



Lake County Contractors Association Safety News

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Safety Training - Scheduled classes will continue through the summer. Check the enclosed 2002 Safety Training Reservation Form for more information. This year we are not only listing LCCA programs, but the Chicagoland Construction Safety Council's training classes also. The easiest way to get your employees trained is to let us schedule a class specifically for you. We will make sure the content is tailored to your employees and your industry.

REMEMBER: If you have ten or more (or will pay for 10 students) we will bring the training to your office, or a site of your choice, or hold your class at the LCCA Office.

First Aid, CPR, OSHA 10-Hour, Excavation Competent Person, Power Line, Confined Space, Respiratory Safety/Silica, Scaffold User or Competent Person, and much more are available for you. Since the LCCA Safety & Education Fund subsidizes the cost, the price is hard to beat.

Training dates are subject to our instructors' schedules, so if you want a particular date, call Gloria at the LCCA Office as soon as possible.

OSHA Increasing Enforcement in 2002- John Henshaw, Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health, recently announced that his agency's enforcement efforts will increase in fiscal year 2002 with more inspections targeting workplaces where injury and illness rates are the highest. OSHA plans to conduct a total of 36,400 inspections in FY02 up from slightly less than 35,800 inspections in FY01 and roughly 36,000 inspections in FY00.

"Our combined activities to protect workers' safety and health are all built on the foundation of a strong, fair and effective enforcement program," said Henshaw. "Our safety education programs, innovative compliance assistance, and expanded safety and health partnerships all work together with strong enforcement to protect workers' lives and health. OSHA need to keep helping the majority of employers who want to do the right thing, but we must also aggressively pursue the bad actors."

OSHA's increased commitment to enforcement activities is a critical component of Secretary of Labor Elaine L. Chao's overall strategy to strengthen worker protections. OSHA is increasing its enforcement focus by targeting workplaces where injury and illness rates are the highest and hazards are known.

OSHA will also put more enforcement focus on the industries where non-English speaking workers are at greatest risk, such as construction. Henshaw noted that OSHA's increased commitment to enforcement and added resources in targeted areas will enable the agency to better meet its goals.

"Consistent, focused, enforcement is one of the keys to ensuring workers' safety and health," said Henshaw. "Our new commitment to increase the number of trained, certified OSHA inspectors will also be critical to making our enforcement efforts more effective."

CCSC Construction Safety Conference Announces Speakers

- The 12th Annual CCSC Safety Conference is approaching fast! The conference, entitled "Power Through Partnerships," is sponsored by the Chicagoland Construction Safety Council and The Center to Protect Workers' rights. It will be held on May 21-23, 2002 at the Donald E. Stevens Convention Center in Rosemont, IL.

Several key individuals in the construction safety and health arena will be delivering keynote addresses. Kicking off the event is Joseph Maloney, Secretary - Treasurer, Building and Construction Trades Department, AFL-CIO. Mr. Maloney will be presenting at the opening ceremonies on Tuesday, May 21 beginning at 7:30 am.

During lunch on Tuesday, Dr. Kathy Rest, Acting Director of the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) will deliver a presentation, followed by John L. Henshaw, Assistant Secretary of Labor, OSHA.

Full agenda information may be found on the CCSC website www.buildsafe.org. If you would like more information, please contact CCSC at 800-552-7744.

Steel Erection Enforcement - Get ready! Enforcement of OSHA's Steel Erection Standard kicked in March 14, with OSHA Compliance Officers specially trained to find mistakes under the new guidelines. Investigators were given inspection guidelines and photos with definitions to ensure companies are in strict compliance. One piece of good news: the agency won't enforce the standard on projects where the building permit was obtained before Jan. 18, 2001, or when work began before Sept. 17, 2001. For more information, go to <http://www.osha.gov>.

OSHA Record Keeping Regulations In Effect As of January 1

- OSHA's new record keeping rule went into effect January 1st. Copies of forms and frequently asked questions are listed on the OSHA website www.osha.gov

The Illinois Industrial Commission updated the Illinois 45 form to conform to the new OSHA requirements. You can obtain the form from the following website: <http://www.state-il.us/agency/iic/iicforms.htm>.

Most Frequently Found Hazards ~ Illinois

The “top ten” cited violations during the past year (January 2001- December 2001) for Illinois are listed below.

The “top ten” have changed from last time. Lack of cave-in protection moved from #4 to #2. Also interesting to note is the fact that “frequent and regular inspections” has continued to make the “top ten” list.

The “General Duty Clause” also continues on the top ten list. This section of the OSHA Act is cited when employees are exposed to a serious safety hazard not covered by a particular standard.

Rank	Standard	Hazard
1	1926.451(g)(1)	Lack of fall protection on scaffolds - over 10'
2	1926.652(a)(1)	Trenches – lack of cave-in protection
3	1926.20(b)(1)	Accident prevention program missing
4	1926.451(e)(1)	Access to scaffolds
5	1926-501(b)(1)	Lack of fall protection – working over 6'
6	1926.1400(a)	Hardhats not provided and/or worn
7	1926.451(b)(1)	Scaffolds - not fully planked
8	1926.21(b)(2)	Frequent and regular inspections of the jobsite... made by competent person not preformed
9	Section 5(a)(1)	General Duty Clause
10	1916.501(b)(13)	Residential construction – Lack of fall protection – working over 6'

JULIE Board Mandates Section and

Quarter-Section Information - The JULIE Board of Directors has unanimously approved a new policy mandating that all **JULIE member companies and their subcontractors** provide section and quarter section numbers when calling in a locate request. This action was taken in response to the ongoing desire of the JULIE membership to find ways to reduce the number of unnecessary notifications they receive. The new policy went into effect on December 1, 2001. This would not effect most contractors but it is an issue that probably be passed down to you in the near future.

A great map resource for Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry, and Will counties is the Rand McNally Chicago and Vicinity 6-County Street Finder (be sure it is the edition that states it contains the Township Tier-Range-Section #s). This book shows the individual streets within the cities and villages in these counties and is available at most bookstores (Walden Books, Barnes & Noble, etc.) and at several stores including Target, Walmart, and Sam’s Club. Rand McNally also carries detailed city maps with section and quarter section numbers for other Illinois cities which are available from Globecorner.com. You can check their website for availability.

RotoZip Spiral Saw Recall – In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Division (CPSC), Roto Zip Tool Corporation, of Cross Plains, Wisconsin, is voluntarily recalling 1.9 million handheld saws. The handles on these saws can separate from the body, causing the operator to be cut. The recall includes Revolution, Rebel, and Solaris model Spiral Saw power tools. The brand name and “ROTOZIP SPIRAL SAW” are written on the side of the tools. The saws are mostly black or red. The recalled saws include the following serial numbers:

Saw Model	Serial Number Range
Revolution	01 through 1,145,000
Rebel	01 through 415,000
Solaris	01 through 270,000



Home, hardware, and department stores, and infomercials sold these saws nationwide from December 1999 through January 2002 for between \$50 and \$190.

Consumers should remove the handle from their recalled saw if there is a loose fit between the tool handle and the tool body, and contact Roto Zip Corporation to receive a free replacement handle. For more information, contact the Roto Zip Corporation toll-free at (800) 920-1467 between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. CT any day of the week, or visit the firm’s website at www.rotozip.com.

For more information on this recall, go to www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml02/02109.html