



Electrical Arc Flash Risk Assessment Topic At CONN-OSHA's Jan. 17 Employer Roundtable

WETHERSFIELD, January 6, 2017 – Mitigating the risk of an electrical arc flash in the workplace is the topic of discussion at the January 17 Employer Breakfast Roundtable meeting sponsored by the Connecticut Department of Labor's Division of Occupational Safety and Health (CONN-OSHA).

Injuries associated with an electrical arc flash can include skin burns, respiratory issues, hearing loss, and eye damage. The 8:15 to 9:45 a.m. meeting, geared to help employers keep employees and the workplace environment safe, will be offered at the agency's Central Office, 200 Folly Brook Boulevard, Wethersfield.

Guest speaker Josh Mikels, an engineer with Brady Corporation, will discuss risk assessment procedures during his presentation titled, *Choosing the Best Method for Performing Your Arc Flash Risk Assessment*.

"A professionally-licensed electrical engineer with more than 14 years of experience in electrical safety, electrical system design, and project management, Josh not only performs Brady's arc flash services, but is responsible for continuing to develop and expand the company's arc flash safety programs," explains John Able, CONN-OSHA Occupational Safety Training Specialist and roundtable project coordinator.

According to Able, Mikel's talk will cover these areas:

- Arc flash hazard assessment procedures required by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 70E, the Standard for Electrical Safety in the Workplace
- Benefits and setbacks of using the NFPA Table Method
- Benefits and setbacks of using the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) Engineered Method
- How to select the best arc flash method for your company

Admission to the breakfast is free, but pre-registration is required. Please contact Able at john.able@ct.gov to register or for additional information.

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