

CONN-OSHA

Breakfast Roundtable Discussion Group Meeting

Tuesday, November 21, 2017

8:15 am – 9:45 am

The safety and health of any company can sometimes be an overlooked priority. The Labor Department's CONN-OSHA division has taken steps to help your business keep up to date on the latest information and resources. On the third Tuesday of every month, CONN-OSHA offers *Breakfast Roundtable Meetings* that cover subjects ranging from evacuation plans and fire extinguishers to air quality and ergonomics. The intent of these free 90-minute workshops is to discuss safety and health issues in a supportive and informal environment.

The roundtable meetings are held from 8:15 am to 9:45 on the third Tuesday of the month at the Connecticut Department of Labor:

**Conference Room A
CT Dept. of Labor
200 Folly Brook Boulevard
Wethersfield, CT 06109
Phone (860) 263-6900**

Pre-registration is required. Those interested in attending should reply to this e-mail or send an email to john.able@ct.gov.

The focus subject for the November 21, 2017 meeting is:

“Electronic Injury & Illness Recordkeeping”

As part of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration's (OSHA) "[Improve Tracking of Workplace Injuries and Illnesses](#)" rule, certain employers in [high-risk industries](#) like construction, manufacturing and building materials must submit electronically their 2016 injury and illness data from OSHA Form 300A by Dec. 1.

This [applies to each employer establishment](#) — [not necessarily the entire company](#), but every single location where the company provides services or performs industrial operations — with at least 20 employees and no more than 249. These high-risk establishments must then submit their 2017 300A forms by July 1, 2018, and then annually by March 2 thereafter.

Establishments in any industry and with 250 employees or more have the same 300A December reporting obligation but must submit OSHA [Forms 300A, 300 and 301](#) for 2017 incidents by July 1, 2018, and then annually on March 2 starting in 2019.

All public sector employers, regardless of size, must submit for each establishment information from their 2016 Form 300A by December 1, 2017

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Agenda

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- Welcome and Introduction
 - John Able, CSP
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- Low/No-Cost Training/Certification/Educational Opportunities
 - 19th Annual ASSE New England Area Professional Development Conference (PDC), November 7th & 8th, 2017, Southbridge Hotel & Conference Center, Southbridge, MA. “Discover, Share, Excel.” **G**o to:

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The PDC includes a variety of practical and technical programs which include management techniques and soft skills.

- The next Construction Safety Roundtable of Eastern Massachusetts (CSREM) Roundtable OSHA Alliance professional safety development meeting is Tuesday, November 14th at 10 am. This month's Speaker is Tim Irving and topic is annual OSHA update.

Tim Irving, Assistant Regional Administrator for Cooperative and State Programs, US DOL/OSHA Region 1 Office, JFK Federal Building, Room E 340, Boston, MA, 02203, will present the ever popular "Annual OSHA Update" and recap the agency's fiscal year enforcement and outreach results for FY 2017. The review will cover the national, regional and local inspection and citation information as well as the regional fatal accident statistics. The CSREM has been instrumental in the success of the OSHA outreach efforts and other campaigns. Tim will give an update on how the success of these local events have national implications and how we can support upcoming trainings.

As customary, please RSVP to Nancy Hughes of OHS Training & Consulting Inc. at nancy.ohstc@gmail.com, by noontime Friday November 10th to insure we have an accurate head count for the luncheon and correct seating arrangements for this meeting.

- CONN-OSHA has scheduled a no-cost OSHA Recordkeeping class training class for Tuesday, December 5, 2014 from 9 am – 12 noon. Pre-registration is required, send an e-mail to zinsser.catherine@dol.gov.
- The CT Chapter Academy of the Alliance of Hazardous Materials Managers (CTACHMM) December 7, 2017 General Membership Meeting topic will be "Preparing for Inspections – OSHA, EPA, CT DEEP," and "CT Water Permitting/Water Permit Inspections." Go to:

[http://www.ctachmm.org/New%20Website%20\(Post%20March%202010\)/Events_rev.htm](http://www.ctachmm.org/New%20Website%20(Post%20March%202010)/Events_rev.htm)

- Ongoing Educational Opportunities

- For the OSHA Training Institute Education Center, Keene State College schedule of classes, go to their home page at: www.OSHAedNE.com.

- New Business/News

- OSHA Oct. 19 issued "Interim Enforcement Guidance for the Respirable Crystalline Silica in Construction Standard," to assist agency inspectors and employers in ensuring compliance with the rule. On October 23, 2017, OSHA began fully enforcing the new [respirable crystalline silica standard for construction](#). [Interim guidance](#) issued to OSHA compliance staff highlights some of the requirements of the standard.

