing and Equipment," "Hygiene Areas and Practices," "Housekeeping," "Medical Surveillance," "Hazard Communication" and "Recordkeeping." It also has a new Appendix A: "Operations for Establishing Beryllium Work Areas."

The compliance date of this final standard as modified

is September 14, 2020. OSHA has been enforcing most of the provisions for general industry since Dec. 12, 2018. The agency began enforcing the provisions for change rooms and showers on March 11, 2019, and engineering controls on March 10, 2020. The final standard will affect approximately 50,500 workers employed in general industry and is estimated to yield minor net cost savings to employers.

For an update on the Final Beryllium Standard for Construction and Shipyards, see [page 11](#) of this newsletter.

Cal/OSHA Urges Employers to Follow the State's Guidance on Protecting Workers from COVID-19

July 16, 2020

OAKLAND—Cal/OSHA is urging all employers in California to carefully review and follow [the state's COVID-19 workplace safety and health guidance](#) to ensure their workers are protected from the virus. The guidance will help employers comply with their obligations to implement effective measures to train and protect employees at each worksite.

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"Protecting employees from workplace hazards is not only required by law, it is also the right thing to do and an essential part of stopping the spread of the virus," said Cal/OSHA Chief Doug Parker. "We've designed guidance documents for more than 30 industries so employers have a roadmap."

Existing regulations require employers to implement effective measures to protect employees from worksite hazards, including recognized health hazards such as COVID-19. Employers must take steps to:

- Modify work or the worksite to allow people to be at least six feet apart or install effective barriers where that is not feasible.
- Provide workers enough time and supplies to disinfect common surfaces.
- Encourage workers to wash their hands frequently in accordance with [CDC guidelines](#), and provide enough time and supplies so they can do it properly.
- Provide employees with cloth face coverings or allow them to use their own and reimburse them for the cost.
- Screen workers for COVID-19 symptoms before they start work,
- Have workers stay home if they feel ill and inform them about sick leave benefits.

Employers in businesses that interact with the public must follow the latest public health orders and ensure a safe workspace to protect workers and customers. In response to an increased number of COVID-19 cases, on July 13 Governor Gavin Newsom and the California Department of Public Health issued an [expanded statewide order on indoor closures](#) to slow the spread of the disease.

Workers and customers should use face coverings at all times in accordance with the latest public health order. If employers are moving worksites outdoors, they must account for new hazards such as heat illness, moving vehicles and proper illumination for those working at night.

Cal/OSHA's [COVID-19 related resources](#) include multi-

lingual guidelines, checklists and videos.

H.R. 7700: COVID-19 Mine Worker Protection Act

July 21, 2020

To direct the Secretary of Labor to issue an emergency temporary standard that requires operators to develop and implement a comprehensive infectious disease exposure control plan to protect miners from exposure to SARS-CoV-2, and for other purposes.

S. 2525: Guaranteeing Equipment Safety for Firefighters Act of 2019

July 22, 2020 (Last Updated)

A bill to require the Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology to conduct a study of personal protective equipment worn by firefighters to determine the prevalence and concentration of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances, and for other purposes.

S. 4280: Preventing HEAT Illness and Deaths Act of 2020

July 22, 2020 (Last Updated)

A bill to reduce the health risks of heat by authorizing the National Integrated Heat Health Information System Interagency Committee to improve extreme heat preparedness and response, requiring a study, and establishing a grant program to address heat effects, and for other purposes.

Cal/OSHA Reminder: Take Steps to Protect Outdoor Workers from Heat Illness during Period of High Heat

August 13, 2020

OAKLAND—Cal/OSHA is reminding all employers with outdoor workers to take steps to prevent heat illness during a period of high heat across the state. The National Weather Service has issued [excessive heat warnings and watches](#) in effect Friday through early next

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week for many interior and coastal parts of the state from Shasta and Sacramento Counties, through the San Francisco Bay Area and Fresno, Kern, Ventura, Los Angeles Counties and more.

California’s [heat illness prevention standard](#) applies to all outdoor workers, including those in agriculture, construction, landscaping and those that spend a significant amount of time working outdoors such as security guards and groundskeepers, or in non-air conditioned vehicles such as transportation and delivery drivers.

While taking steps to protect their workers from heat illness, employers must also implement effective methods or procedures to protect their workers from COVID-19 and prevent the spread of this infectious disease at each worksite. Employers should be attentive to allow enough space and time for employees to take breaks as needed in adequate shade while also maintaining a safe distance from one another. For many employers this will require staggered breaks or increased shaded break areas, or both. Extra infection prevention measures should be in place such as disinfecting commonly touched surfaces, including the water and restroom facilities.

To help prevent the spread of COVID-19, employers must provide cloth face coverings or allow workers to use their own. When used properly, cloth face coverings may help prevent the spread of the disease. Employers should be aware that wearing face coverings can make it more difficult to breathe and harder for a worker to cool off, so additional breaks may be needed to prevent overheating. Workers should have face coverings at all times, but they should be removed in outdoor high heat conditions to help prevent overheating as long as physical distancing can be maintained.

