



The Safety Connection

The President’s Message—January 2025



Chris Malicki

Fellow Safety Professionals:

As many of you involved with your Company’s insurance program know, January 1 is a common renewal date for many commercial insurance programs including Workers’ Compensation. Carrier underwriters are literally pulling their hair out this time of year, trying to determine who is a good risk and who is not, with of course insurance brokers pushing for successful renewals along the way.

There are many complexities of navigating the world of Workers’ Compensation coverage, and I urge you to lean heavily upon your insurance broker and carrier repre-

sentatives if you have any questions.

The Workers Compensation Insurance Rating Bureau (WCIRB) is California’s objective provider of actuarially-based information and research, advisory pure premium rates, and educational services that are integral to a health workers compensation system. More information about their resources can be found at <https://www.wcirb.com/>.

Best to all of you in 2025!

Chris Malicki
2024-2025 President
San Diego ASSP Chapter

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SAN DIEGO ASSP EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

The Executive Committee met over Zoom on Tuesday, December 3rd. Chris Malicki welcomed Wesley Williams, Lee Donahue, Scott Simerson, Monica Netherly, Erica Baird, David Ferguson, Tom Jolliff, and Isaac Szmuiowicz. Avery Fox, Brad Dodson, and EC Emeritus Member Teresa Bonilla did not attend.

OLD BUSINESS (*Asterisk items require voting for approval.)

- 1. *Review/approve minutes of November 5, 2024, Lee motioned to approve, Tom seconded, all present stated Aye, no Nays or Abstentions.
2. Treasurer’s Monthly Financial Report (Wesley Williams), Wesley reviewed the banking documents sent on December 3rd.
3. Chris followed with David Ferguson who had reached out to George McDowell in regard to receiving Chapter email and possibly volunteering with the Chapter; Mr. McDowell is not able to participate at this time.
4. Emilio Nares Foundation will not be supported at next week’s meeting.

NEW BUSINESS (*Asterisk items require voting for approval.)

- 1. Dan Hopwood is tracking deliv-

ery of the SPY and Speaker awards, should arrive before next week’s meeting and he has confirmed the recipients will be in attendance. Paul Zoubek will receive the SPY, Steve Thompson and Steven Simon will receive the Speaker award.

- 2. Lily Ives will be representing San Diego Youth Services at next week’s meeting, they usually request gift cards from Walmart, Vons, Target, everyone is encouraged to support them.
3. December Meeting table centerpieces have always been part of our luncheon, this year we will scale back a bit, Lee and Monica will check out local discount stores for suitable centerpieces.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 1. Advisors — Wesley Williams, Lee Donahue — Next committee meeting is December 5, Lee mentioned discussion topics are making their way from Advisor meetings to ROCs.
2. Government Affairs — Monica Netherly — Nothing to report, 2025 may hold changes.

(see ExCom Minutes, Page 3)



SAN DIEGO ASSP EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

(ExCom Minutes, from Page 2)

- 3. **Job Line** — David Ferguson — 20 openings on the job line. *All job line opportunities are validated before publishing.*
- 4. **Membership** — Brad Dodson—Not present for update.
- 5. **Newsletter** — Lee Donahue — Planning to bring printed copies to next week’s meeting, digital copies to follow.
- 6. **PDC** — Lee Donahue — Date set for 21 October 2025, EC has informally approved Marina Village, the pricing proposal must be approved by Region.
- 7. **Programs** — Erica Baird — Lee Donahue, January 14. Looking for speakers for February and later, other organization’s speakers may be applicable to our members.
- 8. **Public Affairs** — Isaac Szmilowicz — Next Red Cross Sound the Alarm will be April 5, 2025.
- 9. **Social Media and Website** — Tom Jolliff — Publishing meeting and event dates on sited, linking to our webpage for more information. Website “cleanup” continues, some of the pages were recently inoperable, but should be fixed by now. Event photos are requested!
- 10. **Special Projects** — Wesley Williams — Considering ideas for social events, Lee will put out an

email for a happy hour at Mission Valley Lazy Dog restaurant, see how successful it is.

11. **Student Liaison** — Avery Fox, Absent — Not present for update, Chris emailed Avery and Julie Godfrey to ask if students will attend next week, a good event for questions and networking.

