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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Michigan Worker Deaths of 2017

The 8th, 9th, and 10th Michigan worker deaths of 2017 occurred on May 4, 22, and 31, 2017. 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 MIOSH 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 #8: On April 23, 2017, at approximately 9:45 a.m., a 25-year-old laborer fell approximately 12 ½ feet from a 3/12 pitch commercial roof onto a concrete area below. The laborer received a severe head injury. He was hospitalized for approximately 12 days before passing away.

Preliminary summary of incident #9: On May 22, 2017, at approximately 3:56 a.m., a 47-year-old iron worker was welding shims on a vessel and fell 25 feet striking scaffolding below lacerating their neck and chest. The iron worker was tied off with a retractable.

Preliminary summary of incident #10: On May 31, 2017, at approximately 5:15 p.m., a 20-year-old laborer was working on a flat roof and fell through a window. He was airlifted to a hospital where he later succumbed to his injuries.

There were 43 MIOSHA-related deaths in 2016. 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](#).

Safe + Sound Week - June 12-18, 2017

Join the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and its partners June 12-18 in a nationwide effort to raise awareness on the value of workplace safety and health programs. During Safe + Sound Week, organizations are encouraged to host events and activities that showcase the core elements of an effective safety and health program – management leadership, worker participation, and finding and fixing workplace hazards. Visit OSHA's

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[Safe + Sound Week page](#) to view videos and a recorded webinar on how employers can participate. The page also features sample activities, social media resources, and an interactive map where you can add your own Safe + Sound Week event to others occurring across the United States and in other countries. For more information, read the [OSHA news release](#).

National Trench Safety Stand-Down Week - June 19-24, 2017

Businesses and organizations are invited to raise awareness of trenching and excavation hazards by holding a safety stand-down during the week of June 19-24. The campaign, sponsored by the National Utility Contractors Association and the Safety Ambassadors Club with support from OSHA, encourages contractors, municipalities, the military and others involved in trenching operations to temporarily stop work and offer workers education and training about trenching hazards. According to the latest available data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the fatality rate in the U.S. for excavation work is 112 percent higher than in general construction. Visit the [Stand-Down website](#) to learn how you can stand-down this month to save lives.

Bosch Angle Grinder Recall

Please see the link below regarding a Bosch hand-held angle grinder recall. It appears that this recall affects the United States, Canada and Mexico.

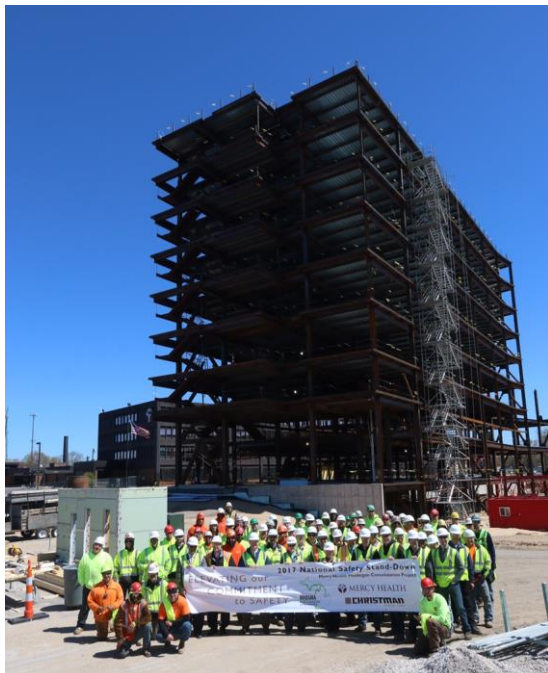
<https://www.boschtools.com/us/en/service/product-safety/>

National Safety Stand-Down Week Recap

As part of the [National Safety Stand-Down to Prevent Falls in Construction](#) from May 8-12, 2017, MIOSHA along with contractors and employers across the state held stand-down events in an effort to raise awareness towards the prevention of workplace fall fatalities and injuries.

“MIOSHA is pleased with the strong response from Michigan workers and employers during National Stand-Down week,” said MIOSHA Director Bart Pickelman. “Every workplace fall fatality can be prevented. Educating and training on construction job sites is critical to stopping falls and saving lives, and we need everyone’s help to protect our workers.”

Falls continue to be a leading cause of death for construction workers across the nation. As Michigan enters the construction season, MIOSHA is reminding employers and workers of the importance of fall prevention and using these Stand-Down events to educate and train employees and contractors on fall protection best practices.



MIOSHA will continue its outreach efforts throughout the year to reach as many Michigan workers as possible and spread the message about the MIOSHA [Stop Falls. Save Lives.](#) campaign that focuses on fall prevention.

MEDIA

May 12, 2017 - [Michigan Workers and Employers Stand-Down with MIOSHA to Prevent Falls in Construction](#)

May 16, 2017 - [Worker Safety Event at New Little Caesars Arena Highlights Fall Prevention](#)

May 16, 2017 - [Stand-Down Event Focuses on Fall Prevention and Worker Safety at Little Caesars World Headquarters Campus Expansion in Detroit](#)

All of the MIOSHA press releases can be viewed on our [website](#).

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/mioshavariations.

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