Supervisors and workers must be trained on the signs and symptoms of heat illness so that they know when to take steps that can prevent a coworker from getting sick. Employers must also evaluate each worksite and make sure their workers know their procedures for contacting emergency medical services, which includes directing them to the worksite if needed.

Employers with outdoor workers must take the follow-

ing steps to prevent heat illness:

- Plan – Develop and implement an effective written heat illness prevention plan that includes emergency response procedures.
- Training – Train all employees and supervisors on heat illness prevention.
- Water – Provide drinking water that is fresh, pure, suitably cool and free of charge so that each worker can drink at least 1 quart per hour, and *encourage workers to do so*.
- Shade – Provide shade when workers request it or when temperatures exceed 80 degrees. Encourage workers to take a cool-down rest in the shade for at least five minutes when they feel the need to do so. *They should not wait until they feel sick to cool down.*

Cal/OSHA’s Heat Illness Prevention special emphasis program includes enforcement of heat regulations as well as multilingual outreach and training programs for California’s employers and workers. Details on heat illness prevention requirements and training materials are available online on Cal/OSHA’s [Heat Illness Prevention web page](#) and the [99calor.org](#) informational website. A [Heat Illness Prevention online tool](#) is also available on Cal/OSHA’s website.

Read more on how to prevent the spread of COVID-19 at work on Cal/OSHA’s [webpage](#). Review and share DIR’s [Know Your Rights videos](#), with information on workers’ compensation, health and safety, paid sick leave and other labor laws in California.

Cal/OSHA helps protect workers from health and safety hazards on the job in almost every workplace in California. Employers and workers who have questions or need assistance with workplace health and safety programs can call [Cal/OSHA’s Consultation Services Branch](#) at 800-963-9424.

Complaints about workplace safety and health hazards can be filed confidentially with [Cal/OSHA district offices](#). Employees with work-related questions or complaints may contact DIR’s Call Center in English or Spanish at 844-LABOR-DIR (844-522-6734).

Contact: Erika Monterroza / Frank Polizzi, Communications@dir.ca.gov, (510) 286-1161.



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Public Affairs Committee:

by Scott Simerson and Isaac Szmilowicz

SD ASSP Support of SD Youth Services

Hi Scott,

Thanks so much for your outreach to us. Yes, we would love donations from your members; similar to the drives you have done each year for our young families.

San Diego Youth Services recently purchased an additional apartment complex (bringing our total to 107 housing units), and we are busier with the pandemic now, more than ever, housing youth. We are working hard to place 20 young adults (transition age youth 16-24 years of age with their children presently living at the Convention Center) into our safe housing and these youth have an immediate need for the basics moving into their empty or near-

ly empty apartments.

Please find attached our [list of needs](#) [see [page 11](#)].

Your members are welcome to drop off donations at our Point Loma office as described on the flier or purchase gift cards for Walmart or Target so that youth may buy their apartment needs and supplies.

Thank you so much for your ongoing support! We are truly grateful for your help and excited to be able to provide housing and support services to these homeless youth.

With much appreciation,

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San Diego ASSP 2021 Professional Development Training Call for Speakers

The San Diego Chapter of the American Society of Safety Professionals is pleased to announce a call for speakers in support of the **2021 Professional Development Training (PDT)** to be held on **Tuesday, March 9, 2021**. If you or someone you know is a dynamic, knowledgeable speaker with valuable information to share with the safety community, **please consider speaking on one of the subjects below**. Thank you!

- Occupational Safety and Health
- Regulatory and Legal Issues
- Risk Assessment and Management
- Industrial Hygiene
- Environmental Issues
- Other topics with broad appeal or related to EHS practice

Presentations should be **one hour** in length (including Q & A), geared toward a professional, technical, and sophisticated audience of safety, health and environmental professionals, and **should not be a marketing pitch**. Desired speakers will leave attendees with a **valuable takeaway related to EHS practice**.

Submit your proposal to Mr. Wesley Williams (president-elect@sandiego.assp.org) by **October 15, 2020**. Proposals will be reviewed by the PDT Planning Committee and entrants notified within a few weeks of application closing. Your time and help is appreciated.



Do you have an item of interest, safety-related event, sister-organization meeting, special accomplishment, or other newsworthy article that you would like shared with your fellow San Diego ASSP members? Submit it for consideration via e-mail no later than the 15th of the month! Please e-mail all submissions along with your contact information, including name, e-mail address, and phone number, to Newsletter@sandiego.assp.org.



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Membership Chair

by Jo Curcio

Congratulations to our newest ASP!

Lorena Yescas

Congratulations!

