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A Message from Steve Hawkins

Tennessee OSHA strives to make Tennessee's workplaces safer so employees who come to work in the morning can return home to their families at the end of the day.

At the start of 2018, the state of Tennessee experienced a disturbing trend in its workplaces. During the first quarter of the year, 18 people lost their lives while on the job. That is more than double the number of fatalities we've investigated in the first three months of any year in recent memory.

The investigation of workplace fatalities is the most difficult task we have at TOSHA. When I look at the details of each case there isn't a clear pattern, the fatalities have taken place in every corner of Tennessee and across all sectors. The construction industry has had the most deaths so far in 2018 with 13, but we've also investigated 9 fatalities in the manufacturing sector.

While we did experience a spike of fatalities during the first quarter of 2018, the number of workplace deaths has waned as we approach the final months of the year. But on December 31 TOSHA still will have investigated more workplace fatalities than the agency has in recent years.

TOSHA has resources available to make each and every business in Tennessee a safer place to work. Through consultative services and educational seminars, TOSHA provides training to raise awareness about workplace safety and health.

TOSHA is active in OSHA's Safe and Sound Week, along with the NUCA Trench Stand Down and National Stand Down for Falls in Construction. Once again in 2018, the agency was a major sponsor of Safety Fest Tennessee which brought out hundreds of safety and health professionals in East Tennessee.

Tennessee was the destination for safety and health professionals across the nation when the Volunteer Protection Program's Participant's Association



and the Tennessee Safety and Health Conference co-sponsored the Safety+ National Symposium this past August in Nashville. More than 3,500 safety attendees spent four days learning and networking at the Gaylord Opryland Resort. Never before have Tennesseans had so much information about safety and health in the workplace available to them so close to home. The Symposium was a tremendous success.

In Tennessee, safety and health resources are there for the taking and available to every industry. Collectively we need to strive to make Tennessee's workplaces safer by using those resources so our co-workers can go home to their families at the end of the day.



Steve Hawkins
Assistant Commissioner,
TOSHA



THANK YOU

TSHC and VPPPA would like to thank all of the attendees, exhibitors, sponsors, speakers and special guests who attended this year's record-breaking Safety+ Symposium in Nashville, TN.

Special **THANK YOU** to the 2018 conference sponsors:



Make plans to join us at the 42nd Annual TSHC on **July 15-17, 2019** at Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convention Center. For more information about next year's conference visit [here](#). Also, to view pictures of this year's conference visit [here](#).

OSHA Extends Some Compliance Dates for General Industry Beryllium Standard



OSHA issued a final rule to extend the compliance date for specific ancillary requirements in the general industry beryllium standard to Dec. 12. The **extension** applies to methods of compliance, beryllium work areas, regulated areas, personal protective clothing and equipment, hygiene facilities and practices, housekeeping, hazard communication, and recordkeeping. During this time, the agency will prepare a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to clarify certain provisions that maintain worker safety and health, and address employers' concerns with compliance. Read the **news release** for more information.

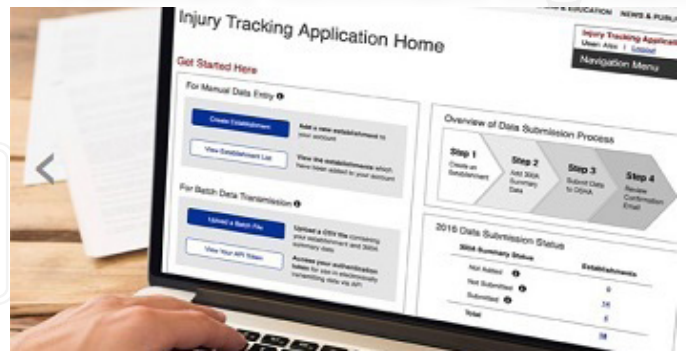
Compliance Date for Crane Operator Certification Requirements Set for November 10, 2018

OSHA issued a final rule that sets November 10, 2018, as the date employers in the construction industry must comply with a requirement



for crane operator certification. The final rule became effective on November 9, 2017. After issuing the final cranes and derricks rule in August 2010, stakeholders expressed concerns regarding the rule's certification requirements. In response, the agency published a separate final rule in September 2014, extending by three years the crane operator certification and competency requirements. The additional one-year extension provides more time for OSHA to complete a rulemaking to address stakeholder concerns related to the Cranes and Derricks in Construction standard. Read the **news release** for more information.

