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## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### Michigan Worker Deaths of 2017 and 2018

The 35th, 36th, 37th, and 38th reported Michigan worker deaths of 2017 occurred on December 20, 26, 24, and 30. And the 1st reported Michigan worker death of 2018 occurred on January 10. The information below shares **preliminary details** about the most recent fatalities reported to the Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration (MIOSHA) which is believed to be covered by the MIOASH Act. The description reflects information provided to MIOSHA at the initial report of the incident and is not the result of the official MIOSHA investigation.

*Preliminary summary of incident #35: On December 20th, at approximately 8:10 a.m., a 75-year-old part time maintenance worker apparently fell to the floor after attempting to change a light bulb. He was taken to the hospital where he later passed away due to the injuries he received from the fall.*

*Preliminary summary of incident #36: On December 26th, at approximately 1:00 p.m., a 55-year-old co-owner went out to trim trees alone on the golf course. He was using a ladder to access limbs that he was cutting off a tree. It appears that one of the limbs that he cut off, hit either the ladder or the co-owner and he fell off the ladder to the ground. Around 6:00 p.m., the co-owner was found lying on the ground unresponsive.*

*Preliminary summary of incident #37: On December 15th, a 70-year-old bus attendant was walking on the sidewalk in front of the student loading zone when he slipped on the concrete, fell, and fractured his right hip. He was taken to the hospital, had surgery, and passed away on December 24th.*

*Preliminary summary of incident #38: On December 22nd, at approximately 6:38 p.m., a 56-year-old coil handler was separating two coils of steel while the steel was standing up and when the banding was cut, one of the coils fell onto the coil handler's legs. He went in for surgery and later died during recovery on December 30th.*

*Preliminary summary of incident #1: On January 10th, at approximately 8:26 p.m., a 41-year-old tow truck driver had just placed a disabled vehicle onto a flatbed wrecker. After securing the front of the vehicle, he proceeded to the rear, at which time his tow truck was struck from the rear by another vehicle.*

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There were 38 MIOSHA-related deaths in 2017. 2009 saw the lowest number with 24. Every life is precious. Our mutual goal must be that every employee goes home at the end of their shift every day!

If you need help or assistance in ensuring your workplace is safe, MIOSHA is here with resources to help. The Consultation Education and 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](#).

### **MIOSHA Reminds Employers to Post Job-Related Injury/Illnesses**

MIOSHA Director Bart Pickelman is reminding Michigan employers they are required to post the total number of job-related injuries and illnesses that occurred in 2017.

Employers must post the [MIOSHA Form 300A](#) (Summary of Work-Related Injuries and Illnesses) from February 1 to April 30, 2018. Click [HERE](#) to read the press release or visit our MIOSHA Recordkeeping [webpage](#) for more information.

### **Great Lakes Builders Show**

Come visit MIOSHA Consultation Education and Training Division consultants at the [Great Lakes Builders Show](#) (booth 220) on February 14 – 15, 2018, at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi. If you are a builder, remodeler, manufacturer, real estate professional, trade subcontractor, designer, supplier, or other residential industry service provider, this is the show for you!

### **Mark Your Calendar - March is National Ladder Safety Month**

Every year over 300 people die in ladder-related accidents, and thousands suffer disabling injuries. Mark your calendar to join the [American Ladder Institute \(ALI\)](#) in celebrating the first-ever National Ladder Safety Month, designed to raise awareness of ladder safety and to decrease the number of ladder-related injuries and fatalities.

National Ladder Safety Month is the only movement dedicated exclusively to the promotion of ladder safety, at home and at work. During March 2018, National Ladder Safety Month will bring heightened awareness to the importance of the safe use of ladders through resources, training and a national dialogue. Learn more about how to participate and help promote National Ladder Safety Month by visiting this [page](#).

### **MIOSHA DVD Library**

The [MIOSHA DVD Library](#) has added four titles on ladder safety that show the proper techniques to select, inspect, set up, use, and care for ladders:

- Articulated Ladder Safety Training
- Mobile Ladder Stands and Mobile Ladder Stand Platforms
- Single Ladders and Extension Ladders
- Stepladders

There are also videos available to stream on ladder safety. You can check out that opportunity at the link above.

### **Final Rule to Protect Workers from Beryllium Exposure**

The MIOSHA Part 340. Beryllium for General Industry standard is scheduled to go into effect on February 8, 2018. Visit our [website](#) after this date for updates.

OSHA has also issued a final rule. The rule contains standards for general industry, construction, and shipyards. OSHA estimates that the rule will save 90 lives from beryllium-related diseases and prevent 46 new cases of chronic beryllium disease each year, once the effects of the rule are fully realized. The rule is projected to provide net benefits of about \$560.9 million, annually. Visit [OSHA's website](#) for more information.



## Save the Date: Safe + Sound Week 2018 to be held August 13-19

The second annual Safe + Sound Week will be held August 13-19, 2018. The event is a nationwide effort to raise awareness of the value of workplace safety and health programs, which can help employers and workers identify and manage workplace hazards before they cause an injury or illness, improving a company's financial bottom line. Throughout the week, organizations are encouraged to host events and activities that showcase the core elements of an effective safety and health program, including: management leadership, worker participation, and finding and fixing workplace hazards. For the latest news and information, visit OSHA's website to [sign up for email updates](#) or [follow OSHA on Twitter](#).

### MEDIA

**January 22, 2018** – [Astech Alloy Steel Technologies, Inc. in Vassar Receives Renewed MIOSHA Recognition for Excellence in Workplace Safety and Health](#)

**January 23, 2018** – [Arconic Whitehall Operations Receives Fifth Consecutive MIOSHA Award for Workplace Safety](#)

**January 26, 2018** – [MIOSHA Reminds Employers to Post Job-Related Injuries and Illnesses](#)

**January 29, 2018** – [MIOSHA and WCA Offer Winter Tips for Worker Safety and Reduced Workers' Compensation Costs](#)

### 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 website: [www.michigan.gov/mioshavariances](http://www.michigan.gov/mioshavariances).

### QUICK LINKS

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