12. **Succession Planning** — Lee Donahue — No updates for this meeting.

Open Floor & Important Upcoming Dates:

Chris noted we currently have 20 registrations for next week’s meeting, encouraging everyone to register as early as possible, the price is \$25 for the luncheon.

On the question of a 2025 Challenge Coin, it may be feasible depending upon the quantity of coins we have on hand and the number of coins we order.

- **Next Chapter Meeting:** 1100-1230 December 10, 2024, in-person, Admiral Baker Clubhouse.
- **Next PDC Planning Meeting:** December 17, 2024 for October 2025 — via Zoom
- **Next EC Meeting:** January 7, 2024 — via Zoom

Chair: Adjourn meeting.



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.



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CHAIR UPDATES

Government Affairs - Federal Updates

by Monica Netherly

States Take Lead on Heat Protection Rules for Workers

December 4, 2024

OSHA introduced a proposal for a heat standard back in August 2024. The public comment period, which was set to end on December 30, 2024, has now been extended to January 14, 2025. While it's unclear what the second Trump Administration will mean for OSHA, experts expect work to be halted with several hazard-specific safety standards, including the ongoing development to protect outdoor and indoor workers from extreme heat. However, several states are leading the charge in protecting workers from extreme heat. Click [HERE](#) or visit <https://www.businessinsurance.com/states-take-lead-on-heat-protection-rules-for-workers/> to read more about these state initiatives.

EPA Reforms the New Chemicals Review Process to Better Protect Public Health, Promote Efficiency and Consistency

December 4, 2024

The EPA has amended its regulations to strengthen the review of new chemicals, particularly PFAS and PBT chemicals, under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). These changes eliminate exemptions for low volume and low exposure chemicals, ensuring thorough safety assessments. This aligns with the 2016 TSCA amendments and the current administration's focus on addressing chemical risk. Click [HERE](#) or visit <https://www.dol.gov/newsroom/releases/osh/osh20241211-0> to read more about the new chemical review process.

Biden-Harris Administration Announces Latest Actions under Nation's Chemical Safety Law to Protect People from Cancer-Causing Chemicals TCE and PCE

December 9, 2024

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recently announced a final rule banning the use of [trichloroethylene \(TCE\)](#) and [perchloroethylene \(PCE\)](#) due to their harmful health effects. TCE, used in automotive repair and degreasing, and PCE, used in dry cleaning and adhesives, are both linked to cancer and other serious health issues. The rule prohibits almost all uses of TCE within a year and most consumer uses of PCE, with some exceptions for critical applications like medical uses and aircraft maintenance. Click [HERE](#) or visit <https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/biden-harris-administration-announces-latest-actions-under-nations-chemical-safety-law> to read more about the new worker protections.

DOL Finalizes Rule on Proper Fit Requirements for PPE in Construction

December 11, 2024

The Occupational Safety and Health (OSHA) updated rule now explicitly requires employers to in construction to provide properly fitting PPE for all workers. This change aligns construction industry standards with those already in place for general industry, which has long emphasized the importance of proper fit. The revised standard is effective from January 13, 2025. Click [HERE](#) or visit <https://www.dol.gov/newsroom/releases/osh/osh20241211-0> to read more about the revised standard.



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CHAIR UPDATES

Government Affairs - Regional Updates

by Monica Netherly

California Bill Calls for Certification for Stonecutting Shops Amid Worker Deaths from Silicosis

December 2, 2024

The California Department of Industrial Relations recently adopted a permanent standard to protect workers from respirable crystalline silica (RCS). New legislation in Sacramento seeks to tackle the increase in countertop cutters affected by an incurable and deadly disease by introducing new requirements, including safety training for workers. Senate Bill 20, introduced this week by state Sen. Caroline Menjivar (D-Panorama City), proposes a certification system for fabrication shops where workers cut, grind, and polish stone slabs into countertops. This certification would mandate that businesses ensure their workers receive training on safety practices and demonstrate compliance with state standards to inspectors. Click HERE or visit https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=202520260SB20 to read more about the proposed bill California State Bill 20.

Standards Board Votes to Adopt Permanent Standard Protecting Workers from Silica Hazards

December 19, 2024

The permanent silica standard in California, adopted on December 20, 2024, by the Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board, aims to protect workers from respirable crystalline silica (RCS), particularly those working with artificial and natural stone containing high levels of silica. Click HERE or visit https://www.dir.ca.gov/DIRNews/2024/2024-111.html to read more about the permanent standard.

Cal/OSHA Advisory Committee Meeting – January 24, 2025, from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Cal/OSHA will hold an advisory meeting on a proposed regulation for workplace violence in general industry to receive input on the proposal to implement Labor Code section 6401.9. The meeting will be online video conference only with no in-person portion. The draft proposal and written comments received on the proposal are posted at https://www.dir.ca.gov/dosh/doshreg/WorkplaceViolence-in-General-Industry/.

Please forward inquiries, comments, or suggestions to government@sandiego.assp.org.



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CHAIR UPDATES

Membership Chair

by Brad Dodson

Welcome to our newest members!

- Eric William Pease, CHST**
- Gerardo Galano, CCM, CCHP**
- Maverick Anton Crawford, CSP**
- Brittany Akins**
- Josh Capito**
- Jarrood Stewart**
- Fantasia Smith**



Do you know someone who should be a part of ASSP? Check out the Member-Get-A-Member Program and get perks for referring them!

<https://www.assp.org/membership/member-get-a-member>

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/openings/ to see the latest opportunities.

Check us out on social media!

by Tom Jolliff



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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

- Dates** **Event**
- 1-31 National Radon Action Month - <https://is.gd/6P8D6z>
- 1-31 National Bath Safety Month - <https://is.gd/R32Ang>
- 1-31 National Blood Donor Month - <https://www.blooddonormonth.org/>
- 8 National Winter Skin Relief Day - <https://is.gd/c9C7sb>
- 13 National Clean Off Your Desk Day - <https://is.gd/kHzB9a>
- 12-18 Home Office Safety and Security Week - <https://is.gd/wa19Aw>
- 27-31 Data Privacy Week - <https://is.gd/wYtCVK>

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Click on an event to learn more!

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

Some links have been shortened for easier accessibility.



MONTHLY CHAPTER MEETING, FEBRUARY 11

Protecting Outdoor Workers: The Importance of Skin Safety
R. Fletcher Rich

R. Fletcher Rich, CEO of R&R Lotion, is a seasoned expert in occupational skin health, uniquely qualified to speak on skin cancer awareness and other skin safety topics.

In this presentation, Fletcher will talk about the various types of skin-related hazards that outdoor workers face, such as UV radiation, vector-borne diseases, dermatitis, and poison ivy rash.

Our calendar of upcoming events is available at https://sandiego.assp.org/events/

Admiral Baker Clubhouse
3604 Admiral Baker Road
San Diego, CA 92120



Registration and Breakfast begins at 7:00 a.m.
Welcome and Speaker begins at 7:30 a.m.
\$20 all Attendees

RSVP/Registration: Please RSVP or register with payment by credit card on the San Diego ASSP Chapter website events page using the GREEN BUTTON link.

Please note: Pre-registrations and RSVPs are very helpful in determining the head-count for the breakfast catering. Those who RSVP may still pay by check, credit card, or cash at the door. Pre-registration closes at noon the Friday before the meeting.

PDC News Our 2025 Professional Development Conference will be held on October 21st at the Marina Village Conference Center. We're excited about this new venue! The PDC Committee meets over Zoom on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00am. Interested in helping out? Reach out to any ExCom member or contact Lee at president-elect@sandiego.assp.org.



Congratulations to our 2024 SPY



PAUL ZOUBEK

San Diego Chapter Safety Professional of the Year

**Thank you for your support and contributions
to the San Diego Chapter and beyond!**

The SPY is the Chapter's way of recognizing a Chapter Member or Professional Member for their contributions, dedication, and accomplishments on behalf of the Chapter, ASSP, the community, and the safety field in general. The Chapter SPY recognition is awarded annually at our Holiday Luncheon to a member who has made meaningful contributions to San Diego ASSP and the safety field, primarily at the local level.

Thinking of nominating someone for next year? Check out <https://sandiego.assp.org/chapter-spy-award/> for details on the Award and its criteria. We'll actively start accepting nominations for 2025 this autumn.



OSHA News Releases

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

US DOL announces release of detailed 2023 case data on more than 890K injuries, illnesses at over 91K workplaces

December 12, 2024

OSHA offers video overview of available data

WASHINGTON—The U.S. Department of Labor today announced the release of comprehensive data collected by its Occupational Safety and Health Administration on more than 890,000 workplace injuries and illnesses at more than 91,000 workplaces in calendar year 2023, including incident level details on the conditions and circumstances of injury and illness events.

Federal electronic recordkeeping and reporting requirements require certain employers to use OSHA’s [Injury Tracking Application](#) to submit injury and illnesses reports. The posted data supports OSHA’s continued efforts to carry out the agency’s statutory mission to assure safe and healthful working conditions for working people.

To promote understanding, [OSHA has produced a video explaining the workplace injury and illness data collected](#) by the Injury Tracking Application.

In this phase of data publication, the agency is making available workplace injury and illness incident details, including name of the employer, the location of incidents, injury or illness descriptions, workers’ activities before incidents occurred, events that caused the harm, types

of injuries or illnesses, and the objects or substances involved.

“Publication of this data is a milestone in our efforts to make data on workplace injuries and illnesses more transparent,” said Assistant Secretary for Occupational Safety and Health Doug Parker. “This information is an unprecedented tool for researchers, public health officials, businesses and workers to understand the nature of workplace injuries and illnesses in this country, whether they are looking at national trends, or the factory where they work every day.”

To protect workers’ privacy, OSHA used artificial intelligence and human review to redact personally identifiable information, such as names, Social Security numbers, phone numbers, birthdates and addresses.

By making the data accessible, employers, workers, customers and the public are empowered to make informed decisions about workplace safety and health at specific establishments. It also enables researchers to identify patterns and trends in injuries, illnesses and hazardous conditions more effectively.

Learn more about [OSHA’s Injury Tracking Application](#) and [OSHA’s recordkeeping and reporting requirements](#).

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US DOL announces settlement with Amazon requiring corporate-wide ergonomic measures at facilities across the country

December 19, 2024

Agreement will facilitate effective implementation of a corporate-wide ergonomics program

WASHINGTON—The U.S. Department of Labor today announced that the Occupational Safety and Health Administration and Amazon have entered into a corporate-wide settlement to help better protect employees from hazardous working conditions leading to serious lower back and other musculoskeletal disorders at Amazon facilities. The settlement agreement resolves the department’s multiple ergonomics cases against Amazon.com Services LLC, in the first major multi-site investigation brought by OSHA in over a decade.

Read more at www.osha.gov/news/newsreleases/osha-national-news-release/20241219

For more information about ergonomics and ergonomic-related hazards, see OSHA’s Safety and Health Topics page on ergonomics at <https://www.osha.gov/ergonomics>.

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Release Number: 24-2583-NAT ■

(see OSHA Updates, Page 11)



(OSHA Updates, from Page 10)

Asst. Secretary for OSH Doug Parker issues statement on 2023 Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries

December 20, 2024

WASHINGTON—The U.S. Department of Labor's Assistant Secretary for Occupational Safety and Health, Doug Parker, has issued the following statement in regard to the Bureau of Labor Statistics' release of its [2023 Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries](#) on Dec. 19, 2024:

"Today's report from the Bureau of Labor Statistics is more positive news for worker safety and health. In November, the bureau reported a 20-year low in the rate of non-fatal worker injuries and illnesses in 2023, and we are further encouraged by the news that the number and rate of fatal worker injuries also dropped in 2023.

"I believe the Biden-Harris administration's worker-centered approach of stronger enforcement combined with our numerous collaborations with employers and labor to embrace health and safety as core values are making a difference. Whether it is our enforcement initiatives, our promotion of workplace safety and health management systems, or our initiatives to support workplace mental health and safe driving and prevent worker drug overdoses, it all makes a difference in saving lives at work.

"There was a meaningful decline in the number of fatal injuries to Black workers of 10.2 percent, and the rate for Latino workers dropped from 4.6 to 4.4 per 100,000 workers. Address-

ing high rates among these populations and recognizing the disproportionate impact of work hazards on workers of color enable more workers to end their shifts safely.

