

# Lake County Contractors Association

## Safety News

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**Safety Training** - Scheduled classes have begun again

**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.

**LCCA Safety Awards** - Applications for LCCA's 2000 Safety Awards were sent to Contractor Members in December. If you have not received yours, just call the LCCA Office and we will get you a copy. Remember, you do not need to be "perfect" to apply or be recognized. We do expect no fatalities during the year. Since your results are measured against national averages, you are not competing with other members, but rather your results are judged against all contractors across the country.

Completed applications are due into the LCCA Office no later than the end of January. Awards will be presented at the February Membership Meeting.

**OSHA 200 Annual Posting** - The OSHA 200 form, with the injured employees names and other identifying dates and locations removed, must be posted during the month of February each year at every work site of the employer. **In addition, it must be kept for 5 years for inspection** by OSHA, union representatives and injured employees. The data from the log may also be requested by the Bureau of Labor Statistics for compilation of the annual survey of illnesses and injuries in industry.

**Remember: The OSHA 200 form must be completed, posted and retained even if you had no recordable incidents!**

**Planning Safety Meetings? Think of LCCA!** – About this time of year, many companies begin planning for a return to work – and the annual safety meeting. If so, remember that LCCA can be of help. We have an extensive list of safety videos available for loan. Call LCCA to get a list or just log on to the LCCA Web Site at [www.lcca-il.org](http://www.lcca-il.org) for the complete list.

**Looking For a New Safety Manual? Think LCCA!** – The LCCA Safety Manual is getting rave reviews. Do you have your copy?

The new manual is available on disk making it very easy to personalize to fit your company exactly. The cost is just \$95 for members and \$175 for non-members for the manual in this form. If you wish, we will also assist you in personalizing the program and will deliver the finished product in disk or paper form. The cost of a finished manual is \$195 and available for members only.

**New Steel Erection Standards Effective February 10, 2001** – On February 10, the new Subpart R will take effect providing the first comprehensive standard for steel erection in OSHA's history. Here are just a few of the requirements:

1. The "controlling contractor" is responsible for providing the steel erector written notices regarding the compressive strength of piers, walls, etc and any repairs, replacements or modifications to anchor bolts; a site layout, site specific erection plan and preplan lifts to avoid an overhead exposure. Who is the "controlling contractor?" "A prime contractor, general contractor, construction manager or other legal entity at the site who has, by contract with other parties, the overall responsibility for the project, its planning, quality and completion.

2. Fall protection must be provided for anyone working over 15 feet above a lower level. Connectors must be protected from fall hazards if working more than 30 feet above a lower level. However, a connector must be wearing a personal fall arrest system if working over 15 feet above a lower level.
3. Special training is required for all employees exposed to fall hazards. Special training programs are required for Multiple Lift Rigging Procedures, Connector Procedures and Controlled Decking Zone Procedures.
4. All columns must be anchored by at least 4 anchor bolts. All repairs or replacements of anchor bolts must be approved by the project structural engineer of record.

A copy of the new subpart is available from the LCCA Office.

**11<sup>th</sup> Annual Safety Conference February 6-8** – The 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Construction Safety Conference, entitled *Breaking New Ground 2001*, will be held February 6-8, 2001 and is sponsored by the Chicagoland Construction Safety Council and the Construction Safety Council. It will be held at the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center (formerly Rosemont Convention Center), Rosemont, Illinois.

The conference is the largest construction specific safety and health conference in the nation, with over 1,500 participants expected to attend. This is the premier safety event that should not be missed!

Nearly 80 sessions are scheduled for the first two days, and several professional development seminars will be held on the third day. One group of sessions highlighted this year will be a silica conference, with an entire track devoted to issues that relate to silica and construction. Contractor, researcher and manufacturer views will be discussed. Another track will be devoted to workzone safety. Several sessions will highlight the hazards in workzones. And back by popular demand, the conference will host an airport track featuring sessions entirely devoted to working around and near airports.

The Construction Safety Expo held in conjunction with the conference will accommodate up to 120 booth spaces. The expo will only be held on the first two days of the conference, so don't miss your opportunity to see the latest in construction safety and health products and services.

Registration information for exhibitors is now available, and may be obtained by calling Marie Fogo, Exhibits Coordinator, at (800) 552-7744, or e-mail at [ccsc@aol.com](mailto:ccsc@aol.com). Agenda information for the sessions will be available soon. You may find out more about the conference by visiting our website at [www.buildsafe.org](http://www.buildsafe.org).

**Assured Equipment Grounding Conductor Program - White** is this quarter's color for contractors following the assured equipment grounding conductor program. As of January 1, 2001, contractors should be using **White** 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.

**1999 Workplace Injury and Illness Rates Drop** – According to Secretary of Labor Alexis Herman, workplace injury and illness rates declined in 1999 for the seventh straight year - nearly a 30 percent drop since 1992. This steady trend downward shows that employers and workers are making occupational safety and health a high priority. That's good news for business, workers and all Americans.

Injuries and illnesses dropped 4 percent in 1999 even though employment rose 2 percent. That means 200,000 more workers went home to their families without a job-related injury or illness than in 1998.

Herman said, "I am delighted with the progress we have made together with workers and employers in job safety and health during the Clinton Administration. We said we would measure our success by whether injuries and illnesses declined. They have - continuously and significantly. These efforts must continue until every worker goes home whole and health every day."