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Happy September!

Welcome to our monthly newsletter. We work very hard to provide you with educational information, helpful hits and local care. Please share your feedback and suggestions to help us improve to sam.r.1@aultcompmco.com.

Slips and falls are very common. Who is in charge of making sure the carpets are in good shape? Who is in charge of making sure any fatigue mats in front of machines are free from wear and tear? Are workers falling in areas they should not be in the first place? If you do not know the answers to these questions, then you could have a potential safety concern. Proper employee training is the first step in preventing workers' compensation injuries.

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Manager Tips

- **Communicate regularly.** You need to regularly touch base with your team in order to keep tabs on everything and make sure the whole operation stays on track.
- **Be open to hearing what others think.** Be open to hearing what others think about both it and anything else they may have a problem with, and always take feedback on board.
- **Learn how the business (and each team) operates to see the bigger picture.** The more you know about how everyone interacts with each other, the success metrics of each team, and how one team affects another.

WORKPLACE INJURIES BY THE NUMBERS



Every 7 seconds... a worker is injured on the job.

510
per hour

12,600
a day

88,500
a week

4,600,000
a year



104,000,000 = Production days lost due to work-related injuries in 2017

Most common types of injuries keeping workers away from work



Sprains, strains or tears



Soreness or pain



Cuts, lacerations or punctures

TOP 3 workplace injury events resulting in lost work days



1. OVEREXERTION

- Lifting or lowering
- Repetitive motions

33.54%
OF INJURIES

Helpful Tips:

- Avoid bending, reaching and twisting when lifting
- Take frequent short breaks

2. CONTACT WITH OBJECTS AND EQUIPMENT

- Struck by or against object or equipment
- Caught in or compressed by equipment or objects
- Struck, caught or crushed in collapsing structure, equipment or material

26%
OF INJURIES

- Store heavy objects close to the floor
- Be aware of moving equipment/objects in your work area
- Wear the proper personal protective equipment

3. SLIPS, TRIPS AND FALLS

- Falls to a lower level
- Falls on the same level

25.8%
OF INJURIES

- Place the base of ladders on an even, solid surface
- Use good housekeeping practices

TOP 5 occupations with the largest number of workplace injuries resulting in days away from work



1. **Service**
(includes firefighters and police)



2. **Transportation/Shipping**



3. **Manufacturing/Production**



4. **Installation, maintenance and repair**



5. **Construction**



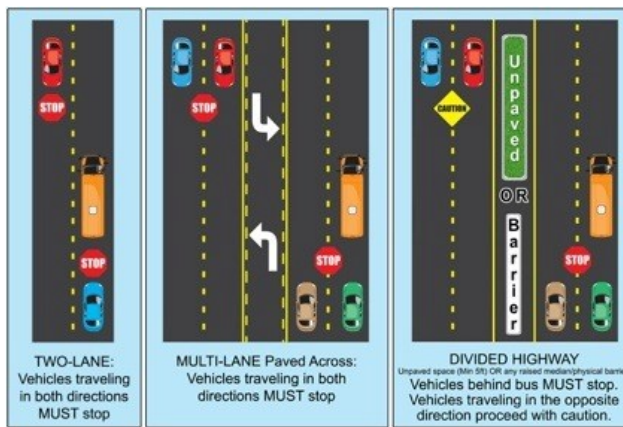
Employers should take action to spare workers needless pain and suffering.

While your safety is ultimately your employer's responsibility, we must each decide to make safe choices every day.

Take the pledge to be **SafeAtWork** at nsc.org/workpledge.

School Bus Safety

With school starting, it is important to be cautious of when to stop for school bus stops. You can find more information about school bus laws for drivers in Ohio by clicking [HERE](#).



BWC News

The Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation (BWC) is increasing the prize amounts for its 2020 Safety Innovation Awards to encourage participation and creative solutions to workplace safety hazards

BWC has bumped the top award to \$10,000, up from \$6,000. Second place will receive \$6,000 (up from \$4,000) and third place \$4,000 (up from \$3,000). The honorable mention prize remains \$1,500. The 2020 winners will be announced from a group of finalists at BWC's annual Ohio Safety Congress & Expo scheduled for March 11-13, 2020, in Columbus.

The Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation (BWC) will reduce premium rates for public employers an average of 10% next year, saving counties, cities, and school districts \$17.8 million over this year's premiums. The reduction — the agency's 11th for public employers since 2009 and equal to the third largest since 1986 — will be effective Jan. 1, 2020. It follows a 12% rate reduction for public employers that went into effect Jan. 1 this year.

Reminder - September 30, 2019 (Public Employers) is the last day to request a change in installment plan or estimated annual payroll for the 2019 policy period.



"LET'S HURRY UP . . . THE SAFETY INSPECTOR'S ON HIS WAY!"

Training Opportunities

Canton Service Office

339 E. Maple St., North Canton, OH 44720

- Sept. 12 - First Aid in the Workplace
- Sept. 17 - Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response Awareness

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