

Safety Update

Ohio BWC Library

Ohio workplace injuries and illnesses below national average

Recently released statistics from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) show non-fatal workplace injuries and illnesses in Ohio are below the national average. The 2013 Survey of Occupational Injuries and Illnesses (SOII) found Ohio public and private employers combined for an incidence rate of 3.0 cases per 100 full-time workers compared to the national rate of 3.5. To see results for your industry both from Ohio and the nation go to our [SOII page](#) on our website.

NIOSH News

Comprehensive Directory of Construction Resources

Spring construction season is just gearing up. The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) Office of Construction Safety and Health has a Web page that brings together all of its construction resources. Please visit this directory of construction topics and resources at <http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/construction>.

Videos from NIOSH

The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) now has [131 videos](#) available on YouTube. They cover such diverse topics as how poison ivy works, rig-moving safety, workplace violence prevention and many more. These videos are great for safety training or just to keep up to date on what is new at NIOSH.

OSHA News

Workplace Violence

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration's (OSHA's) [Workplace Violence Web page](#) has published several workplace violence guidance documents. These include [Recommendations for Workplace Violence Prevention Programs in Late-Night Retail Establishments](#) and [Guidelines for Preventing Workplace Violence for Health Care and Social Service Workers](#). You can find information on risk factors, prevention programs, training and enforcement.

New OSHA Publications

- The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has released two new bilingual – English and Spanish – on-the-job quick references for employers and employees. [Tree Care Work: Know the Hazards](#) addresses the most common tree care work hazards and ways to prevent them.
- The [Temporary Worker](#) pocket-sized pamphlet reminds individuals working through a staffing agency that they have the same rights as any other worker. The pamphlet is part of OSHA's Temporary Worker Initiative, which focuses on compliance with safety and health requirements when a staffing agency and a host employer jointly employ temporary workers.

OSHA Videos for Construction Safety

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has 12 educational videos about potential hazards in the construction industry. The [educational videos](#) are 2 to 4 minutes long, easy to understand, and geared to the needs of employers and workers. Based on real-life incidents, these videos include detailed depictions of hazards and the safety measures that would have prevented these injuries and fatalities. OSHA's videos cover falls in construction, workers struck by vehicles and heavy equipment, sprains and strains, trenching and excavation hazards and carbon monoxide poisoning.

Other News

Safety Around Downed Power Lines

In winter, ice or wind can bring down power lines around our homes and businesses. Here are [safety tips](#) from the National Electrical Manufacturers Association on how to be safe around downed lines.

Twitter Feeds for Safety Information

Do you wonder how to get breaking news in the area of safety, medicine, industrial hygiene and other topics? Twitter might just be your solution. Here are Twitter feeds recommended by the BWC Library for up to date information on those topics. Looking for other topics? Just ask the library library@bwc.state.oh.us.

- [National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health Safe Healthy Workers](#)
- [National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health Noise](#)
- [National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health Construction](#)
- [National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health Manufacturing](#)
- [National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health Oil and Gas](#)
- [American Conference of Government Industrial Hygienists](#)
- [National Safety Council](#)
- [American Society of Safety Engineers](#)
- [Dr. Tom Frieden, CDC Director](#)
- [Electronic Library of Construction Safety and Health](#)

Paint Spraying Safety

[This hazard alert](#) from the Washington State Department of Labor & Industries discusses the dangers of spraying paints and other flammable liquids at construction sites. The alert lists risk reduction steps that general contractors and individual workers can take to prevent explosions

Safety Podcasts

The Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety has dozens of [podcasts](#) on safety topics available on its website. These free 3 to 15 minute long talks cover a variety of safety topics. You can listen to them online or download them to mobile devices.

Keep Trucking Safe

[Trucking Injury Reduction Emphasis](#) website contains a wealth of information about safety in the trucking industry. You can find toolbox talks, safety plan information, health issues for truck drivers, technical reports on injury prevention, information on forklifts, and slips, trips and falls, and a blog with articles of interest to everyone in the trucking industry.

Don't Take Lead Home from Work

The Washington State Department of Labor & Industries Safety and Health Assessment & Research for Prevention program has developed two documents to help workers protect their families from take-home lead contamination. This can occur when workers in industries where lead dust can be present take home lead on their clothes, skin and vehicles. The [Stop Take Home Lead](#) document describes industries where lead dust can occur and gives tips on cleaning yourself and your clothing. The [Cleaning Take Home Lead](#) document describes how to clean your contaminated vehicle or home.

Preventing Prescription Abuse in the Workplace

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration provided funding for this series of [fact sheets and issue briefs](#) from the Robert C. Byrd Health Sciences Center School of Public Health.

Infographic of the Month!

This [infographic](#) from the Centers for Disease Control Business Pulse shows how promoting safety and health at your work site can benefit your bottom line.

What Does Making Your Bed Have to Do with Safety?

Here is a [story](#) you can use to inspire your workers to keep safety on their minds. Read how "keystone habits" can change your attitude towards safety!

Distracted Driving Prevention Website

Are you looking for resources to combat distracted driving? The U.S. Department of Transportation has posted on [www.distraction.gov](#), its driving website, [free resources](#) to assist employers in communicating the dangers of distracted driving to workers and in formulating company policies on the use of mobile electronic devices.

Please contact the library@bwc.state.oh.us or 614-466-7388 for more information on any of these items.