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Dear Residential Contractor:

The **Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration (MIOSHA)**, in partnership with the **Home Builders Association (HBA) of Michigan**, is launching a **“Residential Construction Initiative”** to assist employers in protecting their workers from the most common hazards associated with residential construction. The initiative will be in effect for one year, from **May 15, 2014 through May 15, 2015**.

Residential construction has been experiencing moderate growth during the past few years which has contributed to higher injury rates and fatalities in construction. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the total case incident rate (TCIR) for Michigan construction increased from 2.6 injuries and illnesses per 100 full-time workers in 2011 to 5.0 in 2012. Over the last five years more than **37% of construction fatalities in Michigan have occurred in the residential industry**.

The key components of this initiative are:

- A **Residential Construction Local Emphasis Program (LEP)** – Focusing resources on inspections of single and multi-family home construction. Inspections will focus on the **“Top 5”** serious hazard categories commonly associated with residential construction. The “Top 5” categories are:
  - 1) Falls
  - 2) Scaffolds
  - 3) Ladders
  - 4) PPE/Tool Guarding
  - 5) Electrical
- A **Residential Inspection Checklist** and other information to assist the employer in identifying common hazards will be distributed during inspections and is available on the MIOSHA website.
- A **Residential Construction Initiative Webpage** has been developed which provides residential employers and employees with an easy one-stop link to residential-specific information (e.g., fact sheets, tool box talks, training materials and seminars, webcasts, and fatality case studies). The webpage can be accessed at [www.michigan.gov/mioshareidential](http://www.michigan.gov/mioshareidential).
- **“Safety in Residential Construction” training seminars** are being offered through local home building chapters around the state by the MIOSHA Consultation Education and Training (CET) Division and the HBA of Michigan. For more information contact the CET Division at 517.322.1809 or go to [www.michigan.gov/mioshatraining](http://www.michigan.gov/mioshatraining). You can also go to the HBA of Michigan website at <http://www.buildingmichigan.org> and click on the education link to see a list of seminars offered by local home builder associations.

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- **“Building Up Residential Safety Day”** Residential contractors across Michigan are invited to participate in a special “Building Up Residential Safety Day” on **August 14, 2014**. MIOSHA compliance and consultation staff will visit Michigan residential worksites. These visits will focus on specific hazards/areas as requested by the employer. There will be **NO CITATIONS** and **NO PENALTIES** for participating workplaces. Participants must register to participate and agree to correct all serious conditions. Go to [www.michigan.gov/mioshareidential](http://www.michigan.gov/mioshareidential) and click on the “Building Up Residential Safety Day” link to register or call 517.322.1809. The deadline to submit a request is **July 23, 2014**.

MIOSHA and HBA of Michigan are sending this letter to more than 4,900 Michigan residential contractors to assist in identifying and correcting hazards that are common in residential construction to protect workers and save lives. We encourage you to use the resources available through this initiative. Your support and participation are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



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