Job Line

by David Ferguson, CSP, CEA, REPA

Looking for a new job? Local employers are looking for you! Visit our job-line at sandiego.assp.org/current-openings/ to see current opportunities such as:

- Dexcom—[Senior EHS Specialist](#)
- OSHA—[Industrial Hygienists](#)
- Kisco Senior Living—[National Director of EHS](#)
- Reyes Construction—[Safety Director](#)
- Kitchell—[Safety Manager](#)
- Liberty Packaging—[EHS Manager](#)
- Northrup Grumman—[EHS Engineer](#)
- Hawthorne CAT—[Environmental & Safety Tech](#)
- Sanford Burnham Prebys Medical Discovery Institute—[Environmental Health and Safety Director](#)
- Dempsey Construction—[Safety Manager](#)
- Cal/OSHA—[Assistant Safety Engineer](#)
- Borrego Solar—[EHS Director](#) (San Diego/Oakland)
- Waterfront—[EHS Representative](#)
- SDG&E—[Industrial Hygienist](#)
- SDSU—[Occupational and Industrial Hygiene Services Manager](#)
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- General Atomics—[Industrial Hygienist](#)
- General Atomics—[Safety Engineer](#)
- Dexcom—[Manager EHS Operations](#)
- Schuff Steel—[Field Safety Manager](#)
- Patricio Enterprises—[Safety and Occupational Health Representative](#)
- Flatiron—[Health and Safety Specialist](#)
- MG Properties Group—[Risk Manager](#)
- Keller North America—[HSEQ Manager](#)

The [blue](#) links should take you directly to the posting, when available. Otherwise, see the [San Diego ASSP Job Listing](#) for full details and instructions on how to apply. Check out these and other great jobs today!

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ASSP Career Center

The ASSP Career Center is a free comprehensive resource available to all ASSP Chapter members who are looking for a job or those who are employed and want to advance their safety careers. The Career Center's Job Seeker Resource Center offers resume writing tips, tools to build your resume online, and a Resume Bank where you can post your resume anonymously for employers to view, except for your name and contact information. But that's not all! You also get interview preparation and follow-up strategies, such as how to bring up and negotiate a salary.

The Job Board lets you to search for job postings throughout the US and internationally by applying filters that fit your criteria, and save them by keyword, location, industry, or job function. The Job Alert automated search sends new postings that meet your criteria right to you, instead of having to log in to search for new jobs. You also get help with career advancement to move your career forward or change industry sectors, including using social media for networking, how to work effectively with recruiters, how to give notice, and negotiating salary and benefits. And you have access to expert coaching!

Employers can post and manage job openings, search and manage job candidates, create a company profile, upload position templates, consult a Resume Bank, and much more. This is a great free resource designed with you in mind—visit the ASSP Career Center and Job Board at jobs.assp.org/.

Calendar of Special Events September 2020

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Event</u>
1-30	Baby Safety Month
1-30	Alcohol & Drug Addiction Recovery Month
1-30	National Preparedness Month
1-30	National Food Safety Education Month
1-30	Sports Eye Safety Month
1-30	Suicide Prevention Awareness Month
1-7	National Childhood Injury Prevention Week
7	Labor Day
10	World Suicide Prevention Day
18	Concussion Awareness Day
20-26	Child Passenger Safety Week
20-26	National Farm Safety and Health Week
22	National Voter Registration Day
22	National Online Recovery Day
26	National Situational Awareness Day
30	National Women's Health & Fitness Day

Click on an event to learn more!

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Always find the latest
San Diego ASSP events at
sandiego.assp.org/event!



Wish List

San Diego Youth Services believes every child deserves to reach their full potential. Since our founding 50 years ago, we have changed the lives of almost 770,000 youth **because of donors like you!**

We are in need of supplies!

Our services remain open and serving youth but we are short of the following critical supplies:

- Kitchenware, dishes, pots and pans, utensils
- Cooking supplies, spatulas, cutting boards
- Bedding, twin and full size sheets, comforters
- Blankets, pillows
- Bath towels, toiletries
- Hygiene products
- Hand soap, hand sanitizer
- Cleaning supplies
- Gloves and masks
- Grocery gift cards, such as Ralphs, Vons, Target, Walmart

If you are unable to help with these supplies, please make a financial donation at sdyouthservices.org. You can help save a young person's life.

***All donations must be **new items in original packaging only** and can be accepted at our Point Loma Campus at 3255 Wing Street, San Diego, CA 92110, weekdays between 8:30am – 5pm. No used or other in-kind donations are being accepted at this time.*

*To make a donation today please contact, Monica at
mmoreno@sdyouthservices.org or (619) 255-2532*



OSHA Trade News Release

U.S. Department of Labor
OSHA, Office of Communications



7th Annual National Safety Stand-Down to Prevent Falls Rescheduled for September 14-18, 2020

August 6, 2020

WASHINGTON, DC — The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) announced today that the 7th annual National Stand-Down to Prevent Falls in Construction has been rescheduled for September 14-18, 2020. While OSHA postponed the event earlier this year due to the coronavirus pandemic, the agency continues to encourage employers to promote fall safety virtually or while employing social distancing practices among small groups.

OSHA is partnering with other safety organizations in 2020 to encourage employers to provide safety demonstrations on fall protection equipment, conduct talks regarding fall-related hazards, safety policies, goals and expectations, and promote the event by using the #StandDown4Safety on social media.

"This national initiative brings much needed attention to falls, which contin-

U.S. DOL Issues Revised Final Beryllium Standards For Construction and Shipyards

August 28, 2020

WASHINGTON, DC — The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) today published a final rule revising the beryllium standards for construction and shipyards. The final rule includes changes designed to clarify the standards and simplify or improve compliance. These changes maintain protection for workers while ensuring that the standard is well understood and compliance is simple and straightforward.

