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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Michigan Worker Deaths of 2017

The 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, and 29th reported Michigan worker deaths of 2017 occurred on October 9, November 17, November 21, September 30, and November 21. 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 MIOASH 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 #25: On October 9, 2017, at approximately 1:42 p.m., a 30-year-old laborer was doing sewer repair work in an excavation approximately 70 feet long when the excavation caved in. One employee was hospitalized and the laborer died on site.


Preliminary summary of incident #26: On November 17, 2017, at approximately 9:15 a.m., a 52-year-old owner was in the process of trimming tree branches while in a vehicle-mounted elevating work platform. During the process, the branch which was cut, made contact with the arm of the bucket which caused a recoil of approximately 10 feet before propelling the owner out of the bucket. He died shortly after arrival to the hospital.


Preliminary summary of incident #27: On November 21, 2017, at approximately 10:48 a.m., while attempting to complete a water main tie-in, water rapidly filled the excavation trapping the 33-year-old laborer under water. The laborer was retrieved from the water and was taken to the hospital and later passed.


Preliminary summary of incident #28: On September 29, 2017, at approximately 7:15 a.m., a driving team of a residential rear load trash truck were collecting refuse in a condominium complex. The 63-year-old driver was emptying the left side toter using controls on the driver side of the trash truck. A vehicle behind the trash truck crossed a double yellow line to pass the truck and struck the driver, pinning him between the vehicle and the rear wheel of the trash truck. The vehicle backed up and the driver fell to the ground. EMS responded and transported the driver to the hospital. The driver suffered fractures to both legs, and underwent surgery later in the evening. The driver survived surgery, but due to complications passed away the next morning.

Preliminary summary of incident #29: On September 15, 2017, at approximately 11:30 a.m., a 25-year-old roofer was installing roofing materials on a steep pitched residential roof and fell

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approximately 15 feet to the lower level. The roofer was not wearing fall protection. The roofer later succumbed to his injuries on November 21, 2017.

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](#).

Submission Date for Injury and Illness Reports Extended

OSHA has delayed the deadline for employers to submit their injury and illness recordkeeping forms to the federal OSHA website. The previous deadline was December 1, 2017, employers now have until December 15, 2017, to electronically submit their Form 300A. Visit OSHA's [webpage](#) for more information.

National Safety Council: Substance Use Cost Calculator for Employers

The National Safety Council collaborated with other organizations to develop "[The Real Cost of Substance Use to Employers](#)" tool. This calculator provides business leaders with specific information about the cost of substance use (including prescription drug abuse and misuse, alcohol abuse and misuse, opioid and heroin addiction, and abuse of other illicit drugs and marijuana) in their workplace based on size of organization, industry, and state.

67th Michigan Industrial Ventilation Conference

This year marks the 67th Michigan Industrial Ventilation Conference (MIVC). At one time there were many industrial ventilation courses held across the United States. The MIVC is the first, longest running and only one of three that remain. The conference is held annually in early February, and draws attendees from all over the United States and foreign countries as well. Instructors are industrial ventilation experts from across the United States and Canada. Although the conference is 67 years old, it continues to evolve to keep pace with the needs of industry.

The conference has been designed with classroom instruction, presentations, and hands-on lab work with ventilation systems to keep students engaged. Currently there are several classes offered that teach the design of ventilation systems and a new class has been added to instruct students on the operation and maintenance of already installed systems. The main conference is a four-day event, with two additional workshops on Friday. The Friday workshops include a combustible dust workshop and troubleshooting workshop. The 2018 conference will be held February 12-15, 2018, at the Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center in East Lansing, with the workshops on February 16, 2018.

Click [HERE](#) for more information on the conference.

Construction Academy Expo

Three of CET's Construction Consultants participated in the Construction Academy Expo sponsored by Sasche Construction in Detroit on November 9, 2017. Jim Getting said, "Great day of hands-on safety at the MIOSHA booth. Over 800 high school kids had the opportunity to learn more about construction careers." Bryan Renaud, Phu Nguyen and Jim rigged some retractable lifelines and had the kids trying on fall protection harnesses. "The kids really were getting enthused about trying out the harnesses and getting hooked up to the lifeline."



There was a line of kids waiting to do it. They were taking each other's pictures, working the lifelines so they would grab and "catch them," and learning that fall protection is the last line of defense to keep them from hitting the ground." Click [HERE](#) for pictures from the event.

Fraudulent Activity by Star Technology College (STC)

Star Technology College (STC) in Pakistan is claiming to provide MIOSHA approved and recognized training and certificates. Please be advised these certificates are fraudulent. Additionally, STC is using MIOSHA's logos illegally. STC is NOT recognized, nor approved to conduct any training associated with the MIOSHA Training Institute (MTI). Furthermore, the MIOSHA Training Institute is not facilitating training in Pakistan, and has no affiliation, collaboration, or partnership for MTI training, outside of the United States.

If you talk to someone who believes they have received training certificates claiming to be issued on behalf of MTI-MIOSHA through Star Technology College, please have them contact the MIOSHA CET Division at 517-284-7720 or at www.michigan.gov/miosha for verification.

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 website: www.michigan.gov/mioshavariances.

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