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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Michigan Worker Deaths of 2016

The seventh, eighth, and ninth Michigan worker deaths of 2016 occurred on April 23, 27, & May 6, 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 #7: On April 27, 2016, at approximately 11:47 a.m., a 58-year-old laborer was performing construction activities on a residential home when he fell from an extension ladder, approximately 13 feet to the ground.

Preliminary summary of incident #8: On May 6, 2016, at approximately 10:00 a.m., a 55-year-old roofer was performing roofing activities when he fell approximately 45 feet from the deteriorated roof to the interior of the industrial plant.

Preliminary summary of incident #9: On April 23, 2016, a 37-year-old roofer was performing roofing activities from the platform of a rough terrain fork truck. The rough terrain fork truck shifted and the employee fell approximately 30-feet to the ground. He died from the injuries received. (Reported to MIOSHA on May 17, 2016).

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](#).

Wage & Hour Program Move

Effective Monday, May 9th, 2016, the Wage and Hour Program (WHP) was transferred from MIOSHA to the Bureau of Employment Relations (BER). The WHP will remain in the Mason Building until their new space is determined. The Wage and Hour Program website address will remain the same, www.michigan.gov/wagehour.

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June is National Safety Month (NSM)

Each June, thousands of organizations get involved and participate in this annual observance to educate and influence behaviors around leading causes of preventable injuries and deaths. With more than 75 percent of all unintentional injuries occurring in the home and community, this year's National Safety Month theme – SafeForLife – emphasizes the importance of safety both on and off the job.

The National Safety Council (NSC) will be highlighting the following weekly topics throughout June:

- Week 1: Stand Ready to Respond
- Week 2: Be Healthy
- Week 3: Watch Out for Dangers
- Week 4: Share the Roads Safely

For each week, participants have access to [free downloadable materials](#) including posters, tips sheets and games. You can also sign up to receive the Council's free NSM materials [here](#).

The following are examples of the free materials on the NSM webpage that you can help promote:

- [Free online First Aid course](#) June 1-12 – availability is limited, so register early in June
- Free webinar on June 14: [Hidden Epidemics: What the data tell us about our safety](#)
- NSM video (coming on June 1)
- NSM infographic: [A Lifetime of Risk](#)
- [NSC Safety Checkup](#) – a web app providing a custom report on your specific safety risks
- [NSC SafeAtWork Pledge](#)

2016 National Stand Down To Prevent Falls in the Construction Industry

Last month, employers across the country held Stand Down events to bring awareness to the hazard of falls. Falls are the leading cause of deaths in construction. Although the Stand Down was primarily focused on the construction industry, many other businesses and organizations participated, such as general industry, maritime, military, and agricultural.

The Safety Stand-Down to prevent falls is part of [a larger campaign](#) to prevent falls in construction, launched four years ago by NIOSH, OSHA, and others. Additional partners include the American Society for Safety Engineers (ASSE), National Construction Safety Executives (NCSE), the United States Air Force Occupational Safety, OSHA-approved state plans, state consultation programs, and OSHA Training Institute Education Centers.

This was an annual event started by [OSHA](#) in conjunction with Workers Memorial Day. [Each year the number of construction workers affected by these Stand Downs increases](#). Last year's Stand-Down was a tremendous success, reaching more than 2.5 million workers. This year, OSHA's goal is to reach 5 million workers. If they meet this goal, they will have touched more than half of the construction workers in the country. [OSHA reminds us of three simple steps to preventing falls: Plan, Provide, and Train](#).

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May 4, 2016 – [Amputations – National Emphasis Program \(NEP\)](#)

MEDIA

May 3, 2016 - [MIOSHA, Granger Construction and AGC of Michigan to Participate in National Fall Prevention Stand-Down](#)

May 3, 2016 - [MIOSHA and the American Society of Safety Engineers' Michigan Chapters Renew Alliance to Protect Workers and Enhance Safety](#)

May 5, 2016 - [MSU, Barton Malow and MIOSHA Partner at FRIB to Raise Awareness of Preventing Falls in Construction](#)

May 3, 2016 - [Bell's Brewery and Michigan Agencies Meet with, Educate Michigan Brewers, Distillers and Winemakers](#)

May 16, 2016 – [MIOSHA Orders Sunset Tree Service & Landscaping to Cease Operations Due to Unresolved Worker Safety Issues](#)

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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