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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Tenth and Eleventh Worker Deaths in 2013

The tenth and eleventh Michigan worker deaths of 2013 occurred on March 20 and March 21, 2013. MIOSHA urges employers and employees to use extreme care and safety diligence in all work activities.

Summary of incident: On March 21, 2013 at approximately 1:40 pm, a die setter had a mold hooked on a crane when the bolt gave way causing the mold to fall. The mold fell, bounced and hit against another mold. The employee was between the two molds and struck by the sharp edges of the molds.

Summary of incident: On March 20, 2013 at approximately 6:00 pm, an employee was standing on an elevated platform of a forklift 35 feet above the ground installing a large window in a house. A gust of wind pushed both the employee and the window off the platform and both fell to the ground. The employee was transported to the hospital where he later expired.

Last year there were 26 MIOSHA-related deaths. 2009 saw the lowest number with 24. View the 2013 Summary of Worker Fatalities [here](#).

If you need help or assistance in ensuring your workplace is safe, MIOSHA is here with resources to help. The Consultation Education & Training (CET) Division provides workplace safety and health training and consultations to employers and employees throughout Michigan free of charge. Contact CET today at (800) 866-4674 or submit a request online at www.michigan.gov/ctrca.

Every life is precious. Our mutual goal must be that every employee goes home at the end of their shift every day!

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Construction Wins 1st Place in National AGC Safety Award Contest

Clark Construction Company based in Lansing, Michigan, won first place in the category of "Construction Management under 500,000 Work Hours" in the 14th Annual AGC/WILLIS Construction Safety Excellence Awards competition. The award was accepted March 8 at AGC's 94th Annual Convention in Palm Springs, CA. The award recognizes companies who have developed and implemented excellent safety and loss prevention programs achieved through management commitment, employee involvement, and program innovation. Clark Construction specifically thanked MIOSHA for their help in changing Clark's safety culture over the years. Please visit their website at: <http://www.clarkcc.com>.

MIOSHA's Wage and Hour Division has a New Toll Free Number

This year marks the 35th anniversary of the enactment of Michigan's Payment of Wages & Fringe Benefits Act, enforced by the Wage & Hour Division. To celebrate this anniversary, MIOSHA's Wage & Hour Division has established a toll free telephone number to improve customer service and provide information about employment standards administered by the Division.

The new toll free number is **1-855-4MI-WAGE** (1-855-464-9243).

Information about the laws enforced by Wage & Hour, as well as, how to file a claim, may be obtained by calling 1-855-4MI-WAGE or by visiting www.michigan.gov/wagehour.

Eight More Free Globally Harmonized System (GHS) Workshops Confirmed

The MIOSHA Consultation Education and Training Division (CET), with co-sponsor support, has been providing half-day workshops that highlight the revisions to the hazard communication standard including new requirements for hazard classification, labeling, safety data sheets, and employee information and training. The eight additional training sessions are noted below:

May 15, 2013 – Monroe County Community College

11:15 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.

Additional training sessions:

General Office Building, Lansing, Conference Room A

Thurs. May 16, 2013; Registration: 8:30-9:00 AM; Class: 9:00-11:00 AM

Thurs. May 16, 2013; Registration 12:30-1:00 PM; Class: 1:00-3:00 PM

Tues. June 11, 2013; Registration: 8:30-9:00 AM; Class: 9:00-11:00 AM

Tues. June 11, 2013; Registration 12:30-1:00 PM; Class: 1:00-3:00 PM

Tues. July 30, 2013; Registration: 8:30-9:00 AM; Class: 9:00-11:00 AM

Tues. July 30, 2013; Registration 12:30-1:00 PM; Class: 1:00-3:00 PM

Wed. August 28, 2013; Registration: 8:30-9:00 AM; Class: 9:00-11:00 AM

Wed. August 28, 2013; Registration 12:30-1:00 PM; Class: 1:00-3:00 PM

This is a free workshop but ALL attendees must register. A link to registration information can be found on the MIOSHA website by clicking [here](#). Additional workshop dates are being scheduled, and information will be posted on the MIOSHA website as it becomes available.

MICHIGAN SAFETY CONFERENCE

The 2013 Michigan Safety Conference will take place April 16-17, 2013, at the DeVos Place in Grand Rapids. The Michigan Safety Conference is a two-day world class health and safety training event, held every Spring. Training is targeted at workplace health and safety issues. All businesses in Michigan are encouraged to send their employees responsible for health and safety and risk management operations. For more information and registration details, please visit www.michsafetyconference.org or call (517) 203-0737.

MEDIA

March 11, 2013 – [MIOSHA Celebrates 35 Years of Wage & Fringe Benefit Protection; MIOSHA's Wage & Hour Division Establishes New Toll Free Number to Commemorate Anniversary](#)

March 13, 2013 – [Herman Miller's 171st Facility Center Receives Renewed MIOSHA Recognition of their Workplace Safety and Health Excellence](#)

All of the MIOSHA Press Releases can be viewed from our [website](#).

AGENCY INSTRUCTIONS/MEMOS ISSUED

February 25, 2013 – MIOSHA-SHMS-13-2 – [Hazard Communication and Right-to-Know for MIOSHA Personnel](#)

February 25, 2013 – MIOSHA-MEMO-ADM-11-3R1 – [Heads-up Notification](#)

VARIANCES

Variations from MIOSHA standards must be made available to the public in accordance with Part 12, Variations (R408.22201 to 408.22251). MIOSHA variations are published on the MIOSHA News website: www.michigan.gov/mioshavariances.

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