

## CONN-OSHA

### Breakfast Roundtable Discussion Group

8:15 am – 9:45 am

### Agenda

December 20, 2016

- Welcome and Introduction
  - John Able, CSP  
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[John.able@ct.gov](mailto:John.able@ct.gov)
  
- “Making Safety Simpler – using Continuous Improvement principles to enhance your safety approach”
  - Peter T. Susca, Principal  
OpX Safety  
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Wethersfield, CT 06109  
860-713-8050 (Phone)  
888-551-5966 (Fax)  
[OpXsafety@cox.net](mailto:OpXsafety@cox.net)  
[Opxsafety.com](http://Opxsafety.com)
  
- Low/No-Cost Training/Certification/Educational Opportunities
  - The [Massachusetts Department of Labor Standards](#) (MA DLS) is offering FREE Fall Protection in Residential Construction Seminars:
    - Springfield, MA, Mar. 8, 2017
    - Stow, MA, June 14, 2017
    - Springfield, MA, Sept. 13, 2017

Falls are one of the most common causes of workplace injuries and deaths. This OSHA-sponsored training is a great opportunity to learn about safety in the workplace and what is needed to meet OSHA requirements for preventing falls at residential construction worksites. MA DLS is offering four sessions starting December 2016 through September 2017. Attendees can go to any session, and

they must *complete an entire session in order to receive an OSHA* certificate. For registration and more information, visit [www.mass.gov/dols](http://www.mass.gov/dols) and click on the link under *News & Updates*, Fall Protection in Residential Construction Seminar, or email [susan.humphreys@state.ma.us](mailto:susan.humphreys@state.ma.us), 617-626-6474.

- CONN-OSHA is offering a no-cost OSHA Recordkeeping class on Wednesday, January 11, 2017 from **9 am – 12 noon** at the CT Dept. of Labor. To register send an e-mail to [Catherine.zinsser@ct.gov](mailto:Catherine.zinsser@ct.gov).
- The January 17, 2017 CONN-OSHA Breakfast Roundtable Discussion Group subject will be Electrical Arc Flash. Josh Mikels, Brady's Arc Flash Safety Solutions Manager will provide a very informative presentation.
- CONN-OSHA is offering a no-cost Powered Industrial Truck (Fork Truck) safety training class on Wednesday, February 8, 2017 from 10 am – 12 noon at the CT Dept. of Labor. To register send an e-mail to [Catherine.zinsser@ct.gov](mailto:Catherine.zinsser@ct.gov).
- The February 21, 2017 CONN-OSHA Breakfast Roundtable Discussion Group subject will be OSHA Recordkeeping. To register send an e-mail to [Catherine.zinsser@ct.gov](mailto:Catherine.zinsser@ct.gov).
- CONN-OSHA is offering a no-cost Construction Site Safety training class on Wednesday, March 8, 2017 from **9 am – 12 noon** at the CT Dept. of Labor. To register send an e-mail to [Catherine.zinsser@ct.gov](mailto:Catherine.zinsser@ct.gov).
- The March 21, 2017 CONN-OSHA Breakfast Roundtable Discussion Group subject will be Power Tool Safety, presented by Craig Schoen. Craig represents Makita Industrial Power Tools and Outdoor Power Equipment throughout the Northeast. Makita is a leading brand in the tool and power equipment industries. Craig brings a wealth of knowledge in tool application and safety techniques. His goal is to work with users on becoming better tool operators while improving their productivity and work quality. To register send an e-mail to [Catherine.zinsser@ct.gov](mailto:Catherine.zinsser@ct.gov).
- CONN-OSHA is offering a no-cost Work Zone Safety training class on Wednesday, April 5, 2017 from 10 am – 12 noon at the CT Dept. of Labor. To register send an e-mail to [Catherine.zinsser@ct.gov](mailto:Catherine.zinsser@ct.gov).
- CONN-OSHA is offering a no-cost Lockout/Tagout safety training class on Wednesday, April 12, 2017 from 10 am – 12 noon at the CT Dept. of Labor. To register send an e-mail to [Catherine.zinsser@ct.gov](mailto:Catherine.zinsser@ct.gov).
- The April 18, 2017 CONN-OSHA Breakfast Roundtable Discussion Group subject will be Slips, Trips and Falls.

- The May 16, 2017 CONN-OSHA Breakfast Roundtable Discussion Group subject will be “Active Shooter Awareness and Preparedness training.”
- OSHA Summer Summit! Tuesday, June 13, 2017, SAVE THE DATE! UMass Amherst. Registration opens March 1, 2017 at [www.scwne.org](http://www.scwne.org). For additional info: [OSHASummerSummit@gmail.com](mailto:OSHASummerSummit@gmail.com).
- 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](http://www.OSHAedNE.com).
- New Business/News
  - OSHA issues final rule updating walking-working surfaces standards and establishing personal fall protection systems requirements. On November 17, 2016 OSHA issued a new final rule that updates and revises the outdated general industry Walking-Working Surfaces and Personal Protective Equipment (Fall Protection Systems) standards on slip, trip, and fall hazards, which are a leading cause of worker deaths and lost-workday injuries (29 CFR part 1910, subparts D and I). The rule was published in the Federal Register on Friday, November 18.

