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# Lake County Contractors Association Safety News

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**Safety Training** –For information on classes scheduled, or to register on-line go to [www.lcca-il.org/events](http://www.lcca-il.org/events). 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.

Call Lisa at the LCCA Office for all your safety training needs.

**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 the LCCA Office as soon as possible.

**OSHA 300A Annual Posting** - The OSHA 300A form must be posted during the months of February and March 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.

Since there is now a Form 300 and a Form 300A, **some contractors are mistakenly posting the Form 300**. The Form 300 is for your files only and is only available to those granted access under 29 CFR Part 1904 (employees, former employees, employee representatives and an authorized employee representative.) Just post the required 300A Form to avoid any "privacy" issues.

**Remember: The OSHA 300A form must be completed, posted and retained even if you had no recordable incidents!**

## **Material Storage on Scaffolds Now Tolerated** –

In the August 2003 *Safety News* we reported on an OSHA interpretation that ban the storage of materials on scaffolds except while they were being used. In a recent change in policy, OSHA now suggests that as long as other requirements on Subpart L are met, storage of materials would be considered a "de minimis" violation of 1926.250(b)(5). According to OSHA, the storage rule was written prior to the promulgation of the current Subpart L and many early concerns are not an issue due to the strengthen

requirements in the new standard. They point specifically to sections on Falling Object Protection, strengthen toeboard requirements, increased load capacity requirements and requirements for more inspections while in use.

The ability to inspect the scaffold was also mentioned in the earlier interpretation as a reason to ban the storage. According to the new interpretation, the ability to see the bottom of the planking is sufficient to meet the inspection requirement.

Having said all that, they still consider it a violation – just one they will overlook IF everything else is by the book.

## **Henshaw Keynotes Construction Safety**

**Conference** – For three days in mid-February the Stephens Convention Center in Rosemont, Illinois will be the epicenter of construction safety information and education. John L. Henshaw, Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health (OSHA) will address the Conference luncheon on Wednesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>. Opening Tuesday, February 10<sup>th</sup> the **14<sup>th</sup> Annual Construction Safety Conference and Exposition** will present more than 70 construction safety sessions and over 80 companies exhibiting products and services which target today's construction safety professional.

This year's sessions will address the changing nature of the construction industry. Presentations will include *"Who will Replace our Aging Workforce?"*, *"Impairment in the Workforce - A Toxicological Perspective"*, *"Wrap-Ups/Owner Controlled Insurance Programs - Quality Safety Management in the Construction Industry"*, and *"Back in Action"*.

The third day of the Conference will feature Professional Development seminars at which participants will earn continuing education credits awarded by Northern Illinois University. These intensive programs will bring participants up to speed on current critical issues facing the construction industry. Ten accredited courses include *"Homeland Security, Emergency Planning and Response"*, *"Power Line Hazards Train-the-Trainer"*; *"Supervisory Legal & Liability Risk in Safety Management"*, and *"Excavation Competent Person"*.

Attendees using a credit card can register **Online** or download a **fax** registration form at the Construction Safety Council website found at [www.buildsafe.org](http://www.buildsafe.org). **Phone** registrations can be made by calling 1-800-552-7744. Additional information on housing and transportation is also available on the CSC website.

## Safety Awards Presented This Month –

LCCA's 2003 Safety Awards will be presented at the February Membership Meeting. As of the writing of this newsletter, 39 members had submitted applications. The meeting will be on Thursday, February 26 at the Country Squire Banquets in Grayslake. If you would like to attend, just register on the LCCA website at [www.lcca-il.org](http://www.lcca-il.org).

**The ABCD's of Fall Protection** – Do you know all there is to know about fall protection, fall protection equipment, and fall protection laws?

Betcha think you know all about seat belts! But, do you really know all about full body harnesses, how they should be worn on construction sites, and the importance of all four key parts of FALL PROTECTION = ABCD?

- A = Anchorage
- B = Body Harness
- C = Connector
- D = Deceleration Device

OSHA's *Safety Standard 1926.501* states: "Each employee on a working surface (horizontal and vertical surface) with an unprotected side or edge which is 6 feet or more above a lower level shall be protected from falling by the use of guardrail systems, safety net systems, or personal fall arrest systems."

Here are some more "parts" of fall protection equipment:

- ❖ Anchorage Devices
- ❖ Confined Space Systems
- ❖ Connecting Devices
- ❖ Emergency Escape Devices
- ❖ Full Body Harness
- ❖ Guided-Type Fall Arrest
- ❖ Heavy Load Fall Arrestors
- ❖ Horizontal Lifeline
- ❖ Positioning Devices
- ❖ Self-Retracting Lifelines
- ❖ Shock Absorbing Lanyards
- ❖ Skyseat Working Chair

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## 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.

We can also help with AV equipment. LCD projectors, laptop computers, screens, slide projectors, overhead projector. If you need it, and we have it, you can borrow it!

## Record Number Of Locate Requests -

Representatives of the Joint Utility Locating Information for Excavators (JULIE, Inc.) announced today that the Illinois One-Call System received and processed a record 1,147,276 underground utility locate requests from professional and non-professional excavators in 2003. In addition, 260 new members joined the not-for-profit organization, increasing total membership to 1,744. Compared to the previous year, these totals represent significant increases of 7.3% and 17%, respectively.

"In 2003, representatives of JULIE, Inc. and its members expanded a successful public safety campaign to build awareness and educate excavators about the importance of safe-digging practices in Illinois," said Mark Frost, executive director of JULIE, Inc. "There is no reason to take chances when planning an outdoor project. Safe digging begins with a call to a helpful JULIE operator at 800-892-0123."

The following is a list of the top 20 counties in Illinois for locate requests from excavators in 2003: Cook; Will; DuPage; **Lake**; Kane; McHenry; St. Clair; Madison; Winnebago; Sangamon; McLean; Champaign; Peoria; Kendall; Tazewell; DeKalb; Kankakee; LaSalle; Rock Island; and Macon.

"The record number of underground utility locate requests and significant increase in membership are both strong indications that our ongoing campaign has been effective," Frost continued. "We will continue to focus on safety-related issues and expand outreach of our education campaign through a variety of proactive methods."

Established in 1974, JULIE currently represents 1,744 underground facility owners and operators in Illinois. For more information about JULIE, along with a complete list of utility members and safe-digging guidelines, please visit [www.illinois1call.com](http://www.illinois1call.com).