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DRIVING SAFETY

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33,808

What does this number represent? It's the number of people who were killed in police-reported traffic crashes in the United States in 2009.

Here are some other traffic safety statistics from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration:

- 5,505,000 traffic crashes were reported to police in 2009
- 2,217,000 people were injured in police-reported traffic crashes in 2009
- \$230.6 billion was the economic cost of motor vehicle crashes in 2000.

During "Drive Safely to Work Week" share these 5 safe driving practices with your workers.

1. Drive defensively. Be prepared for the unexpected, including watching for mistakes by other drivers.
2. Leave at least a two-second space between you and the vehicle in front of you..
3. Learn to manage fatigue so you won't be driving when you are drowsy.
4. Have your eyesight checked and, if necessary, update your prescription eyewear regularly so that your vision remains sharp.
5. Never drive under the influence or alcohol or drugs. Driving while impaired by prescription drugs, and even hangovers, has been the cause of many incidents.

Upcoming Chapter Meetings

To reserve a seat via e-mail, please send your name, telephone number and email address to:

reservations@assesj.org

Date: Tuesday October 11, 2011

Time: 12 Noon

**Location: Santa Clara Biltmore Hotel and Suites
2151 Laurelwood Road, 95054 Santa Clara**

Presentation Summary: Emergency Preparedness

Speaker: Mr. David Keenan of Performance Safety Associates

David Keenan will present this month's topic "Emergency Preparedness". David has a refreshing and uplifting presentation on a perennial subject that you will all enjoy. David's firm, Performance Safety Associates, is a consulting practice in environmental health and safety management.

Tip of the Month:

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Look to your first aid kit for signs of near misses

Having trouble encouraging workers to report near misses? Consider using a logging process for the first aid kits in work areas. This will let you keep track of minor injuries that workers would not normally consider reporting. Keep the logging process extremely brief, simply recording the date and the cause, and a checklist of minor results. You can then analyze the logs to determine if there are near miss issues that are not being reported or if a potentially serious situation needs to be addressed or investigated more closely.



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Guidelines for Recording Hearing Loss on OSHA 300 Log

National Hearing Conservation Association (NHCA) has issued guidelines to help audiologists and other professional reviewers record hearing loss on the OSHA 300 Log. According to NHCA, occupational hearing losses are routinely underreported and professionals have sometimes reported difficulties in determining recordability and work relatedness.

When determining occupational hearing loss for documentation, a professional reviewer should take the following into consideration:

- * OSHA's policies and legal determinations that if it is more likely than not that any part of qualifying hearing loss is work related, it must be recorded;
- * noise measurements, which include work area and personal dosimetry measurements to determine the worker's time-weighted-average exposure level;
- * audiometric configuration, which describes configurations consistent with nonwork-related causes;
- * nonoccupational exposures and medical history.

NHCA guidelines also provide advice to service providers as to how to handle pressure to underdocument occupational hearing loss and emphasize the need for consistent, diligent follow-up for standard threshold shift (STS) occurrences, whether the STS meets the qualifications for recordability in order to prevent further loss.

In addition, although the guidelines discuss documentation of hearing protection use and compliance with the limits by the Hearing Conservation Amendment, they emphasize that this compliance is not sufficient evidence to establish that no part of the loss was work related.

To view the guidelines, visit:

<http://www.hearingconservation.org/associations/10915/files/guidelinesforworkrelatednessdraft8.pdf>.



Institute to Focus on Aerial Work Platform Safety

Institute for Aerial Lift Safety has opened in Philadelphia. It is the first nonprofit organization in North America focused solely on aerial lift safety training. Its goal is to improve workers' hazard awareness in order to increase overall workplace safety and decrease the potential for aerial-lift-related incidents. The institute will deliver programs available from American Work Platform Training (AWPT), the North American training arm of the International Powered Access Federation. Courses include theoretical and practical hands-on training on scissor lifts, boom lifts and truck-mounted aerials.

Upon completion of an AWPT program, the student receives a PAL (powered access licensed-registration) card, which identifies the student and notes the type(s) of aerial work platforms on which s/he has been trained. According to AWPT, the card is recognized in many countries as proof that the platform operator has been properly trained to operate aerial devices. To learn more about the institute, visit <http://www.aerialliftsafety.org>.



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Upcoming events:



ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATIONS & THEIR APPLICABILITY

Dates: October 11, 2011

Meets: Tuesday : 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Hours: 3.30

Fee: \$60

Location: State Office Bldg, 1515 Clay Street, 2nd Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

<https://www.coehcereg.org/CourseStatus.awp?&course=11IHF1011>

The Center's Continuing Education Program, located at the University of California Berkeley School of Public Health, offers a broad range of accredited courses for practicing health and safety professionals. The program draws upon faculty from throughout the Center as well as nationally prominent guest instructors. Courses range from a few hours to a week in length. Attendees include physicians, nurses, occupational hygienists, safety professionals, and other professionals interested in occupational health issues.



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InterConstruct 2011 Virtual Conference-October 18-19
Who Should Attend?

With a focus on international issues presented by speakers from around the world, InterConstruct 2011 will be of interest to:

- Managers, consultants, civil engineers, field-level safety supervisors, construction-level supervisors and safety and health coordinators.
- Insurance risk managers and loss control professionals with construction industry insurance coverage
Government policy makers and client organizations

<http://www.interconstruct2011.com/index.php>



Regulatory Updates by the Experts

BAESG

Professional Development Conference

Biltmore Hotel

2151 Laurelwood Rd., Santa Clara, CA 95054

October 26, 2011

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