The final rule applies to all general industry workplaces and covers all walking-working surfaces, which include horizontal and vertical surfaces such as floors, stairs, roofs, ladders, ramps, scaffolds, elevated walkways, and fall protection systems.

It impacts a variety of general industry firms including building management services, utilities, warehousing, retail, window cleaning, chimney sweeping, and outdoor advertising.

The rule provides greater consistency between OSHA’s general industry and construction standards, which makes compliance easier for employers who perform both general industry and construction activities. It incorporates advances in technology, industry best practices, and national consensus standards. OSHA estimates the final rule will prevent 29 worker deaths and 5,842 lost-workday injuries each year.

Major changes and new requirements to the rule include:

- Fall protection flexibility
- Updated scaffold requirements to match OSHA’s construction scaffold standards
- Phase-in of ladder safety systems or personal fall arrest systems on fixed ladders (20 years)
- Phase-out of the “qualified climber” exception in outdoor advertising

- Rope descent systems (RDS) and certification of anchorages
- Personal fall protection system performance and use requirements
- Inspection of walking-working surfaces
- Training and retraining as necessary in a manner the worker understands

The final rule becomes effective on January 17th, 2017. Other key compliance timeframes can be found here:

(<https://www.osha.gov/walking-working-surfaces/index.html>) on their [webpage](#) along with the full text of the rule, frequently asked questions, and a Fact Sheet.

- On December 1, 2016, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration issued [Recommended Practices for Safety and Health Programs in Construction](https://www.osha.gov/shpguidelines/docs/8524_OSHA_Construction_Guidelines_R4.pdf) ([https://www.osha.gov/shpguidelines/docs/8524\\_OSHA\\_Construction\\_Guidelines R4.pdf](https://www.osha.gov/shpguidelines/docs/8524_OSHA_Construction_Guidelines_R4.pdf)) to help industry employers develop proactive programs to keep their workplaces safe. The recommendations may be particularly helpful to small- and medium-sized contractors who lack safety and health specialists on staff.

In addition, OSHA has issued Recommended Practices for Safety and Health Programs for General Industry:

[https://www.osha.gov/shpguidelines/docs/OSHA\\_SHP\\_Recommended\\_Practices.pdf](https://www.osha.gov/shpguidelines/docs/OSHA_SHP_Recommended_Practices.pdf)

Safety and health programs encourage finding and fixing workplace hazards before they cause injuries, illnesses and deaths. Implementing these programs also helps reduce the financial difficulties these events can cause for workers, their families and their employers.

Contractors can create a safety and health program using a number of simple steps that include: training workers on how to identify and control hazards; inspecting the jobsite with workers to identify problems with equipment and materials; and developing responses to possible emergency scenarios in advance.

"The recommendations outlined in this document will help contractors prevent injuries and illnesses on their construction sites and make their companies more profitable," said Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health Dr. David Michaels.

The recommended practices for a safety and health program are flexible and can be adjusted to fit small and large construction companies handling short-term or multi-year projects. Working with employees to implement a program can offer other benefits including improvements in production and quality; greater employee morale; improved employee recruiting and retention; and a more favorable image and reputation among customers, suppliers and the community.

These recommendations are advisory only and do not create any new legal obligations or alter existing obligations created by OSHA standards or regulations.

For additional information on Safety and Health Programs, go to <https://www.osha.gov/shpguidelines/index.html>.

- **TOOLS FOR SAFETY AND HEALTH** - Just in time for winter, the Center for Construction Research and Training (CPWR) has added an updated Hazard Alert on [Working in Cold Weather](#):

<http://www.cpwr.com/sites/default/files/publications/Cold%20Weather%20Web%20HazAlert.pdf> (See attached)

to its popular series. The sturdy pocket brochures are written in plain language and contain powerful color illustrations. They are great handouts for toolbox talks and training classes. For hard copies, [email CPWR](mailto:sbenjamin@cpwr.com) at [sbenjamin@cpwr.com](mailto:sbenjamin@cpwr.com); this and other Hazard Alerts can also be downloaded as 8x11 flyers. Looking for more ways to protect yourself and your employees? Check out our [Cold Weather toolbox talk](#):

[http://www.cpwr.com/sites/default/files/publications/CPWR\\_Cold\\_Weather\\_0.pdf](http://www.cpwr.com/sites/default/files/publications/CPWR_Cold_Weather_0.pdf).

For a complete selection of topics, visit CPWR's [Handouts and Toolbox Talks](#) page found here: <http://www.cpwr.com/publications/handouts-and-toolbox-talks>

- Announcements from the floor
- Adjourn

