



**Agreement Establishing An Alliance
Between
Michigan Occupational Safety & Health Administration (MIOSHA)
And**

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Purpose and Scope of Alliance:

In this section, provide a brief summary of the purpose of the alliance, who is identified as the target audience, the major activities of the alliance, benefits, and positive impact on workplace safety & health of the alliance, etc.

The Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration (MIOSHA), Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth, and the Masonry Institute of Michigan (MIM) recognize the value of establishing a cooperative relationship to promote a safer construction work environment for the state of Michigan. MIOSHA and MIM will form an alliance to provide the construction industry and MIOSHA construction staff with information, guidance, and training resources to help protect employees' safety, particularly in minimizing hazardous exposure to masonry walls under construction that are above grade.

Goals and Objectives of Alliance:

All Alliances must include an outreach and communication goal. Other goal areas should be included and explained when included in the activities of the alliance. Please list below the goals and objective this alliance.

- To promote life safety as the principal goal in providing a high level of protection to masonry industry personnel and other construction employees.
- To promote the latest Standard Practice for Bracing Masonry Walls under Construction and Masonry Wallbracing Design Handbook published by the Mason Contractors Association of America, as an industry standard and accept it as in compliance with the MIOSHA Construction Safety Standards, Part 2. Masonry Wall Bracing.
- To train and educate the workforce and MIOSHA on temporarily bracing masonry walls under construction safely above grade.
- Provide assistance and expertise to the MIOSHA Construction Safety Standards Commission for developing, updating, or improving Part 2. Masonry Wall Bracing.
- To promote dialogue between the Alliance and the construction and masonry industry in the state of Michigan through the various masonry state associations.

● **Outreach and Communication:**

Describe the types of outreach and communication that will be a part of this alliance. Include, in general terms, how these will be accomplished.

MIM will communicate through it's website (www.mim-online.org), bimonthly magazine (**The Story Pole**), conferences, seminars, Safety Day, etc. to educate and share safety information with the construction industry and MIOSHA construction staff.

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- MIM will publish annually one article, authored by MIOSHA, in The Story Pole for the mason contractor issue pertaining to wall bracing or other masonry related issues.
- MIOSHA will publish annually one article, authored by MIM, in their newsletter, MIOSHA News, pertaining to wall bracing or other masonry related issues.
- MIOSHA will create and update as necessary a Construction Fact Sheet that addresses masonry wall bracing and accepts the Standard Practice "For Bracing Masonry Walls Under Construction and Masonry Wallbracing Design Handbook" published by the Mason Contractors Association of America as an industry standard. The Construction Fact Sheet will be posted on the MIOSHA website (www.michigan.gov/MIOSHA) with a link under Part 2. Masonry Wall Bracing on the MIOSHA Standards page.

MIM will inform the construction industry of changes in MIOSHA's Administrative and Standards to keep the construction industry current with interpretation and compliance relative to wall bracing.

● **Training and Education:**

Include a description of training and education activities, when applicable. Do not respond if training and education is not part of the alliance.

MIM will train and educate the construction industry and MIOSHA on temporarily bracing masonry walls under construction safely above grade in accordance with the Standard Practice for Bracing Masonry Walls Under Construction and Masonry Wall Bracing Design Handbook. The success of the Alliance will be measured with the monitoring of wall blow downs, injuries, and citations issued. It is anticipated that Part 2 Wall Bracing Standard's concerns are identified, remedied, and then implemented.

- MIM will conduct one training session annually to discuss and demonstrate proper wall bracing procedures for MIOSHA construction staff relative to the updated Part 2 Wall Bracing Standard
- MIM will conduct at least one training session annually to discuss and demonstrate proper wall bracing procedures for masonry industry personnel and other construction employees relative to the updated Part 2 Wall Bracing Standard

● **Promoting Dialogue:**

Include a description of how this alliance will promote dialogue in Michigan related to workplace safety and health issues. Do not respond if promoting dialogue is not part of the alliance.

MIM and MIOSHA will seek out opportunities to introduce and expose MIOSHA safety inspectors to the masonry industry in a non-adversarial capacity and to promote mutual discussion regarding the safety of employees relative to wall bracing. MIM will keep informed and communicate with the various masonry associations: Michigan Mason Contractors' Association, Mason Contractors' Association, International Masonry Institute, the Michigan Council of Employers of Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers, Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers Locals 1 and 9, and the Masonry Coalition. MIM and MIOSHA will meet annually to discuss opportunities to promote safety in the masonry industry.

Roles and Responsibilities:

Include a general description of the role of all parties signing the alliance.

MIM will be leaders in keeping safety relative to wall bracing at the forefront in the construction industry. MIM will identify concerns and recommend changes to the existing Part 2. Wall Bracing Standard to the Construction Safety Standards Commission. MIM will serve as the voice of the masonry industry in keeping all informed.

- MIM with the support of the Alliance will make presentations to promote proper bracing of masonry walls under construction.
- MIM will hold at least one meeting with the various masonry associations in the state to provide an update on the activities of the Alliance.
- MIM will promote the MIOSHA Training Institute and MIOSHA cooperative programs to masonry associations via email blasts, sharing of email lists, sharing of mailing lists, etc; possibly sponsoring one or more MTI classes for chapter members.
- MIM will promote MIOSHA safety and health training initiatives to masonry associations on a regular basis, through e-mail blasts; sharing of email lists, sharing of mailing lists, etc.
- MIOSHA construction staff will address the construction industry on wall bracing and other masonry related safety issues.
- MIOSHA will provide a speaker at an MIM meeting one time per year.

If at any time there is a misunderstanding between MIM and MIOSHA, it will be discussed and remedied through the Alliance.

Outcomes of Alliance Activities:

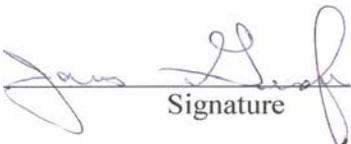
Include a general summary of the expected outcomes of the alliances such as the number of activities, news releases, outreach activities, anticipated number of people reached as a result of the alliance activities.

To educate the construction industry and MIOSHA construction staff to reduce the number of wall blow downs, to minimize the number of injuries, and citations issued.

Initiation and Cancellation of Agreement:

The alliance agreement is effective on the date of signing and will be in effect for three Years. Prior to the expiration of the agreement, the parties will confer and evaluate whether the agreement should be extended. Without regard to the term of the agreement, any of the parties can terminate the agreement with 30 days written notification.

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