The [final rule](#) amends the following par-

ue to be the leading cause of fatalities in construction," said Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health Loren Sweatt. "Since OSHA began doing fall prevention stand-down events six years ago, nearly 10 million workers have been reached by our message that falls are preventable. These efforts have been successful in raising awareness of the recognition, evaluation, and control of fall hazards."

Extensive resources are available on OSHA's Fall Prevention Stand-Down webpage at <http://www.osha.gov/StopFallsStandDown> and are presented in various languages, including English, Spanish, Russian, and Portuguese. Resources include:

- A brief video entitled "5 Ways to Prevent Workplace Falls," which encourages employers to educate

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agraphs in the beryllium standards for construction and shipyards: Definitions, Methods of Compliance, Respiratory Protection, Personal Protective Clothing and Equipment, Housekeeping, Hazard Communication, Medical Surveillance, and Recordkeeping. OSHA has removed the Hygiene Areas and Practices paragraph from the final standards because the necessary protections are provided by existing OSHA standards for sanitation.

The effective date of the revisions in this final rule is September 30, 2020. OSHA

Under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, employers are responsible for providing safe and healthful workplaces for their employees. OSHA's role is to help ensure these conditions for America's working men and women by setting and enforcing standards, and providing training, education and assistance. For more information, visit www.osha.gov.

and train workers on fall protection equipment;

- A series of fall prevention publications, with an emphasis on construction, & fall prevention videos;
- OSHA's Fall Prevention Training Guide, which provides a lesson plan for employers, including several Toolbox Talks; and
- Guidance on ladder and scaffolding safety.

Employers are also encouraged to provide feedback after their events, and obtain a personalized certificate of participation.

The national safety stand-down is part of OSHA's fall prevention campaign, and was developed in partnership with the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, National Occupational Research Agenda, and The Center for Construction Research and Training. ■

began enforcing the new permissible exposure limits in the 2017 beryllium standards for construction and shipyards in May 2018. OSHA will begin enforcing the remaining provisions of the standards on September 30, 2020. The final standard will affect approximately 12,000 workers employed in nearly 2,800 establishments in the construction and shipyard industries. The final standards are estimated to yield \$2.5 million in total annualized cost savings to employers. ■

For an update on the Final Beryllium Standard for General Industry, see [page 4](#) of this newsletter.



U.S. Department of Labor and FDA Develop Checklist to Protect Food Industry Employees Amid the Coronavirus Pandemic

August 19, 2020

WASHINGTON, DC — The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) have developed a checklist for human and animal food manufacturers to consider when continuing, resuming or reevaluating operations due to the coronavirus pandemic.

The [checklist](#) is useful for persons growing, harvesting, packing, manu-

facturing, processing or holding human and animal food regulated by FDA. The checklist includes the following considerations:

- Ensure employee health and a safe workplace;
- Investigate exposure and determine when an employee should be tested for the coronavirus; and
- Configure the work environment to help minimize the risk of spreading the coronavirus among workers.

In addition, the checklist provides examples of ways to align workstations

Check OSHA's [COVID-19 webpage](#) at www.osha.gov/coronavirus frequently for updates. For further information about coronavirus, please visit the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#).

to include social distancing practices.

Food manufacturers can use this checklist in conjunction with other sector-specific information, such as guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and OSHA for [agriculture](#) and [meat and poultry processing](#) workers and employers.

The checklist is OSHA's latest effort to protect America's workers and help employers provide healthy workplaces during the coronavirus pandemic. OSHA has published numerous alerts and advisories for various industries, including [Guidance on Returning to Work](#), which assists employers as they reopen businesses and employees return to work. ▀

gram enforces the whistleblower provisions of [more than 20 whistleblower statutes](#) protecting employees from retaliation for reporting violations of various workplace safety and health, airline, commercial motor carrier, consumer product, environmental, financial reform, food safety, health insurance reform, motor vehicle safety, nuclear, pipeline, public transportation agency, railroad, maritime, securities and tax laws, and for engaging in other related protected activities. For more information on whistleblower protections, visit OSHA's [Whistleblower Protection Programs webpage](#). ▀

U.S. Department of Labor news materials are accessible at www.dol.gov. The Department's [Reasonable Accommodation Resource Center](#) converts departmental information and documents into alternative formats, which include Braille and large print. For alternative format requests, please contact the Department at (202) 693-7828 (voice) or (800) 877-8339 (federal relay).

U.S. DOL Orders Florida-Based Motor Carrier To Reinstate Employee Terminated For Reporting Safety Concerns

August 28, 2020

MELBOURNE, FL — The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has ordered U.S. Corrections LLC – headquartered in Melbourne, Florida – to reinstate an employee for reporting personal and commercial motor vehicle safety concerns. OSHA also ordered the company to pay more than \$70,000 in back wages, \$30,000 in punitive damages, \$7,341 in compensatory damages, \$30,000 in emotional distress damages and reasonable attorney's fees.

OSHA investigators determined the company violated the whistleblower provisions of the [Surface Transportation Assistance Act \(STAA\)](#) when it terminated the employee who reported to company managers that a co-driver threatened the employee's personal

safety. The employee also reported that the co-driver violated U.S. Department of Transportation regulations, including driving in excess of posted speed limits, hours-of-service worked and keeping inaccurate driving logs.

In addition to the monetary penalties, the company must train managers and employees on workers' rights under the STAA. The company may appeal the order to the Department's [Office of Administrative Law Judges](#).

"Federal law gives motor carrier employees the right to raise safety, health and security concerns with their supervisors without fear of retaliation," said OSHA Regional Administrator Kurt Petermeyer. "This order underscores the Labor Department's commitment to protecting those rights."

OSHA's Whistleblower Protection Pro-



Update on Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Response

General Resources

Heat Stress Fact Sheets

CDC published fact sheets for [employees](#) and [employers](#) on heat stress prevention during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Industry-Specific Resources

Limiting Workplace Violence

CDC developed [guidance](#) for employers and employees in retail, services, and other customer-based businesses, to help prevent workplace violence associated with enforcing COVID-19 prevention policies.

Strategies for Protecting K-12 School Staff From COVID-19

CDC developed [guidance](#) to supplement existing CDC considerations. It is intended for K-12 school administrators preparing school programs for staff and students during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Prioritizing Nonhealthcare Worksite Assessments

CDC developed [guidance](#) to assist state, tribal, local, and territorial health departments in making decisions about how to allocate limited resources to respond to worksites reporting COVID-19-related

concerns, complaints, or clusters.

Fact Sheets for Beauty Salons and Barber Shops

CDC developed fact sheets for beauty salon and barbershop [employees](#) and [employers](#) to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Upcoming Webinar:

**September 11, 1–2 p.m. (EDT):
Issues Facing Collegiate Dining**

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues, new questions arise daily on how to safely serve students on campuses. Experts from the CDC will answer questions. [Registration](#) is required.

NIOSH Recognizes 7th Year of Safety Stand-Downs to Prevent Falls In Construction

John Howard, M.D. Director, NIOSH

Many employers and workers around the world will take a break from work to participate in the [2020 National Safety Stand-Down to Prevent Falls in Construction](#) on September 14–18.

The National Campaign to Prevent Falls in Construction was launched in 2012 by the [National Occupational Research Agenda \(NORA\) Construction Sector Council](#) with leadership from NIOSH, OSHA, and CPWR—The Center for Construction Research and Training. In 2014, the partners decided to dedicate five days each year to a national safety stand-down event where employers and workers would focus on preventing falls.

Falls are the leading cause of death among construction workers, accounting for about one of three construction fatalities. Thousands more workers suffer serious injuries because they lack the right safety equipment or the knowledge and training to prevent falls. Roofers, Hispanics, and older workers, as well as those working for small businesses, are most affected.

Construction falls are preventable. To respond to these preventable deaths and injuries, NIOSH researchers and partners have created helpful tools that can be highlighted during the stand-down:

- [NIOSH Ladder Safety App](#)
- [NIOSH Aerial Lift Simulator](#)
- [Fatality Assessment and Control Evaluation \(FACE\) Program—Construction Database](#)
- [FACE Construction Falls Reports: NIOSH commercial and residential](#) and State [commercial](#) and [residential](#)
- [FACE Factsheet: Prevent Construction Falls From Roofs, Lad-](#)

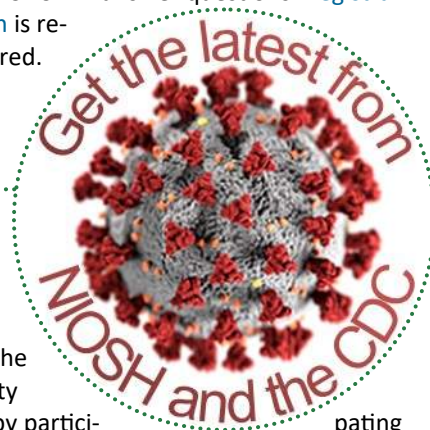
[ders, and Scaffolds](#)

- [Worker Safety and Health Brochures & Posters in Spanish](#)

Throughout the week of the campaign, individual safety stand-downs are hosted by participating employers to educate workers about preventing construction falls through toolbox talks, demonstrations, and trainings. The campaign encourages contractors to follow three clear guidelines to prevent falls: **Plan** ahead to do the job safely before starting each and every job. **Provide** the right equipment for working at heights. **Train** workers to use the equipment properly and to work safely on roofs, ladders, and scaffolds.

Last year, thousands of worksites participated in [stand-down events](#), reaching almost half-a-million workers across all 50 states and internationally. Industry and business leaders, universities, labor organizations, and community groups participated. More than one third of stand-downs involved firms with fewer than 20 workers. Small construction firms this size account for 75% of fatal falls.

It's not too late to host a stand-down this year. NIOSH invites you to join or host a virtual or socially distant stand-down and contribute to what has become an increasingly successful effort to prevent falls in construction. Your involvement can be as simple as sharing some of our resources at your worksite. Visit our [stop construction falls](#) webpage for more information, resources, and tools, including [infographics](#), training materials, [videos](#), hard-hat stickers, fall-related hazard alert cards, toolbox talks, and other stand-down resources available in both English and Spanish.





