



Masonry Institute of Michigan (MIM)

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The Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration (MIOSHA), Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity (LEO) and the Masonry Institute of Michigan (MIM) recognize the value of establishing a cooperative relationship to promote a safer construction work environment for the state of Michigan. MIOSHA and MIM will form an alliance to provide the construction industry and MIOSHA construction staff with information, guidance, and training resources to help protect employees' safety, particularly in minimizing hazardous exposure to masonry walls under construction that are above grade.

Goals and Objectives of Alliance:

- o To promote life safety as the principal goal in providing a high level of protection to masonry industry personnel and other construction employees.
- o To promote the latest Standard Practice for Bracing Masonry Walls Under Construction and Masonry Wallbracing Design Handbook published by the Mason Contractors Association of America, as an industry standard and accept it as in compliance with the MIOSHA Construction Safety Standards, Part 2. Masonry Wall Bracing.
- o To train and educate the workforce and MIOSHA on temporarily bracing masonry walls under construction safely above grade.
- o Provide assistance and expertise to the MIOSHA Construction Safety Standards Commission for developing, updating, or improving Part 2. Masonry Wall Bracing.

To promote dialogue between the Alliance and the construction and masonry industry in the state of Michigan through the various masonry state associations.

Outreach and Communication:

MIM will communicate through it's website (www.mim-online.org), bimonthly magazine (**The Story Pole**), conferences, seminars, Safety Day, etc. to educate and share safety information with the construction industry and MIOSHA construction staff.



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- MIM will communicate electronically via their website an update summary of the Alliance meetings.
- MIM will publish annually one article, authored by MIOSHA, in The Story Pole for the mason contractor issue pertaining to wall bracing or other masonry related issues.
- MIOSHA will publish annually one article, authored by MIM, in their newsletter, MIOSHA News, pertaining to wall bracing or other masonry related issues.
- MIOSHA will create a Construction Fact Sheet that addresses masonry wall bracing and accepts the Standard Practice For Bracing Masonry Walls Under Construction and Masonry Wallbracing Design Handbook published by the Mason Contractors Association of America as an industry standard. The Construction Fact Sheet will be posted on the MIOSHA website (www.michigan.gov/MIOSHA) with a link under Part 2. Masonry Wall Bracing on the MIOSHA Standards page.

MIM will inform the construction industry of changes in MIOSHA's Administrative and Standards to keep the construction industry current with interpretation and compliance relative to wall bracing.

Training and Education:

MIM will train and educate the construction industry and MIOSHA on temporarily bracing masonry walls under construction safely above grade in accordance with the Standard Practice for Bracing Masonry Walls Under Construction and Masonry Wall Bracing Design Handbook. The success of the Alliance will be measured with the monitoring of wall blow downs, injuries, and citations issued. It is anticipated that Part 2 Wall Bracing Standard's concerns are identified, remedied, and then implemented.

- MIM will conduct one training session annually to discuss and demonstrate proper wall bracing procedures for MIOSHA construction staff.
- MIM will conduct at least one training session annually to discuss and demonstrate proper wall bracing procedures for masonry industry personnel and other construction employees.





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The first formal cooperative agreement between MIOSHA and the Masonry Institute of Michigan was signed on February 22, 2006.

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Alliance Agreements

- [Alliance Agreement - February 22, 2006](#) (doc)
- Alliance Agreement Renewal - March 12, 2009 ([doc](#) / [pdf](#))
- [Alliance Agreement Renewal - April 6, 2021](#) (pdf)

Alliance Press Release

- [Press Release February 28, 2006](#)



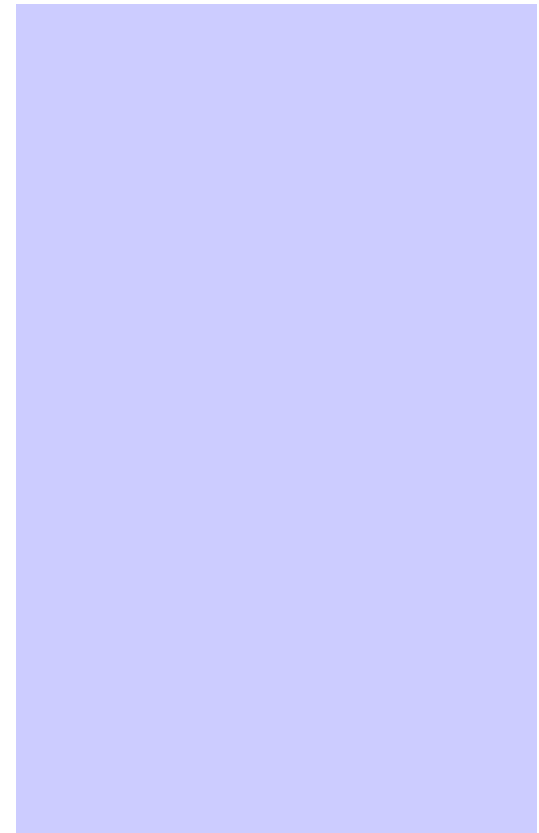


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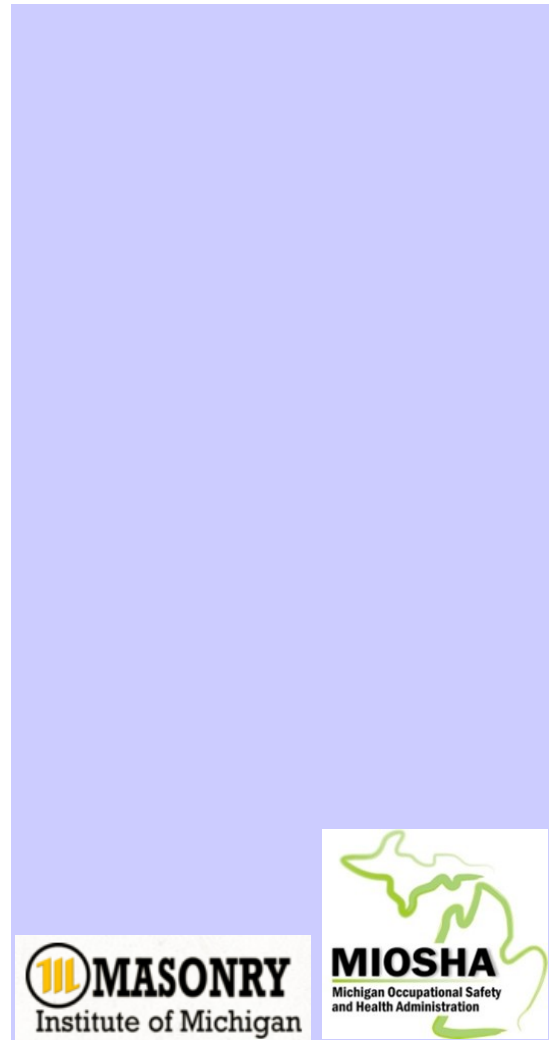


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The logo for the Masonry Institute of Michigan, featuring a stylized "M" made of three vertical bars of increasing height, followed by the text "MASONRY Institute of Michigan".
The logo for MIOSHA (Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration), featuring a green outline of the state of Michigan with a white silhouette of a person inside, followed by the text "MIOSHA Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration".