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New England Roundtable Online Series

9:00 am to 10:15 am | log-on begins at 8:50 am

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January 10, 2024: OSHA Top 10 Most Frequently Violated Standards for General Industry

Presented by: OSHA Region 1 Compliance Assistance Team

Each year, OSHA compiles a list of the most frequently cited standards for General Industry and Construction and releases reports about the most frequently cited violations for that year. This also includes the most serious violations and willful violations while some employer make their way on to OSHA's Severe Violator Enforcement Program List (SVEP). Often times, these most frequently cited violations lead to physical injury or death. This session will cover the Top 10 violations, Severe Enforcement Violator Program and tips on minimizing each type of potential hazard. Abatement methods and the OSHA inspection process will also be covered during this presentation.

January 17, 2024: Mental Health & Suicide Prevention in the Workplace

Presented by" Shannon Prescott, CWCA, COSS Director of Risk Control Services, The Richards Group and Shamera Simpson , Director of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention

Developed by the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP), *Talk Saves Lives: Suicide Prevention Education for Workplace Settings* provides participants with the scope of the problem of suicide, key research findings, including risk factors and warning signs for suicide, along with recommendations for the role we can all play in suicide prevention.

Topics covered include:

- **Scope of the Problem:** The latest data on suicide in the U.S. and worldwide
- **Research:** Information from the latest suicide prevention research
- **Risk Factors and Warning Signs:** Information on health, historical, and environmental factors that put individuals at risk for suicide along with suicide warning signs
- **Prevention:** An understanding of the protective factors that lower suicide risk, and strategies for managing mental health and being proactive about selfcare
- **What You Can Do:** Guidance on how to seek and offer support for yourself or others



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January 24, 2024: How High Liner Foods Utilizes the Strength of Diversity

Presented by: Erika Pouliot, EHS Director and Paul Marcus, EHS Manager Starting in the 1980s, High Liner Foods Portsmouth, NH has actively recruited and hired migrants entering the surrounding community. First with Vietnamese and Indonesian, to Hispanic/Latino, to today's Haitian Creole population. In this presentation, High Liner Foods will present how it has developed and adopted best practices in order to meet the needs of both the community and its employees.

January 31, 2024: Utilizing Drones

Presenters: Scott Ptak, OTIEC Region 1 instructor

February 7, 2024:

February 14, 2024: OSHA's Injury & Illness Recordkeeping and Reporting Requirements.

Presenters: OSHA Region 1 Staff

This presentation will be an in-depth discussion of OSHA's recordkeeping rule and is intended for audiences that require a thorough understanding of the regulation. We will cover the recording and reporting requirements as well as common mistakes made by employers. Incentive and disincentive programs will also be covered as well as tips on how an employer can effectively audit their recordkeeping program.

February 21, 2024: Technology's Role in the Future of Workplace Safety, A Focus on AI

Presenters: Mike Stangl Director - East Region Voxel

Technology is an important component of everyday life. Its role in helping to keep our workplaces safe is ever increasing. Learn about existing technologies available to safety professionals and the future of technology's role, specifically Artificial Intelligence (AI), in helping to keep people safe. Learn how AI can identify high risk behaviors and near-misses and through coaching and intervention strategies how this technology/human partnership can reduce injuries in the workplace.

February 28, 2024: OSHA Case Study

Presenters: OSHA Region 1 Staff

March 6, 2024: Topic TBD



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March 13, 2024: Workplace Violence

Presenters: Lisa Sullivan, OSHA Regional Industrial Hygienist

March 20, 2024: Fall Protection beyond the 4 and 6' rule

Presenters: Mark Heffron

You have exhausted your choices through the hierarchy of controls and the only feasible way to protect your workers from striking the ground or level is to put them in a personal fall arrest system.

In this breakout session, we know that workers exposed over four feet General Industry and six feet in Construction, and in most cases, and must be protected. So, you have selected a personal fall arrest system?

What type of harness, who made the selection, is it appropriate for the fall? What about the connecting device, single lanyard, dual lanyard, snaphook size, do you go with a self-retracting lifeline, if so what type? Did you calculate the fall distance based on the equipment selection?

Manufacturers offer thousands of different types of personal fall arrest equipment. The system you chose to protect your workers for today's fall may not be suitable for tomorrow's.

And training, who does it? A competent and qualified person. What does OSHA have to say? What about ANSI/ASSP Z359? We will look at some of the manufacturer's instructions. They are all different and different for each piece of fall protection equipment. Is it all compatible?

We will discuss two case studies where workers were using personal fall arrest equipment, the workers fell, which resulted in serious injuries and fatalities. So, who selected their equipment based on the fall hazard, was it appropriate for the fall, and training?

BOTTOM LINE

The right selection of fall protection system equipment for the fall hazard is necessary

Training by a Competent Person, Qualified in...

The right training program can and will change behavior and reduce risk

Only well-informed workers can make good decisions

These can be life and death decisions

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