Information on silica hazards and related OSHA standards are now in one location on OSHA's [website](#).

- Silica Webpage Updated. Information on silica hazards and related OSHA standards are now in one location on OSHA's website. The updated [silica page](#) contains links to guidance on complying with OSHA's silica standards in both [construction](#) and [general industry and maritime](#), as well as information on silica sampling and analysis, health effects of silica exposure, and answers to frequently asked questions.
- 2018 National Safety Stand-Down to Prevent Falls to be held May 7-11, 2018. The fifth annual [National Safety Stand-Down](#) to prevent falls in construction will be held May 7-11, 2018. Sponsored by OSHA, the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), and CPWR — The Center for Construction Research and Training, the weeklong outreach event encourages employers and workers to pause during the work day to talk about fall hazards and prevention. In past years, more than 1 million workers participated in events.
- **Crane Notice** from the State of CT Department of Administrative Services. In response to OSHA's proposed amendment to delay its requirement for crane operator certification from November 10, 2017, to November 17, 2018, the Department of Administrative Services, Office of the State Fire Marshal, issues this clarification regarding Connecticut state crane operator licenses.

All Connecticut crane operator licenses are valid until the expiration date on the face of the license. Pursuant to section 29-223 of the Connecticut General Statutes, no crane operator license will be renewed unless such operator has taken and passed a retest exam within the four years leading up to such renewal date. The license of any operator who has not taken a retest prior to October 1, 2017, remains valid until its renewal date.

<http://portal.ct.gov/DAS/Office-of-State-Fire-Marshal/Office-of-State-Fire-Marshal>)

- On Sept. 26, at the National Safety Council's annual Congress & Expo, OSHA Deputy Director of Enforcement Programs Patrick Kapust announced the preliminary list of 10 standards most frequently cited by the agency's inspectors during Fiscal Year 2017. [Fall protection](#) was the most-cited standard for the seventh year in a row, followed by [Hazard Communication](#), and [Scaffolding](#). The only new addition to last year's list was [Fall Protection – Training Requirements](#), which came in at ninth place. OSHA publicizes the [Top 10 list](#) to increase awareness of these standards so employers can take steps to find and fix the hazards to prevent injury or illness.



Top from left: Fall Protection, Hazard Communication, Scaffolding, Respiratory Protection, Lockout/Tagout

Bottom from left: Ladders, Powered Industrial Trucks, Machine Guarding, Fall Protection – Training Requirements, Electrical – Wiring Methods

- **elaws**[®] - OSHA Recordkeeping Advisor

The [OSHA Recordkeeping Advisor](#) provides employers information on how to address the Federal requirement to report and record work-related injuries and illnesses.

The OSHA Recordkeeping Advisor is intended to help determine:

- Whether an injury or illness (or related event) is work-related
- Whether an event or exposure at home or on travel is work-related
- Whether an exception applies to the injury or illness
- Whether a work-related injury or illness needs to be recorded
- Which provisions of the regulations apply when recording a work-related case

The OSHA Recordkeeping Advisor presents questions and relies on responses to determine the appropriate course of action. The Advisor does not store any information. If the Advisor does not address the circumstances of a particular case, please [contact OSHA](#) or obtain expert advice.

OSHA Recordkeeping Advisor Link:

<http://webapps.dol.gov/elaws/OSHARecordkeeping.htm>

- **37.8 million fire extinguishers recalled after one death, 16 injuries reported.** More than 37.8 million fire extinguishers are being recalled because they may fail to activate during a fire. More than 37.8 million Kiddie fire

extinguishers are being recalled because they may fail to activate during a fire, according to the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC).

The fire extinguishers may become clogged or require excessive force to discharge. In addition, the nozzle may detach with enough force to seriously hurt someone. At least one death and 16 injuries have been linked to the faulty extinguishers.

The recall covers 134 models of Kiddie fire extinguishers manufactured between January 1, 1973 and August 15, 2017 -- including models that were previously recalled in [March 2009](#) and [February 2015](#). They were sold in red, white and silver, and are either ABC- or BC-rated. The model number is printed on the fire extinguisher label.

In 2014, a person died in a car fire after emergency responders could not get the recalled Kiddie fire extinguishers to work. There have been approximately 391 reports of failed or limited activation or nozzle detachment, approximately 16 injuries, and approximately 91 reports of property damage.

Consumers should immediately contact Kidde to request a free replacement fire extinguisher and for instructions on returning the recalled unit, as it may not work properly in a fire emergency.

The company has set up a hotline at 855-271-0773, which is available from from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. ET Saturday and Sunday. Customers can also visit www.kidde.com and click on "Product Safety Recall" for more information.

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