



ABC of Indiana Proudly Presents...

# Gateway to Safety

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Hello, and welcome to our first-ever ABC Indiana Safety Newsletter!

We hope this new publication will be a member-service that you come to value, as the intent is to keep you up to date on all things *safety*... here at home, in D.C. & around our great nation! Various sections will include ABC News, Indiana DOL & IOSHA news, federal OSHA news, MSHA updates, industry articles, and of course, safety training opportunities at ABC! Please let us know how we can improve our efforts in this newsletter at [Martha@abc-indy.org](mailto:Martha@abc-indy.org)! In the meantime... enjoy the updates, and remember **Safety is a Journey**... and *this* is your gateway!

Happy Summer 2009, ABC... STAY SAFE!!

## ABC Safety Corner...



### ABC Indy's Summertime Safety Package

Well, it's that time of year again! It's *summer*... you're busy, stressed & the heat's getting to you... but you don't want to forget about the safety of your employees! So what do you do?? **Answer: Let ABC help!!** If you need some assistance with your safety oversight and training this summer, then we've got just what you need! For more information on our **Summertime Safety Savings**, please click here: [www.abc-indy.org](http://www.abc-indy.org).

### ABC Releases Report on Best Practices for Crane Safety

In June, ABC released a Construction Industry Crane Safety Summit Report compiling best practices and recommendations determined during the Crane Safety Summit held Sept. 25-26, 2008 in Houston. The Crane Safety Summit brought together 90 representatives from more than 60 commercial and industrial construction contractors, construction industry trade associations, employee groups, crane manufacturers, rental companies and insurers to discuss recent crane incidents and practical solutions often overlooked in the regulatory process. For a summary and/or to read the complete Report, please click here: [www.abc.org/Safety/ABC\\_Crane\\_Safety\\_Summit.aspx](http://www.abc.org/Safety/ABC_Crane_Safety_Summit.aspx)

### \*Upcoming Safety Training\*



<b>OSHA 10 - Hour [Construction]</b>	
July 29 - 30	Indianapolis, IN
August TBD	Ft. Wayne, IN
September 29 - 30	Indianapolis, IN
<b>OSHA 30 - Hour [Construction]</b>	
July 28 - 31	Indianapolis, IN
<b>RMS-Safety</b>	
<b>Focus Four Hazard Training</b>	
August 4	Indianapolis, IN
<b>Crew Based Safety Seminar</b>	
August 11	Indianapolis, IN

Looking for more up-to-date, relevant & **LOCAL** safety news? Check out this GREAT resource provided by IDOL...

**Indiana Labor Insider**

[www.in.gov/dol/2366.htm](http://www.in.gov/dol/2366.htm)

## IN.gov

### IDOL & IOSHA Announcements

#### The Indiana DOL signs cooperative safety & health partnership with Meyer Najem Construction, LLC

July 8, 2009 The Indiana Department of Labor (IDOL) and Meyer Najem Construction, LLC have entered into a strategic occupational health & safety partnership. The partnership will cover the Ortho-Indy/Indiana Orthopedic ASC and Clinic. For more information, please click here: [www.in.gov/dol/files/PR-Meyer\\_Najem\\_Partnership.pdf](http://www.in.gov/dol/files/PR-Meyer_Najem_Partnership.pdf)

#### Teen Summer Worker Safety Campaign: **Prohibited & Hazardous Occupations**

June 30, 2009 The Indiana Department of Labor (IDOL) has launched a Teen Summer Worker Safety Campaign. The Campaign, aimed at educating & informing Hoosier employers, teens & parents on occupational safety & health hazards and Indiana's Child Labor Laws includes a series of informative bi-weekly press releases. Prohibited and hazardous occupations for teen workers are discussed in this series of scheduled releases. Please find more information here: [www.in.gov/dol/files/PR-Teen\\_Summer\\_Job\\_Safety\\_Campaign\\_2009\\_Part\\_3.pdf](http://www.in.gov/dol/files/PR-Teen_Summer_Job_Safety_Campaign_2009_Part_3.pdf)

#### State Health Official Warn of Lead in Products

June 30, 2009 Indiana state health officials warn Hoosiers that elevated lead levels have been found in products sold at Target stores. For more information, please click here: [www.in.gov/portal/news\\_events/40463.htm](http://www.in.gov/portal/news_events/40463.htm)

## News from "The Hill..."

### Pending Legislation

#### Alexander L. Booker Child Protection Construction Site Safety Act

June 26, 2009 H.R. 3094 was introduced in the house to impose new safety rules for construction heavy equipment. For bill summary and status, please click here:

[www.opencongress.org/bill/111-h3094/show](http://www.opencongress.org/bill/111-h3094/show)

#### Protecting America's Workers Act

April 23, 2009 H.R. 2067 was introduced to help the nation's health and safety agencies to hold unscrupulous employers accountable for exposing their workers to preventable hazards. For bill summary and status, please click here:

[www.opencongress.org/bill/111-h2067/show](http://www.opencongress.org/bill/111-h2067/show)

#### Recordkeeping/Reporting

January 7, 2009 H.R. 242 was introduced to direct the Secretary of Labor to revise regulations concerning the recording and reporting of occupational injuries and illnesses under the Occupational Safety & Health Act of 1970. For bill summary and status, please click: [www.opencongress.org/bill/111-h242/show](http://www.opencongress.org/bill/111-h242/show)

### \*\*What's UP at MSHA?\*

June 5, 2009

#### MSHA kicks off safety initiative on roof fall fatalities

The US DOL's MSHA has launched its annual preventive Roof/Rib Outreach Program (PROP) to highlight the potential hazards of roof falls and rib rolls. For more information on this outreach program, please click here:

[www.msha.gov/S&HINFO/Prop/prophome.htm](http://www.msha.gov/S&HINFO/Prop/prophome.htm)

March 16, 2009

#### MSHA puts 15 operators on notice for potential patterns of violations

Move marks 4<sup>th</sup> round of enforcement initiative by agency For more information, please click here:

[www.msha.gov/MEDIA/PRESS/2009/NR090316.asp](http://www.msha.gov/MEDIA/PRESS/2009/NR090316.asp)

*Did you know* that Indiana has about **300 mining operations** that include coal, sand and gravel, crushed limestone, dimension stone, gypsum, clay, and shale?

## Updates from the "Powers that Be"

(News and Alerts from Federal OSHA)

### OSHA Cracking Down on Repeat Violators

July 1, 2009 Acting OSHA administrator Jordan Barab says that OSHA is gearing up to go after employers that are not meeting their obligations under the OSH Act. A new enhanced enforcement program is in the works. For entire article, please click here:

[http://safetydailyadvisor.blr.com/archive/2009/07/01/enforcement\\_inspection\\_osh\\_a\\_employer\\_accountability.aspx](http://safetydailyadvisor.blr.com/archive/2009/07/01/enforcement_inspection_osh_a_employer_accountability.aspx)

### Acting Assistant Secretary of Labor: 'There's a New Sherriff in Town'

June 30, 2009 Promoting the new administration's agenda of an enhanced enforcement emphasis in OSHA, Acting Assistant Secretary of Labor, Jordan Barab, commented that, although OSHA's Voluntary Protection Programs will continue to recognize those companies deserving of recognition, the days of signing alliances only to fill quotas is over. **FOR MORE INFORMATION**, please click: <http://ohsonline.com/articles/2009/06/30/acting-asst-sec-of-labor-keynotes.aspx>

or <http://edlabor.house.gov/hearings/2009/04/improving-oshas-enhanced-enfor.shtml>

### GAO Blasts OSHA's VPP Program

June 25, 2009 A report released by the Government Accountability Office (GAO) takes issue with OSHA's Voluntary Protection Program, saying the agency's internal controls are not sufficient to ensure that only qualified worksites participate in the VPP. For entire article, please click here: <http://ehstoday.com/news/gao-vpp-lacking-oversight-0625/>

## "So... What do you Know?"

(Safety & Compliance Articles of Interest)

### Don't Become Another Statistic: Work Safely at Heights

The hazards of working at heights are exacerbated when crew members rush to complete the job or have limited literacy levels. For entire article, please click: <http://ohsonline.com/Articles/2009/07/01/Dont-Become-Another-Statistic.aspx>

### Truck-Involved Fatality Rate Declines 12 Percent in 2008

Figures released by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) indicate that the truck-involved fatality rate in 2008 declined 12%, dropping from 4,822 in 2007 to 4,229. For entire article, please click: <http://ehstoday.com/safety/management/truck-fatality-rate-declines-6547/>

### Accommodating Heavy Workers

While compliance and user right-to-work are important issues to maintain, employers should consider workers' health in the event of a fall. Entire article, please click: <http://ohsonline.com/Articles/2009/07/01/Accommodating-Heavy-Workers.aspx>

### OSHA Issues Comprehensive Guidance on Silica in Construction

In a harbinger of things to come, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration recently released comprehensive guidance on controlling silica exposures in construction. Please find entire article <http://www.jacksonlewis.com/legalupdates/article.cfm?aid=1752> and silica document here: <http://www.osha.gov/Publications/3362silica-exposures.pdf>

**SUMMER SAFETY TIP!** Those hot, hazy days of summer are here. The heat can be especially harmful for those who work outdoors in direct sunlight or in hot environments, making them susceptible to heat-induced illnesses such as heat stress, heat exhaustion or the more serious heat stroke.

[http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show\\_document?p\\_table=NEWS\\_RELEASES&p\\_id=18131](http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=18131)