HEALTH AND SAFETY NEWS

COVID-19 and Working Women

The Pandemic Is Creating Some Unique Challenges

Barry Bottino
July 26, 2020

In industries predominantly made up of women, notably health care, as well as those in which women aren't well represented, including construction and the trades, female workers are facing unique challenges amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

Health risk behaviors in construction: Study finds need for targeted interventions, health programs

July 27, 2020

Washington — Targeted interventions and health programs are needed to reduce tobacco use, binge drinking and other health risk behaviors prevalent among construction workers, NIOSH researchers concluded in a recent study.

Using 2013-2016 data from the [Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System](#), the researchers compared the frequency of six health risk behaviors — smoking, smokeless tobacco use, binge drinking, no leisure-time physical activity, not always wearing a seat belt and getting less than seven hours of sleep a night — among construction

Health Care

In March, OSHA published a [chart to help determine workers' risk level for exposure](#) (available at the [end of this newsletter](#)). The four-tiered chart is based on a hierarchy of occupational risk, from "very high" to "lower (caution)." Health care workers fall into the "very high" risk group. Among them are nurses, more than 80% of whom are women, according U.S. Census Bureau data.

An effort to research the number of workers with workers in other industries.

They found that:

- Carpenters, construction laborers and roofers had a significantly elevated prevalence of five of the behaviors, not including short sleep.
- Construction managers were more likely to smoke, use smokeless tobacco, binge drink and not wear a seat belt.
- Roofers, as well as electrical power-line installers and repairers, were more likely to binge drink.
- Operating engineers, who operate and maintain heavy equipment, had a high rate of smokeless tobacco use.

tors may be onsite at any given time.

Still, this disease control measure — used to identify, support and monitor individuals potentially exposed to an infected person — remains essential during the COVID-19 pandemic, experts say.

"It is not a panacea. It's not a perfect system," said Travis Parsons, associate

nurses whose deaths are linked to COVID-19 led Deborah Burger and her colleagues to a grim task...

...This article originally appeared in [Safety+Health](#) on July 26th. [Click here](#) to read the full article.



"Construction workers are in physically demanding jobs and exposed to many chemical and physical workplace hazards, with falls remaining the leading cause of work-related deaths in construction," a June 23 press release from NIOSH states. "Previous studies suggested that construction workers who exhibit certain health risk behaviors may be more likely to experience work-related injuries."

The new study was [published online](#) May 12 in the *Journal of Occupational and Environmental Medicine*.

This article originally appeared in [Safety+Health](#) on July 27th.

'We need to do it': CPWR Webinar Puts Spotlight on Contact Tracing in Construction

July 29, 2020

Silver Spring, MD — Effective [contact tracing](#) can be a challenge on construction sites, where supervisors, contractors, workers, vendors and visi-

director of occupational safety and health for the Laborers' Health and Safety Fund of North America. "But it does help curb the spread of the virus, and we need to do it..."

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HEALTH AND SAFETY NEWS

Estimated Incidence of Electric Scooter Injuries in the US From 2014 to 2019

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August 31, 2020

INTRODUCTION

In late 2017, scooter-share companies began distributing electric scooters (e-scooters) in major cities, leading to an increase in their use. Data from the 2019 United States Consumer Product Safety Commission's National Electronic Injury Surveillance System (NEISS) have recently become available, allowing continued analysis of nationwide trends in e-scooter injuries since the widespread expansion of scooter-share services. The purpose of this cross-sectional study was to assess the incidence of and trends among e-scooter injuries in the US from 2014 to 2019.

METHODS

This cross-sectional study used data from the NEISS, a statistically valid surveillance system designed to collect data on patients seen in emergency departments (EDs) with injuries related to consumer products by creating a probability sample from approximately 100 hospitals in the US. The NEISS has previously been used to examine e-scooter injuries. It was queried for cases with product code 5042 (scooters/skateboards, powered) and identified 5,171 unweighted cases. Electric-scooter injuries were then isolated from the sample through a search with inclusion of the term *scooter* and exclusion of the terms *hover*, *board*, *skate*, *wheelchair*, *motorbike*, and *motorcycle*, leaving 1,823 cases available for analysis. The Emory University institutional review board waived the requirement for review because the study did not meet the definition of human subjects re-

search. This study followed the Strengthening the Reporting of Observational Studies in Epidemiology (STROBE) reporting guideline.

RESULTS

There were an estimated 70,644 ED visits for e-scooter-related injuries from 2014 to 2019. The mean (SD) age of those injured was 31.3 (21.24) years, and 63.9% were men. The estimated number of ED visits for e-scooter injuries increased from 4,881 in 2014 to 29,628 in 2019, with an increase from 8,269 visits in 2017 to 15,522 visits in 2018. The population-adjusted incidence increased from 1.53 per 100,000 capita in 2014 to 9.22 per 100,000 capita in 2019 (Figure). Incident ED visits for e-scooter-related injuries increased most substantially among individuals aged 15 to 24 years and 25 to 39 years (Figure, Table).

The head was the most common site of injury (27.1% of all injuries). Approximately 50% of head injuries included diagnoses that suggested a traumatic brain injury (a head injury with a concomitant diagnosis of a concussion, internal organ injury, fracture, anoxia, or hemorrhage), constituting 14.5% of the total injury pool. Of patients presenting with a potential traumatic brain injury, 17.4% were admitted to the hospital compared with 7.7% of patients without this diagnosis. In 2019, an estimated 2,656 e-scooter injuries involved substance use, with 88.1% involving alcohol (Table).

