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](mailto:john.able@ct.gov).

The focus subject for the April 18, 2017 meeting is:

**“Slips, Trips and Falls”**

Brian Belinger, Regional Sales Manager for Rust-Oleum and Scott Bakewell from SPC/Brady will provide information on slip, trip and fall (STF) assessments, prevention programs, and STF products.

Brian Belinger is the Regional Sales Manager for Rust-Oleum. He has been with Rust-Oleum for 5 years, and has 20 years of experience in industrial sales. He is an OSHA 10-Hour Construction Outreach Trainer, and has conducted over 50 slip trip and fall assessments in both commercial and industrial facilities.
CONN-OSHA
Breakfast Roundtable Discussion Group
8:15 am – 9:45 am
Agenda
April 18, 2017

- Welcome and Introduction
  - John Able, CSP
    Occupational Safety Training Specialist
    CONN-OSHA
    John.able@ct.gov

- “Slips, Trips and Falls”
  - Brian Belinger
    Regional Sales Manager
    Rust-Oleum
    Scott Bakewell
    SPC/Brady

- Low/No-Cost Training/Certification/Educational Opportunities
  - 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.

  - The next Construction Safety Roundtable – Eastern Massachusetts (CSREM) meeting is Tuesday, April 11th at 10 am. The professional development topic is “Suicide in the Workplace and Prevention Methods.” According to the Center for Disease Control (CDC), Construction and Extraction workers account for 10.8% of the nation’s suicides and according to the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, suicide (11) was the leading single cause of workplace fatalities in 2013, followed by falls (10) as the second.
The speakers will be Shamera Simpson, The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention’s (AFSP) Area Director, Eastern MA and RI; Kelley Cunningham, Commonwealth of Massachusetts Assistant Director of the Suicide Prevention Program, and Timothy Irving, OSHA Assistant Regional Administrator will be presenting on this topic. Highlights of this presentation will focus on facts about occupational suicide as reported by the CDC, Bureau of Labor Statistics, and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health; AFSP will present a suicide prevention training called Talk Saves Lives and MA Division of Violence and Injury Prevention will review available resources and update on local initiatives targeted at the CSREM membership.

To preview reports, go to:

https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/65/wr/mm6525a1.htm?s_cid=mm6525a1_w,

The sponsor for this month’s meeting is Raymond C. Coia, Administrator, New England Laborers Health and Safety Fund and meeting hosted by Kevin McCarthy of Liberty Mutual. The meeting is being held at Liberty Mutual Conference Center, Riverside Office Park, 20 Riverside Road, Weston, MA 02493. If you get lost, call Kevin on his cell phone # 617-512-0848 or Nancy on her phone # 617-959-4414.

As customary, please RSVP to Nancy Hughes of OHS Training & Consulting Inc. at nancy.ohstc@gmail.com, by this Friday April 7th to insure your name is on the security badge list and an accurate head count is provided for the luncheon.

- 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.

- The Hudson River Valley Chapter of the American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE) is holding their annual Professional Development Conference (PDC) and Trade Show “Safety Issues in a Rapidly Changing World” on Thursday, April 13, 2017 in Harriman, NY. ASSE members $30 includes lunch, see attached or go to:
  http://hudsonrivervalley.asse.org/events/2017-pdc-information/

- CONN-OSHA is offering a no-cost Recordkeeping training class on Wednesday, April 19, 2017 from 9 am – 12 noon at the CT Dept. of Labor. To register send an e-mail to Catherine.zinsser@ct.gov.
The Western Massachusetts Section American Industrial Hygiene Assoc. (AIHA) will hold a Dinner Meeting on Tuesday, April 25, 2017 in Chicopee, MA. The presentation is “Fixed Monitoring Sensor Technology,” by Russell Ellis, ETA Process Instrumentation. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

Meet! Connect! Network! 6th Annual Construction BBQ hosted by the CT Associated Builders and Contractors (CT ABC) and the Construction Education Center. Thursday, May 4, 2017, 5:30 - 8:30 pm, New Life Church, Wallingford. Join us for a terrific industry networking event! There will be an all-you-can eat BBQ and industry exhibitors. Click [HERE](#) for a registration flyer or contact Suzanne at suzanne@ctabc.org.

