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## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### Michigan Worker Death of 2015

The 19th Michigan worker death of 2015 occurred on May 6, 2015. Employers and employees are urged to use extreme care and safety diligence in all work activities.

*Summary of incident: On May 6, 2015, a 41-year-old team leader was working on a vehicle on the assembly (moving conveyor) line. He was struck by a vehicle on the moving conveyor and thrown into a large tool box where he received serious head trauma, then fell to the floor. He died from traumatic brain injury. This fatality was initially reported by the company as a heart attack but recent information indicated it is a MIOSHA program related fatality.*

There were 37 MIOSHA-related deaths in 2014. 2009 saw the lowest number with 24.

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/cetrca](http://www.michigan.gov/cetrca).

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

### Alliance Program Partner's Meeting

On July 29, 2015, MIOSHA held the second annual MIOSHA Alliance Program Partners' Meeting hosted by the Consultation Education and Training (CET) Division in Lansing. The Alliance Program Partners' Meeting was well attended by the alliance organizations, MIOSHA alliance liaisons and MIOSHA Administration.

MIOSHA's Alliance Program is a cooperative program that provides organizations an opportunity to participate in a voluntary cooperative relationship with MIOSHA to promote improved workplace safety and health. The purpose of this meeting was to provide our alliance partners a time and venue to share their experiences regarding the benefits of participating in the MIOSHA Alliance Program.

In addition, this meeting provided an opportunity for the partners to hear about industry related safety and health events, tools, and products developed by other alliance partners. The developed tools and products ranged from fact sheets, five-minute safety-to-safety videos, and training seminars. The alliance partners also shared safety and health success stories that

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were accomplished while working with their Alliance liaison.

Our partners continue to demonstrate their commitment to reaching their alliance agreements' overall goals of advancing safety and health in the workplace through training and education, outreach and communication, and promoting dialogue. We look forward to hosting next year's meeting. For more information on all 14 active MIOSHA alliances, visit the [MIOSHA Alliance webpage](#).

## **MIOSHA Residential Local Emphasis Program**

### *Background*

The MIOSHA Residential Strategic Plan seeks to reduce injuries and fatalities in the construction industry by focusing on the four leading causes of fatalities. MIOSHA identified that fatalities in the residential construction industry account for 37% of the overall construction fatalities in Michigan over the last five years (2008-2013) – most due to falls. A Residential Local Emphasis Program (LEP) was created to increase enforcement activities and training outreach in the residential construction industry. The LEP focused inspections on the Residential Top 5 - Falls, Scaffolds, Ladders, Personal Protective Equipment/Tool Guarding, and Electrical. This LEP was in effect from May 15, 2014 through May 15, 2015.

### *Enforcement Activities*

While on the jobsite, field staff presented contractors and employees with a MIOSHA Residential Safety Tool Box folder. This included information on how to contact the MIOSHA Consultation Education and Training (CET) Division for training and how to view a free residential fall protection webinar. Informational pamphlets were also provided for nail gun safety, accident prevention program, and residential fall protection. Each MIOSHA Residential Safety Tool Box folder contained a residential inspection checklist that the contractor and employees could use on all future jobsites as a tool to create a safer jobsite.

During this period, MIOSHA inspected 402 residential construction sites with a total of 638 contractors and 2,325 employees on these sites. MIOSHA safety and health officers issued 911 serious, 102 repeat serious and 2 willful serious citations. From these citations, initial penalties of \$598,663 were assessed to the contractors.

Most of the citations issued were for lack of fall protection. After the visits, contractors and employees had a better understanding of the available residential fall protection and how to properly use it. Ninety-five percent (95%) of employers and workers who provide customer service feedback rate their overall MIOSHA intervention(s) as useful in identifying and correcting workplace safety and health hazards.

### *Outreach and Education Activities*

On May 5, 2014, a letter was sent to more than 4,900 Michigan residential contractors to assist in identifying and correcting hazards and identifying resources.

A Residential Construction Initiative webpage was developed which provides residential construction employers and employees with an easy one-stop link to access residential-specific information (e.g., checklist, fact sheets, nine new tool box talks, training materials and seminars, webcasts, and fatality case studies). The webpage can be accessed at [www.michigan.gov/miosharesidential](http://www.michigan.gov/miosharesidential).

“Safety in Residential Construction” training seminars were offered through the Home Builders Association of Michigan chapters around the state by the MIOSHA CET Division and the HBA of Michigan. A total of 43 seminars were held in FY 2014.

“Building Up Residential Safety Day” took place on August 14, 2014, during the 10-year Take a Stand Day (TASD) anniversary week. Eleven residential contractors participated in this safety day. MIOSHA compliance staff focused on specific hazards/areas as requested by each employer. There were NO CITATIONS and NO PENALTIES for the participating workplaces. There also were 40 construction Requests for Consultative Assistance (RCA) from the “regular” TASD.

CET construction consultants worked closely with the HBA of Michigan on the first Great Lakes Builders Show – a three-day event at Ford Field on March 5 and 6, 2015. In addition, they participated in an expo with ProBuild Building and Construction and six events with Wimsatt Building Materials.

From May 15, 2014 to May 15, 2015, there were 98 residential construction training sessions conducted.

## **MIOSHA Has Moved**

MIOSHA has moved to the Stevens T. Mason Building in downtown Lansing. Click [here](#) for directions to our new location and [here](#) for a list of new phone and fax numbers.

## **AGENCY INSTRUCTIONS/MEMOS ISSUED**

**July 15, 2015** - [Small Farming Operations and Small Employers in Low Hazard Industries - Guidelines for MIOSHA Activity](#)

**August 3, 2015** – [Comment/Suggestion Card for MIOSHA Services](#)

## **MEDIA**

**July 28, 2015** – [MIOSHA, Michigan Green Industry Association Form Alliance to Protect Workers](#)

**August 20, 2015** - [Barton Malow, MIOSHA Sign Partnership to Protect Workers During Holland Energy Park Project](#)

All of the MIOSHA Press Releases can be viewed from 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](http://www.michigan.gov/mioshavariations).

## **QUICK LINKS**

[Asbestos Program](#)

[Ask MIOSHA](#)

[Consultation Education & Training \(CET\) Division](#)

[CET Request for Consultative Assistance Services](#)

[CET Training Calendar](#)

[Construction Safety & Health Division \(CSDH\)](#)

[Employee Safety, Health and Discrimination Complaint Forms](#)

[General Industry Safety & Health Division \(GISHD\)](#)

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