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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Michigan Worker Deaths of 2017

The 23rd, 24th, and 25th reported Michigan worker deaths of 2017 occurred on October 8, 13, and 23. 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 MIOOSH 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 #23: On September 15, 2017, a 35-year-old pipefitter was burnt while purging a gas line for an air handling unit. His body was burned in the incident and he was taken to a local hospital. He passed away from his injuries on October 8th.

Preliminary summary of incident #24: On September 18, 2017, a 43-year-old superintendent accessed a lift to transport materials to the roof; transitioning from the lift to the roof, the superintendent slipped, falling 11 feet. He passed away from his injuries on October 13th.

Preliminary summary of incident #25: On October 23, 2017, at approximately 8:57 a.m., a 60-year-old tow truck driver was in the process of attaching a wrecker hook to the underside front end of a disabled bus for towing. The front end of the vehicle was raised and solely supported by blocks positioned under the axle at both wheels. The tow truck driver was partially under the front of the bus connecting it to the wrecker when the bus fell on top of him. He died shortly after arrival at the hospital.

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](#).

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Nonprofits Receive \$872,000 in MIOSHA Training Grants for Worker Safety and Health

To support worker safety and health across the state, Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) Chief Deputy Director Al Pohl announced the award of \$872,000 in MIOSHA grants to [20 nonprofit organizations](#). Click [HERE](#) to read the full press release.

MIOSHA Partnership Update

Since its inception, MIOSHA has experienced tremendous success with the partnership program. Partnerships are important because they encourage, assist, and recognize contractors, sub-contractors, and workers for their voluntary efforts that focus on eliminating serious hazards. These partnerships tend to create standards and processes that can reduce the number of occupational safety and health workplace hazards, incidents, and fatalities.

The partnered sites often have Total Case Injury Rates (TCIR) and Days Away, Restricted, and Transferred (DART) rates significantly lower than the industry average. Lowered injury and illness rates are not the only benefit of these partnerships; the increased presence by MIOSHA during quarterly meetings, and the dedication of the involved contractors, help foster a strong culture of health and safety that is often taken to other, non-partnership job sites by those involved. This ripple effect is what these partnerships are essentially about; bringing health and safety to the forefront through participation and cooperation by all those involved. MIOSHA currently has seven active partnerships and has been recently contacted about another. For more information on MIOSHA Partnerships, please visit our [MIOSHA Partnership Program webpage](#).

National Radiation Protection Professionals Week

The Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors, Inc. (CRCPD) announced the celebration of National Radiation Protection Professionals Week November 5 - 11, 2017. The weeklong event to honor radiation protection professionals is set in November to celebrate the discovery of X-rays by Wilhelm Conrad Roentgen on November 8, 1895.

Radiation protection professionals provide leadership in protecting the public from the hazards of radiation. The staff of the Radiation Safety Section work diligently to ensure that radiation from x-ray machines and other radiation machines are used safely and beneficially to protect and improve the health of Michigan citizens.

According to David Allard, Chairperson of the CRCPD Board of Directors, "Radiation protection professionals are a vital safety net; they help to make sure that medical, industrial, government and academic uses of radiation are safe, and that our homes, environment and country are safe and secure. Their selfless professionalism ensures that people are able to safely enjoy the tremendous benefits of the uses of radiation in our highly technical society."

In February 2018, it will be 60 years since Michigan promulgated administrative rules regulating all sources of ionizing radiation by means of registration and compliance investigations, becoming one of the first states to regulate ionizing radiation. Under those early rules, the former Department of Health conducted a comprehensive radiological health program that included periodic investigations of facilities using any type of x-ray machine or electronic device that produced x-rays. The Radiation Safety Section continues that legacy with its cadre of dedicated health physicists and knowledgeable administrative staff. Click [HERE](#) to visit our Radiation Section webpage.



AGENCY INSTRUCTIONS ISSUED

October 24, 2017 – [Coburn Equation Use \(MIOSHA-COM-17-3\)](#)

October 25, 2017 – [Focused Inspections \(CSDH-COM-14-1\)](#)

MEDIA

October 6, 2017 – [Walbridge Ford Dearborn Campus Transformation \(DCT\) Project Receives MIOSHA's MVPPC Rising Star Award](#)

October 12, 2017 - [MIOSHA and ASAM Sign Alliance to Promote Workplace Safety and Health](#)

October 17, 2017 - [Aria Energy in Lenox Receives Renewed "MSHARP" Workplace Safety and Health Status](#)

October 19, 2017 – [Nonprofits Receive \\$872,000 in MIOSHA Training Grants for Worker Safety and Health](#)

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

VARIANCES

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

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