DISCUSSION

The estimated incidence of e-scooter injuries treated in EDs in the US nearly doubled between 2018 and 2019 despite various regulatory efforts and evidence highlighting this issue. Head injuries were the most common cause of visits to the ED, and traumatic brain in-

juries were prevalent among those injured. These results are troubling given that helmets are used by a minority of riders, helmet requirements have been eliminated in some areas, and riders often misunderstand road traffic laws that guide e-scooter use.



Limitations of this study include possible underestimation of injuries, a lack of data outside ED visits, and the absence of information on helmet use. Estimates with fewer than 1,200 weighted cases may be unstable. Furthermore, the weighted estimates presented here may not represent the true national incidence of scooter injuries seen in the ED, because scooters are unlikely to be equally distributed across sampled areas. Strengths include the use of a nationally representative data set.

The estimated incidence of e-scooter-related injuries seen in EDs increased between 2014 and 2019; thus, this appears to be an important public health issue. Continued efforts should be made to investigate strategies, such as required helmet use, enforcement of laws against riding under the influence of alcohol or drugs, and e-scooter safety education, to potentially mitigate the most serious injuries and keep riders safe.

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FEATURED SAFETY RECALLS

Important: CPSC Recall Remedy Notice Due to COVID-19

Due to the extraordinary circumstances surrounding COVID-19, some of the remedies identified in recall press releases may not be available at this time. Consumers should check with recalling firms for further details.

It is important to remember that CPSC and recalling firms urge consumers not to use recalled products.

- 7/28: Honda Odyssey: Power Sliding Doors May Open While Moving: is.gd/gsXsQc
- 7/30: Buick Enclave, Cadillac XT5 and XT6, Chevrolet Blazer, Silverado 1500, 2500 and 3500 and Traverse and GMC Acadia and Sierra 1500, 2500 and 3500: Roof Rail Air Bag May Not Deploy: is.gd/bTjklH
- 8/5: Hercules Recalls Moravian Star Lights Due to Fire and Electrical Shock Hazards: is.gd/XCHxkR
- 8/5: WD-40 Company Recalls X-14 Mildew Stain Remover Due to Risk of Skin Irritation: is.gd/cR90aa
- 8/10: BMW Motorcycles: Fuel Pump Flange May Leak: is.gd/dNproW
- 8/11: Transform Recalls Four-Drawer Chests Due to Tip-Over and Entrapment Hazards; Sold Exclusively at Kmart: is.gd/1Bfra2
- 8/12: Intertex Recalls Blowers Due To Fire Hazard: is.gd/5ptuAH
- 8/12: Thule Recalls Strollers Due to Injury Hazard: is.gd/t46FcK
- 8/12: CPSC and Crown Darts UK Warn Consumers to Stop Using and Dispose of Banned Lawn Dart Sets; Recalling Firm is Unable to Conduct Recall: is.gd/ypD07K
- 8/12: Active Brands Recalls Bicycle Helmets Due to Risk of Head Injury: is.gd/juCKCX
- 8/19: Hasbro Recalls Super Soaker XP 20 and XP 30 Water Blasters Due to Violation of Federal Lead Content Ban; Sold Exclusively at Target: is.gd/BORUPD
- 8/19: Signature Hardware Recalls Medicine Cabinets Due to Injury Hazard: is.gd/ueWZOR
- 8/19: Lithonia Lighting Recalls to Repair CFMK Surface Mount Brackets Used with CPANL LEDs Due to Impact Hazard: is.gd/au4eow
- 8/19: Pier 1 Recalls Three-Wick Halloween Candles Due to Fire and Burn Hazards: is.gd/EJZKA0
- 8/21: woom bikes USA Recalls Children's Helmets Due to Risk of Head Injury (Recall Alert): is.gd/Uh0CdZ
- 8/25: Hostess Brands, LLC Expands Voluntary Recall of Certain Hostess® Raspberry Zingers® Due to the Potential for Mold: is.gd/s7YKgV
- 8/26: CMP Group Recalls Dock Ladders Due to Laceration Hazard: is.gd/yrgK8i
- 8/26: Communicorp Recalls Plush Aflac Doctor Duck Due to Violation of Federal Lead Content Ban; Lead Poisoning Hazard: is.gd/N1nPgR
- 8/27: CPSC and Morpher Warn Consumers to Stop Using and Dispose of Bicycle Helmets Due to Risk of Head Injury; Recalling Firm is Unable to Conduct Recall (Recall Alert): is.gd/B9nQdx
- 8/28: TreeHouse Foods Announces Voluntary Recall of Certain Signature Select Granola Bars: is.gd/0INHqO
- 8/1-8/28: FIVE SEPARATE RECALLS OF ONIONS and ONION CONTAINING PRODUCTS Due to Potential Salmonella: Check at is.gd/EsWUg2
- 8/1-8/28: TEN ADDITIONAL RECALLS OF HAND SANITIZER and HAND SANITIZER GEL Due to Potential Presence of Undeclared Methanol (Wood Alcohol): Check at is.gd/57TxZI — or — is.gd/869tnu
- 8/6-8/27: THREE SEPARATE ADDITIONAL RECALLS OF WINTERGREEN OILS Due to Failure to Meet Child Resistant Packaging Requirement; Risk of Poisoning: Check at is.gd/EsWUg2

**PRODUCT
RECALL**

Note: Agency logos are used here solely for identification and familiarity purposes, and do not constitute an endorsement by those agencies.