The CT Associated Builders & Contractors (CT ABC) Tuesday, May 9, 2017 Smart Start Breakfast Series topic is “How to Comply With OSHA's Silica Standard.” The event will be held at Shepard Steel, Hartford, from 8 am – 10 am. For all the details and to Register click [HERE](#).

CONN-OSHA is offering a no-cost Chemical Hazardous Communication Program (GHS) safety training class on Wednesday, May 10, 2017 from 10 am – 12 noon at the CT Dept. of Labor. To register send an e-mail to Catherine.zinsser@ct.gov.

The May 16, 2017 CONN-OSHA Breakfast Roundtable Discussion Group subject will be “Active Shooter Awareness and Preparedness Training.” To register send an e-mail to john.able@ct.gov.

CONN-OSHA is offering a no-cost Recordkeeping training class on Wednesday, June 7, 2017 from 9 am – 12 noon at the CT Dept. of Labor. To register send an e-mail to Catherine.zinsser@ct.gov.

Save the date! The 22nd Annual CT Safety Society Charity Golf Outing, Wednesday, June 7, 2017 at Blue Fox Run, Avon, CT. **Special Note:** A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the CT based not-for-profit organization “Survive The Drive.” They provide risk awareness and safe driving instructions to individuals, schools and community groups. Contact Dave Gelpke for sponsorships: 860-621-8658 (leave a message) or daveg.hse@cox.net.

OSHA Summer Summit at UMass Amherst! Tuesday, June 13, 2017, 7:30 am to 3:30 pm. Registration for June 13 OSHA Summer Summit now open! Early Bird only $40!

This daylong safety summit for employers and workers will be held June 13th at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst, MA. Regional and national experts will hold workshops on topics such as silica, ergonomics, process safety management, electrical hazards, OSHA requirements for recordkeeping and walking and working surfaces. For more information and to register, visit the [Summer Summit website](#):
http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07edu2slyk359b0064&lir=968rxxcab

Scheduled Sessions:

- Foundations of Safety Leadership - Executive Summary
- Ergonomics Part 2 to 2016 Session
- Transitioning to Safer Chemicals
- OSHA New Silica Standard
- Process Safety Management
- Reasonable Suspicion – Drugs
- Basic Electrical Safety
- Safari Risk Assessment - Learning Situational Awareness
- Recordkeeping Rule
- Ladders and Scaffolding
- Industrial Hygiene Case Studies
- Temporary Workers Case Study
- Is your business at risk? Terrorism in the Workplace
- Preparing for Elements of an OSHA Inspection
- Industrial Hygiene for Dummies
- Final Rule - Walking and Working Surfaces
- New Technology and Applications - Industrial Scientific

- Save the Date! The 2nd Annual CT Biosafety Alliance meeting & Luncheon will be held on June 14th, 2017 at Yale, 800 West Campus Drive, West Haven from 8 am – 5 pm. http://ehs.yale.edu/news/ct-biosafety-alliance

- The Massachusetts Department of Labor Standards (MA DLS) is offering FREE Fall Protection in Residential Construction Seminars:
  - 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 and click on the link under News & Updates, Fall Protection in Residential Construction Seminar, or email susan.humphreys@state.ma.us, 617-626-6474.

- The June 20, 2017 CONN-OSHA Breakfast Roundtable Discussion Group subject will be “Veteran Safety Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) in the Workplace.”
This event will be held at the:

Veteran & Family Center
Group Training Center
25 Elm Street
Rocky Hill, CT 06067
Ample parking in the rear

To register send an e-mail to john.able@ct.gov.

- Save the Date! ASSE Region VIII New England Area Chapters Professional Development Conference (PDC), November 7th & 8th, 2017, Southbridge Hotel and Conference Center, Southbridge, MA. “Discover, Share, Excel.”

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

We are also looking for PDC Planning Committee Volunteers. If you would like to help shape the 2017 PDC please contact John Spath at aqcspath@msn.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.

- New Business/News
  - Final Rule to Update General Industry Walking-Working Surfaces and Fall Protection Standards now in Effect.

The final rule for walking-working surfaces in general industry became effective on January 17, 2017. This rule updates general industry walking-working surfaces standards specific to slip, trip, and fall hazards and includes a new section under the general industry personal protective equipment standards that establishes employer requirements for using personal fall protection systems.

