

Safety Update

Ohio BWC Library

BWC's Injury Prevention Reports by Industry

BWC developed nine Injury Prevention Reports by Industry. The reports list the top causes of injury for each industry and give suggestions for control measures and a list of BWC resources specific to each hazard or risk. To see the list of industry specific injury reports click [here](#).

The American Journal of Industrial Medicine publishes two papers by Ohio BWC and NIOSH

See the abstracts at the following links.

[The effectiveness of insurer-supported safety and health engineering controls in reducing workers' compensation claims and costs](#)

[Occupational injuries in Ohio wood product manufacturing: A descriptive analysis with emphasis on saw-related injuries and associated causes](#)

For more information on these articles contact the BWC Library.



NIOSH News

Collecting Data on Worker Hearing Loss: Epidemiology in Action

This [blog post](#) from the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) reports that workers in the mining, construction and manufacturing industries have the greatest risk of hearing loss but there is no industry where workers are safe from developing hearing loss.

Training for Emergency Responders - Reducing Risks Associated with Long Work Hours

This new [training program](#) by NIOSH gives strategies to reduce risks from fatigue due to working long hour shifts during the emergency response and recovery operations.

Training for Homecare Workers

[Caring for Yourself While Caring for Others](#) is a free curriculum to assist trainers in meeting the health and safety training needs for homecare workers and to enhance communication between home-care workers and their clients. The activities in this curriculum encourage participants in promoting safe and healthy work environments for their clients and for themselves.

Ergonomic Solutions for Retailers

Designed for retailers and safety experts, this [NIOSH booklet](#) has a goal to prevent manual material handling injuries in grocery stores.

OSHA News

Flu Prevention

It's flu season again. Here are [some tips](#) from the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) for flu prevention for workers and employers in healthcare and other occupations.

Fracking Safety Booklet

OSHA has produced a new booklet for the oil and gas industry, [Hydraulic Fracturing and Flowback Hazards Other than Respirable Silica](#). OSHA's oil and gas workgroup with assistance from the National Service, Transmission, Exploration and Production Safety network team, produced the booklet.

Other News

Summary of Work-Related Injuries and Illnesses (300AP)

Public Employment Risk Reduction Program (PERRP) reminds public employers that they must file their annual Summary of Work-Related Injuries and Illnesses (300AP) form to PERRP on or before Feb. 1 of each year. This annual 300AP submission is not required for any public employer who has five or fewer employees and has not had any recordable injuries (zero summary) in the previous calendar year. PERRP encourages public employers to file their annual 300AP electronically on the [Ohio BWC website](#).

ASSE Article on Industrial Fire Hazards

[This American Society of Safety Engineers \(ASSE\) article](#) on fire prevention discusses how to identify common and special fire hazards such as pallets, flammable material storage and electrical systems at industrial facilities

NFPA Today

[NFPA Today](#) is a blog from the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) that helps you keep up to date on fire safety, NFPA standards, fire history and fire statistics.

Spine and Mobile Phone Use

If you use a mobile phone you could be damaging your spine. [This study](#) from the November 2014 issue of the journal Surgical Technology International indicates that cell phone users are damaging their spines due to the hunched over position they adopt while reading.

Infographic of the Month

[Winter weather tips](#) for your home from the Centers for Disease Control. Be safe at home and at work!

BLS Data Releases

[Employer-Reported Workplace Injury and Illness Summary](#)

The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) published its annual report on workplace injuries and illnesses Dec. 4. The report states three million workers sustained non-fatal workplace injuries and illnesses in 2013.

[Nonfatal Occupational Injuries and Illnesses Requiring Days Away From Work, 2013](#)

The overall incidence rate of nonfatal occupational injury and illness cases requiring days away from work to recuperate was 109.4 cases per 10,000 full-time workers in 2013, down from the 2012 rate of 111.8.

Residential Building Fires Report

This [report](#) issued by the U.S. Fire Administration indicates that the leading cause of home fires was from cooking with the greatest number of fires occurring in cooler months, January being the peak.

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