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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Michigan Worker Deaths of 2016

The fifth and sixth Michigan worker deaths of 2016 occurred on April 25 and 27, 2016. Employers and employees are urged to use extreme care and safety diligence in all work activities. The information below shares preliminary details about the most recent fatality reported to the Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration (MIOSHA). The description reflects information provided to MIOSHA at the initial report of the incident and are not the result of the official MIOSHA investigation.

Preliminary summary of incident #5: On April 25, 2016, at approximately 11:43 p.m., a 44-year-old sanitation worker was apparently cleaning a large mix tank with a long handle device when he fell into the tank. At this time, it has not been confirmed if the mix tank was running or if the tank started running after the sanitation worker fell.

Preliminary summary of incident #6: On April 26, 2016, at approximately 3:45 p.m., a 57-year-old truck driver was using a garden hose to wash out the tanker trailer and was possibly overcome by fumes, and fell from the catwalk of the truck. The truck had been carrying sodium sulfate waste. The truck driver was transported to the hospital where he would later succumb from his injuries the next day.

There were 29 MIOSHA-related deaths in 2015. 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 & 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](#).

Distracted Driving Awareness Month

The National Safety Council (NSC) observed April as Distracted Driving Awareness Month to draw attention to this epidemic. Today it is easier than ever to become distracted behind the wheel. New technology allows us to make phone calls, dictate texts or emails and update social media while driving – all actions that are proven to increase crash risk. As a result, hundreds are killed every year because of distracted driving. NSC wants you to put safety first and *Take Back Your Drive*.

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NSC offers a wide variety of free tools and resources at nsc.org/ddmonth. Here are just a few ways you can help:

- Download the NSC cell phone policy toolkit and work to implement a policy at your workplace.
- Post your pledge to drive cell-free on your Facebook page and tag your friends and family.

We hope you will share this information with others in your organization, including workers and downstream customers, as part of our efforts together.

National Fall Prevention Stand-Down

The purpose of the National Fall Prevention Stand-Down is to raise awareness of preventing fall hazards in construction. Fatalities caused by falls from elevation continue to be a leading cause of death for construction workers, accounting for 337 of the 874 construction fatalities recorded in 2014 (BLS preliminary data). Those deaths were preventable.

May 2-6, 2016, is the National Safety Stand-Down to Prevent Falls in Construction. The following events are taking place in Michigan:

Walsh Construction – Waste Water Treatment Plant Ann Arbor - Tuesday, May 3rd & Thursday, May 5th @ 10 a.m.

Granger Construction – Michigan State University Federal Credit Union (MSUFCU) Head Quarters East Lansing - Tuesday, May 3rd @ 11:30 a.m.

Barton Malow – Facility for Rare Isotope Beams (FRIB) East Lansing - Wednesday, May 4th @ 11:30 a.m.

Gray Construction - Pig Farm Coldwater – Thursday, May 5th @ 8:30 a.m.

Barton Malow - Red Wing Stadium, Detroit - Friday, May 6th @ 10:00 a.m.

Visit [OSHA's webpage](#) for more information on their National Fall Prevention Stand-Down campaign.

Take A Stand Day

MIOSHA is inviting employers across the state to "Take a Stand" for workplace safety and health on August 10, 2016.

For this twelfth annual "Take a Stand Day," the MIOSHA program is dedicating more than 125 professional staff to visit Michigan high-hazard industries targeted by the MIOSHA Strategic Plan. MIOSHA safety and health professionals-including compliance staff, outreach consultants, managers, and supervisors, will be scheduled on "Take a Stand Day" to provide one-on-one consultations. There will be no CITATIONS or FINES for participating workplaces. However, participants must agree to correct all serious conditions.

[2016 Take A Stand Day Flyer](#)

To schedule a visit, complete a [Request for Consultative Assistance \(RCA\) form](#) electronically and send to MIOSHA.

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April 6, 2016 - [Ergonomics](#)

April 6, 2016 – [Whistleblower Program](#)

April 6, 2016 – [Field Sanitation Standard Enforcement Procedures](#)

MEDIA

April 13, 2016 – [Construction Association of Michigan, MIOSHA Share Coffee and Workplace Safety Resources with Employers and Workers](#)

April 22, 2016 – [MIOSHA Training Institute Graduates Recognized at Michigan Safety Conference](#)

April 26, 2016 – [Ford, UAW, Partner with MIOSHA to Reduce Injuries and Illnesses at Plants Throughout Michigan](#)

April 28, 2016 – [Michigan Workers Remembered on Workers' Memorial Day](#)

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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