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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Michigan Worker Deaths of 2016

This past week, MIOSHA had an unprecedented amount of five workplace fatalities, all of which could have been prevented. Employers and employees are urged to use extreme care and safety diligence in all work activities.

The eleventh, twelfth, thirteenth, fourteenth, and fifteenth Michigan worker deaths of 2016 occurred on July 22, 25, 26 and 27, 2016. The information below shares preliminary details about the most recent fatalities reported to the Michigan Occupational Safety & 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 #11: On July 22, 2016, a 35-year-old laborer was performing arc welding on a private home-owner's metal dock. It appears that the laborer accidentally dropped the welding terminal lead onto his chest. EMS arrived, performed CPR, and transported him to the hospital, where he was later pronounced dead. – This incident could have been prevented by following the proper [Welding & Cutting](#) rules.

Preliminary summary of incident #12: On July 25, 2016, at approximately 3:18 p.m., a 58-year-old carpenter was bracing a parapet wall when he fell approximately 44-feet to the ground. The employee was taken to the hospital by EMS. The employee died due to injuries received. – This incident could have been prevented by following the proper [Fall Protection](#) rules.

Preliminary summary of incident #13: On July 25, 2016, at approximately 8:00 p.m., a 57-year-old Resident Delivery Person was struck by a train as he walked the pipeline right of way along or on the railroad tracks. The employee was conducting a visual inspection and working by himself. – This incident could have been prevented by performing a job safety analysis for the task.

Preliminary summary of incident #14: On July 26, 2016, at approximately 11:09 a.m., a 23-year-old laborer drowned after entering a molasses tank from which he and a coworker were pumping the contents. – This incident could have been prevented by following the proper [Permit-Required Confined Spaces](#) rules.

Preliminary summary of incident #15: On July 27, 2016, at approximately 3:00 p.m., 32-year-old QC Tech climbed up onto a platen on a rotary machine for an unknown reason when the machine cycled and the employee's head and neck area was crushed in the machine. – This incident could have been prevented by [Lockout/Tagout](#) procedures and by following proper Machine Guarding rules.

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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](#).

Mammography Quality Standards Act Certification

The Mammography Quality Standards Act of 1992 (MQSA), was signed into law on October 27, 1992, to ensure that women receive high quality mammography for early breast cancer detection by requiring the establishment of a federal certification and inspection program for mammography facilities. The Act authorizes the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to obtain state assistance in enforcing the MQSA requirements including annual inspections of all certified mammography facilities. Michigan entered into its first contract with the FDA to perform the annual inspections in this state in 1994.

MQSA mammography inspections are performed by Radiation Safety health physicists certified by the FDA to perform inspections under MQSA. The initial training for inspector certification consists of courses taught under the auspices of the FDA and require the inspector to pass specific examinations. MQSA inspectors must maintain certification by:

Earning a minimum of 15 mammography continuing education units during a 36-month period.

Performing a minimum of 24 inspections within a 24-month period to remain proficient in conducting MQSA inspections.

Receiving a satisfactory audit from a certified MQSA auditor during each federal fiscal year. The audit consists of observation of the inspector performing physical measurements on the mammography systems; examination of the inspector's evaluation of quality assurance, personnel, medical records, medical physicist report and medical audit system. The auditor will also review a sample of the MQSA Inspection Records submitted by each certified inspector into the Mammography Program and Reporting Information System (MPRIS). Of equal importance during the audit is an observation of the inspector's personal interaction with facility personnel and the inspector's ability to present serious and significant observations during the discussion with facility management.

Radiation Safety's nine certified MQSA inspectors recently completed their annual audit. All inspectors passed the audit. Visit the Radiation Safety Section's [website](#) for more information.

AGENCY INSTRUCTIONS

July 11, 2016 – [Appeal and Settlement Processes for MIOSHA Enforcement Divisions](#)

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MEDIA

June 30, 2016 - [AJM Packaging Corporation in Southgate Cited for MIOSHA Violations Totaling \\$248,750 in Proposed Penalties](#)

July 14, 2016 - [Blue Diamond Steel Casting in Pigeon Michigan Cited for MIOSHA Violations Totaling \\$205,400 in Proposed Penalties](#)

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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/mioshavariances.

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