OSHA Proposes Rule to Better Protect Personally Identifiable Information



OSHA issued a **Notice of Proposed Rulemaking** to better protect personally identifiable information or data that could be re-identified with a particular individual by removing provisions of the "Improve Tracking of Workplace Injuries and Illnesses" rule. OSHA believes this proposal maintains safety and health protections for workers, protects privacy, and reduces the burdens of complying with the current rule.

The proposed rule eliminates the requirement to electronically submit information from OSHA Form 300 (Log of Work-Related Injuries and Illnesses), and OSHA Form 301 (Injury and Illness Incident Report) for establishments with 250 or more employees that are currently required to maintain injury and illness records. These establishments would be required to electronically submit information only from OSHA Form 300A (Summary of Work-Related Injuries and Illnesses). For more information, read the **news release**.

September National Preparedness Month: Keep Workers Safe from Natural Disasters



While National Preparedness month has past now is a good time to address how to protect employees in severe weather events. Tennessee experiences heavy rains from hurricanes, serve thunderstorms and tornadoes. TOSHA urges employers to be prepared to keep their workers safe during extreme weather events. OSHA's **Emergency Preparedness and Response webpage** provides information on protecting workers before and after **hurricanes, wildfires, tornadoes, floods**, and other natural disasters

While the Week Is Over, the Safe + Sound Campaign Continues



With more than 2,000 events held across the U.S. and abroad, Safe + Sound Week 2018 helped organizations of all sizes and industries show their commitment to safety. Even though the week is over, **Safe + Sound Campaign's resources** are available throughout the year to help improve your workplace safety and health programs. The American Industrial Hygiene Association offered an **on-demand webinar**, free of charge during September that explained how to improve workplace incident investigations and injury prevention strategies. Thank you to all the Tennessee employers and employees who participated in this annual event!

2018 Trench Safety Stand Down



Tennessee OSHA partnered with the National Utility Contractors Association (NUCA) to sponsor "Trench Safety Stand Down" events focusing on the prevention of trenching fatalities and accidents. The six day event, June 18-23, 2018 presented the opportunity for employers to plan a toolbox talk, take a break and talk about trench safety, and provide training for all employees. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, excavation

and trench-related fatalities in 2016 were nearly double the average of the previous five years. Tennessee OSHA investigated one trench collapse fatality in 2016 and another in 2017. Both were less than 7 foot deep. Thank you to all Tennessee employers and employees who participated to make their excavation safer. For trenching safety tips read the updated **trenching operations QuickCard**.

Safety Fest TN 2018



TOSHA continued to be a proud sponsor of the Safety Fest TN presenting a free safety and health expo and training for businesses and residents across east Tennessee. This year's event was a great success thanks to all the partners, sponsors, and providers. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend next year's event April 29 - May 3, 2019 in Oak Ridge and Knoxville, Tennessee.

2018 National Safety Stand-Down to Prevent Falls in Construction



On May 8, 2018, Steve Hawkins, TOSHA Assistant Commissioner, spoke to 100 construction workers who were building an addition to the facility at Jack Daniels Distillery in Lynchburg, TN. Attendees were reminded how important fall protection is. The National Safety Stand-Down to Prevent Falls in Construction is an annual awareness and emphasis campaign coordinated by the Federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). A Safety Stand-Down is a voluntary event for employers to talk directly to employees about safety. Any workplace can hold a stand-down by taking a break to focus on "Fall Hazards" and reinforcing the importance of "Fall Prevention".