The rule aligns fall protection requirements more closely with the construction standard and has incorporated industry best practices, advances in technology and national consensus standards. The rule also benefits employers by allowing them more flexibility in choosing fall protection systems.

Important Dates

January 17, 2017: Effective Date - compliance with most provisions

May 17, 2017: Employee Training

November 17, 2017: Inspect and certify anchorage for rope descent systems

November 17, 2018: New and replacement fixed ladders (over 24’) must have fall arrest or ladder safety systems (cages/wells are acceptable on existing ladders)

November 17, 2036: All fixed ladders (over 24 ft’) must have fall arrest or ladder safety systems

Employers are reminded to post injury and illness summaries now through April. OSHA reminds employers of their obligation to post a copy of OSHA’s Form 300A, which summarizes job-related injuries and illnesses logged during 2016. The summary must be displayed in a common area where notices to employees are usually posted each year between Feb. 1 and April 30. Businesses with 10 or fewer employees and those in certain low-hazard industries are exempt from OSHA recordkeeping and posting requirements. Visit OSHA’s Recordkeeping Rule webpage for more information on recordkeeping requirements.

Federal OSHA Injury Tracking Application & Electronic Submission of Injury and Illness Records to OSHA. Access to OSHA’s electronic injury and illness data collection system will be available from this page: https://www.osha.gov/injuryreporting/index.html. The site is scheduled to go live in February 2017. OSHA will announce the availability of the website prominently on our home page when it becomes operational.

OSHA will provide a secure website that offers three options for data submission. First, users will be able to manually enter data into a web form. Second, users will be able to upload a CSV file to process single or multiple establishments at the same time. Last, users of automated recordkeeping systems will have the ability to transmit data electronically via an API (application programming interface). We will provide status updates and related information here as it becomes available.

- View the CSV instructions:

- View the API technical specifications:
OSHA has issued an Enforcement Procedures and Scheduling for Occupational Exposure to Workplace Violence Compliance Directive CPL 02-01-058 effective 1/10/2017:


2017 National Work Zone Awareness Week, April 3-7 – "Work Zone Safety is in Your Hands"

Visit the ATSSA's National Work Zone Awareness Week page: http://www.atssa.com/events/nationalworkzoneawarenessweek.aspx

Workers' Memorial Day is observed every year on April 28. It is a day to honor those workers who have died on the job, to acknowledge the grievous suffering experienced by families and communities, and to recommit ourselves to the fight for safe and healthful workplaces for all workers. It is also the day OSHA was established in 1971. Under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, employers are responsible for providing safe and healthful workplaces for their workers. OSHA's role is to ensure these conditions for America's working men and women by setting and enforcing standards, and providing training, education and assistance.

Go to https://www.osha.gov/workersmemorialday/ for more info.

Nationwide Safe + Sound Week event being held June 12-18 to promote safety and health programs. OSHA, the National Safety Council (NSC), the American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA), the American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE), and the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) have announced June 12-18 as Safe + Sound Week.

The event is a nationwide effort to raise awareness of the value of workplace safety and health programs. These programs can help employers and workers identify and manage workplace hazards before they cause injury or illness, improving the bottom line.

Throughout this week, organizations are encouraged to host events and activities that showcase the core elements of an effective safety and health program - management leadership, worker participation, and finding and fixing workplace hazards. Visit the Safe + Sound Week webpage to sign-up for email updates on the event:

https://www.osha.gov/safeandsoundweek/
The 4th annual National Fall Prevention Stand-Down will take place May 8-12, 2017. Fatalities caused by falls from elevation continue to be a leading cause of death for construction workers, accounting for 345 of the 874 construction fatalities recorded in 2014 (Bureau of Labor Statistics data). Those deaths were preventable. The National Fall Prevention Stand-Down raises fall hazard awareness across the country in an effort to stop fall fatalities and injuries.

Companies can conduct a Safety Stand-Down by taking a break to have a toolbox talk or another safety activity such as conducting safety equipment inspections, developing rescue plans, or discussing job specific hazards. Managers are encouraged to plan a stand-down that works best for their workplace anytime during the May 8-12, 2017. See Suggestions to Prepare for a Successful Stand-Down:

https://www.osha.gov/StopFallsStandDown/suggestions.html

Also, FAQ’S:

https://www.osha.gov/StopFallsStandDown/faqs.html

- Announcements from the floor
- Adjourn