HELPFUL LINKS AND OTHER INFORMATION

American Industrial Hygiene Association

www.aiha.org

American Red Cross

www.redcross.org

American Society of Safety Professionals Main Website

www.assp.org

ASSP Center for Safety and Health Sustainability

www.centershhs.org

ASSP Learning Library

www.safetybok.org

ASSP Risk Assessment Institute

www.assp.org/advocacy/risk-assessment-institute

Cal/OSHA

California Division of Occupational Safety and Health (DOSH)

www.dir.ca.gov/dosh

Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

www.cdc.gov

Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC)

www.cpsc.gov

Electronic Library of Construction Occupational Safety & Health

www.elcosh.org/index.php

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

www.epa.gov

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

www.fema.gov

FEMA “Be Ready” Website

www.ready.gov

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

www.fmcsa.dot.gov

Food and Drug Administration

www.fda.gov

Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA)

www.msha.gov

National Institute of Health Sciences (NIH)

www.niehs.nih.gov

National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH)

www.cdc.gov/niosh

National Occupational Research Agenda (NORA)

www.cdc.gov/nora

Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA)

www.osha.gov

OSHA Silica Fact Sheets

www.osha.gov/pls/publications/publication.searchresults?pSearch=Controlling+Silica+Dust+in+Construction+&pSearch=

OSHA Silica Frequently Asked Questions

www.osha.gov/dsg/topics/silicacrystalline/generalindustry_info_silica.html

San Diego ASSP Website

sandiego.assp.org

US Chemical Safety Board (CSB)

www.csb.gov

The COVID Corner

City of San Diego

www.sandiego.gov/coronavirus

Status of City Services: www.sandiego.gov/status

County of San Diego

www.sandiegocounty.gov/coronavirus

211 San Diego: 211sandiego.org

Sheriff's Department: www.sdsheriff.net

Office of Education: covid-19.sdcoe.net

State of California

covid19.ca.gov

Employment Development Department: www.edd.ca.gov/about_edd/coronavirus-2019.htm

Cal/OSHA: www.dir.ca.gov/dosh/coronavirus/Health-Care-General-Industry.html

Department of Public Health: cdph.ca.gov/covid19

Federal Government

www.coronavirus.gov

The White House: www.whitehouse.gov/briefings-statements/coronavirus-guidelines-america

OSHA: www.osha.gov/coronavirus

CDC: www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV

Global/Nongovernmental Resources

ASSP: www.assp.org/covid-19

Johns Hopkins: coronavirus.jhu.edu

United Nations: www.un.org/en/coronavirus

World Health Organization (WHO):

www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019

AIHA Back to Work Safely: www.backtoworksafely.org



Worker Exposure Risk to COVID-19

Classifying Worker Exposure to SARS-CoV-2

Worker risk of occupational exposure to SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19, during an outbreak may depend in part on the industry type and need for contact within 6 feet of people known to have, or suspected of having, COVID-19.

OSHA has divided job tasks into four risk exposure levels, as shown below. Most American workers will likely fall in the lower exposure risk (caution) or medium exposure risk levels.

Occupational Risk Pyramid for COVID-19

VERY HIGH EXPOSURE RISK

Jobs with a high potential for exposure to known or suspected sources of COVID-19 during specific medical, postmortem, or laboratory procedures. Workers include:

- Healthcare and morgue workers performing aerosol-generating procedures on or collecting/handling specimens from potentially infectious patients or bodies of people known to have, or suspected of having, COVID-19 at the time of death.

HIGH EXPOSURE RISK

Jobs with a high potential for exposure to known or suspected sources of COVID-19. Workers in this category include:

- Healthcare delivery, healthcare support, medical transport, and mortuary workers exposed to known or suspected COVID-19 patients or bodies of people known to have, or suspected of having, COVID-19 at the time of death.

MEDIUM EXPOSURE RISK

Jobs that require frequent/close contact with people who may be infected, but who are not known or suspected patients. Workers in this category include:

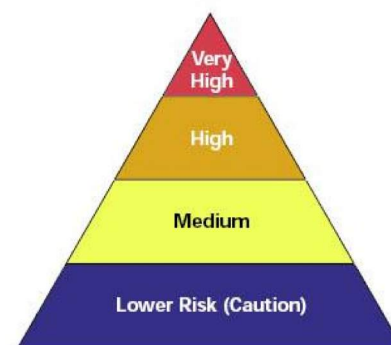
- Those who may have contact with the general public (e.g., schools, high-population-density work environments, some high-volume retail settings), including individuals returning from locations with widespread COVID-19 transmission.

LOWER EXPOSURE RISK (CAUTION)

Jobs that do not require contact with people known to be, or suspected of being, infected.

- Workers in this category have minimal occupational contact with the public and other coworkers.

For more information, see the [Guidance on Preparing Workplaces for COVID-19](#).



The four exposure risk levels represent probable distribution of risk.