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, fatalities caused by falls from elevation continue to be a leading cause of death for construction employees, accounting for 370 of the 991 U.S. construction fatalities recorded in 2016. Many of those deaths were preventable. The National Safety Stand-Down raises fall hazard awareness across the country in an effort to stop fall fatalities and injuries. Thank you to all that participated in this year's event. Employers across the state of Tennessee are greatly encouraged to utilize OSHA's resources and participate in the stand-down event in 2019!

SHARP News

Rolled Metal Products South



On June 28, 2018, Tennessee Occupation Safety and Health Administration (TOSHA) Assistant Administrator Wendy Fisher recognized Rolled Metal Products South of Lebanon, Tennessee for the initial certification as a TOSHA Safety and Health Achievement Program (SHARP) site, a designation the location earned in April of this year. They are TOSHA's newest SHARP site.

Rolled Metal Products South established the Lebanon site in 1988. The site is a steel service center specializing in stainless steel for industries such as appliance, automotive, and cookware. There are approximately 25 employees at the Lebanon, Tennessee facility. The site's total recordable injury rate for last year is 30% below the national average for their industry.

On August 6, 2018, Tennessee Occupation Safety and Health Administration (TOSHA) Consultation Program Manager Garrett Rea and Industrial Hygiene Consultant Kelly Parks recognized Jiffy Steamer, LLC of Union City, Tennessee for the fourth certification as a TOSHA Safety and Health Achievement Program (SHARP) site, a designation the location earned first in June of 2007.

Jiffy Steamer started in 1940. The site makes garment and specialty steamers which are sold in the US and exported to foreign markets. There are approximately 32 employees at the Union City facility. The site has not experienced a recordable accident in the past three years.

Jiffy Steamer LLC



Taiho Manufacturing Tennessee



On September 20, 2018, Tennessee Occupation Safety and Health Administration (TOSHA) Assistant Administrator Wendy Fisher recognized Taiho Manufacturing in Gordonsville, TN for the second recertification as a TOSHA Safety and Health Achievement Program (SHARP) site, a designation the location has maintained since July of 2013.

Employees and management at Taiho's Gordonsville facility continually strive to maintain low injury and illness rates. Taiho established the Gordonsville site in 2007. The company manufactures multi layered steel gaskets for automotive applications including cylinder head and exhaust manifold gaskets. The site has approximately 46 employees. The site has worked without any recordable injuries since 2007.

2018 TOSHA Fatality Investigation Statistics

January 1st – September 30th, 2018

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Industry Sectors per NAICS Codes

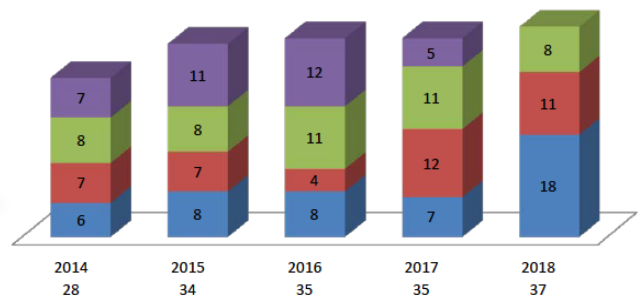
- Manufacturing (31, 32, 33) - 9
- Construction (23) - 13
- Transportation (48) - 4
- Logging (1133) - 2
- Service - 9

Fatality Cause

- Struck by - 15
- Crushed by/Caught in - 6
- Falls - 9
- Engulfment - 1
- Explosion/Fire - 2
- Electrocution - 2
- Chemical over-exposure - 1
- Thrown From/Overtuned vehicle - 1

Fatalities per Quarter

■ Jan-March ■ April - June ■ July - Sept ■ Oct - Dec



Agency Links

OSHA

Tennessee's Government Website

Tennessee Department of Labor & Workforce Development

Tennessee Occupational Safety & Health Administration (TOSHA)

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