



Lake County Contractors Association Safety News

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LCCA Safety Training - Safety Classes will resume next month and the price to enroll will remain the same. We will continue to offer classes for members who enroll from 10 to 24 for a single class for just the cost of 10. You could have as many as 14 or more free!

And, like last year, we will come to you. We have a published schedule if that works for you. But if it doesn't, call and we will arrange a special class just for you – at your office if you wish, the LCCA Training Facility or another suitable location. If we can get an instructor to come, we will put the class together.

Here are just some of the courses available:

First Aid/CPR – The six-hour First Aid/CPR course is just \$35 per person or \$350 for up to 20 in one course. OSHA requires every crew to have someone trained in First Aid/CPR and cards are only good for three years.

OSHA 10-Hour Course – This hazard recognition course should be a requirement of every employee! This year the cost is just \$45 per person or \$450 for up to 24 in one class (and we may be able to accommodate more depending on facility size and instructor preference.) OSHA requires every employee to be trained in recognizing hazards and this course was developed by OSHA and participants receive a card from OSHA that recognizes their completion.

Powerline Hazard Awareness – This two-hour course is provided by the Chicagoland Construction Safety Council **FREE** to LCCA members.

Excavation Competent Person - A must for employees on sewer, water and other underground operations. \$45 per person, \$450 max per class.

Fall Protection Safety – A 4-hour course for employees working under OSHA's Fall Protection standards. \$20 per person, \$200 max per class.

Scaffold Users Safety – A 4-hour course for employees required to work on scaffolds. \$20 per person, \$200 max per class.

(Please note that all prices above are for **LCCA Members only**. Non-member rates are available from the LCCA Office.)

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.

Use of Safety Gear – Do your employees use the safety gear they are supposed to? According to a survey by the Strategic Marketing Association:

- Only 59% of employees who need fall protection actually use the equipment provided,
- Safety glasses are only worn by 53% of those who should, and
- Only 41% of those who need a respirator use them.

It would seem that the first step to reducing injuries is to get employees to use the required equipment all the time!

OSHA Agenda Published – OSHA will be looking at several standards during the next year. On the agenda for "Proposed Rule Making" are:

- Confined spaces in construction,
- Electric power transmission and distribution protective equipment,
- Exposure to silica; and,
- Permissible exposure limits for air contaminants.

Scheduled for "Final rule" is the Signs, signals and barricade (Subpart G) that will be updated to comply with the new DOT *Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices*.

Assured Equipment Grounding Conductor Program - Orange

is this quarter's color for contractors following the assured equipment grounding conductor program. As of October 1, 2001, contractors should be using **Orange** tape when marking cords.

The assured equipment grounding conductor program simply requires you to test new or repaired power tools and extension cords before first use, after any suspected damage, and all electrical tools and cords at the three-month intervals, marking the cords with colored tape to indicate the month tested. In addition, all cords and power tools must be visually inspected before each use, and a written description of the program and test records must be kept on file at each jobsite.