"Despite these promising trends, there is more work to be done. In 2023, 5,283 workers lost their lives. That means a worker dies every 99 minutes. Every worker's death is a profound tragedy that leaves a lasting void for families, friends, co-workers and communities. We can and we must do better."

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Owner of Medford Construction Company Sentenced to 18 months for Tax Crimes, Making False Statements to Fed Govt.

December 31, 2024

Defendant lied under oath about fatal workplace accident

Date of action: Dec. 10, 2024

Type of action: Sentencing

Employers: Mauricio Baiense, owner, Contract Framing Builders Inc., 407R Mystic Ave. Suite 34B, Medford, MA 02155

Allegations: In April 2024, Baiense pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to defraud the U.S. government, seven counts of failure to collect and pay over taxes, one count of aiding and assisting in the preparation of a false tax return and one count of making false statements.

When questioned under oath at a U.S. Department of Labor Occupational Safety and Health Administration hearing about a fatal workplace incident involving an employee of Contract Framing Builders that occurred in March 2021, Baiense made false statements to a federal investigator, claiming the deceased employee did not work for him.

Resolution: Mauricio Baiense was sentenced in federal district court to 18 months in prison, followed by one year of supervised release. Baiense was also ordered to pay \$2,824,577 in restitution to the U.S.

Quote: "When employers make false statements to OSHA investigators to cover up unsafe practices, they leave employees exposed to workplace injuries and deaths," said Acting Regional Administrator Jeffrey Erskine in Boston. "We are grateful to our staff, investigative partners and the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Massachusetts, for the hard work they put in to ensure Mauricio Baiense will be held criminally accountable for his deceit."

Court: U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts

Docket Number: 22-CR-10148

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Release Number: 24-2566-BOS ■

The mission of the Department of Labor is to foster, promote, and develop the welfare of the wage earners, job seekers, and retirees of the United States; improve working conditions; advance opportunities for profitable employment; and assure work-related benefits and rights.



Neither Snow nor Rain nor Heat nor Gloom of Night... Protecting Workers From the Cold

John Howard, M.D., Director, NIOSH

As we enter January, outdoor work in extreme cold continues in parts of the United States. This presents unique challenges to worker safety and health. Advances in cold weather personal protective equipment and clothing have made working in harsh conditions more bearable. However, we must recognize the risks and inherent danger workers face during cold weather.

Reflecting on the jobs of the past when modern protections were unavailable offers insight into these extreme cold hazards. For example, back in the late 1800s and early 1900s, sled dogs were used for mail delivery in some of the coldest areas, such as the Alaska Territory and northern states like Maine...

To read more, visit <https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/enews/enewsv22n9.html>

Spotlight

Information for Employers and Workers About H5N1 Bird Flu

CDC has guidance for [employers](#) and [workers](#) to reduce the risk to novel influenza A viruses, such as H5N1, at work. These recommendations are specifically for people who work with or come into contact with animals or their secretions. Employers can use the guidance to assess the exposure level for certain work tasks and settings and prioritize workplace controls.

CDC also has resources to help employers implement these controls, including a [Hazard Assessment Worksheet](#) for dairy facilities and [NIOSH Alert](#) for poultry facilities. A [Toolbox Talk](#) (available in [Spanish](#)) serves as a guide to lead focused discussions with workers about bird flu hazards. [Posters and fact sheets](#) are also available in multiple languages for employers to print, post, and share with workers.

Highlights

Deadline Extended: Proposals for International Symposium to Advance *Total Worker Health*[®]

The deadline was extended to submit proposals for the 4th International Symposium to Advance *Total Worker Health*. You now have until January 24 at 11:59 p.m. (MST)/1:59 a.m. (EST) to submit proposals for in-person presentations on a [variety of TWH-related topics](#). Review the [guidelines](#) to learn more and [submit your proposal](#).

Nominations for the 2025 Prevention through Design Award

The Prevention through Design (PtD) award recognizes those who have eliminated or reduced hazards through design or added knowledge that enabled PtD solutions. Nominations are due March 3, and you can resubmit previous nominations. To learn how to nominate an individual, group, or business, visit the [PtD Award webpage](#).

Updated NIOSH List of Hazardous Drugs in Healthcare Settings Is Now Available

NIOSH has released the updated [2024 List of Hazardous Drugs in Healthcare Settings](#). This publication assists employers in healthcare settings with workers who handle, prepare, dispense, administer, or dispose of hazardous drugs. The list is part of NIOSH efforts to provide resources to support healthcare employers and workers health and safety. To learn more about hazardous drugs, view the [NIOSH Hazardous Drug Exposures in Healthcare](#) webpage.

NIOSH Fire Fighter Fatality Investigation and Prevention Program Reports Have Moved

As part of the CDC/NIOSH web redesign, NIOSH Fire

(see [NIOSH News, Page 13](#))



(From NIOSH News, Page 12)

Fighter Fatality Investigation and Prevention Program (FFFIPP) reports are in a new location. Links to the previous site should automatically redirect, but if they do not, access the new site at [Fire Fighter Fatality Investigation and Prevention Program Reports](#). Saved links will no longer work, so please update previous bookmarks with the new links. We will continue to add report organization and filters to the new page in the coming months.

NIOSH and Dr. Lorna Breen Heroes' Foundation Sign New Partnership Agreement

NIOSH and the Dr. Lorna Breen Heroes' Foundation will work together to look into the possibility of and to identify the best ways to develop a new healthcare quality measure. The measure will focus on reducing burnout and improving the well-being of healthcare workers. For more information on this project, please contact [David Weissman](#).

Federal Register Notices

Proposed Data Collection Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations: EEOICPA Dose Reconstruction Interviews and Forms

The [notice](#) was posted on November 8. Comments must be received by January 7, 2025.

Safety and Occupational Health Study Section; Notice of Solicitation of Nominations for Appointment; Correction

The [notice](#) was posted on December 2, 2024. Nominations must be received by January 31.

Expansion of NIOSH B Reader Certification Eligibility; Request for Information

The [notice](#) was posted on December 17, 2024. Comments must be received by March 17.

New Communication Products

Fact Sheet

- [Officers: Stay Safe From Needlesticks!](#)

Fire Fighter Fatality Investigation and Prevention Program Report

- [Volunteer Firefighter Killed After Becoming Trapped at an Assisted Living Facility Fire and Two Firefighters Injured—New York \(Report Slides\)](#)

Health Hazard Evaluation Report

- [Evaluation of Ergonomic Risks, Musculoskeletal Disorders, and Peracetic Acid Exposure Among Employees at a Pork Processing Plant in Michigan](#)

Technical Report

- [NIOSH List of Hazardous Drugs in Healthcare Settings](#)

Workplace Solutions

- [Reducing Hearing Loss in Recycling Workers](#)

NORA

Upcoming Sector Council Meetings:

Hearing Loss Prevention Council Meeting

Join the NORA Hearing Loss Prevention council January 23 at 1 p.m. (EST) for their next meeting. Please contact [Elizabeth Masterson](#) for the meeting invite.

Healthy Work Design and Well-being Council Meeting

Join the NORA Healthy Work Design and Well-being council January 23 at 3 p.m. (EST) for their next meeting. Please contact [Naomi Swanson](#) for the meeting invite.

Subscribe to [NIOSH eNews](#) for updates.



HELPFUL LINKS AND OTHER INFORMATION

American Industrial Hygiene Association

www.aiha.org

American Red Cross

www.redcross.org

American Society of Safety Professionals Main Web-
site

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 Safe-
ty & 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)

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[www.osha.gov/pls/publications/
publication.searchresults?](http://www.osha.gov/pls/publications/publication.searchresults?)

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OSHA Silica Frequently Asked Questions

[www.osha.gov/dsg/topics/silicacrystalline/
generalindustry_info_silica.html](http://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

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Text of CA SB-553 on workplace violence prevention

[https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/
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Dept. of Industrial Relations Explanation of SB-553

[http://www.dir.ca.gov/dosh/Workplace-Violence/
General-Industry.html](http://www.dir.ca.gov/dosh/Workplace-Violence/General-Industry.html)

Text of Indoor Heat Illness Prevention Standard

<https://www.dir.ca.gov/title8/3396.html>

Cal/OSHA Heat Illness Prevention Guidance and Re-
sources

<https://www.dir.ca.gov/dosh/heatillnessinfo.html>

