



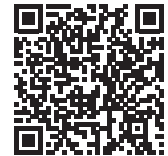
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New England Roundtable Online Series

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

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September 25, 2024: Mental Health and Suicide Prevention

Presented by: Shannon Prescott, The Richards Group, Director of Risk Control

More than ever employers are seeing the effects of mental health on their employees. Productivity, focus, safety and attendance issues are just a few of the outcomes employers can face when an employee is struggling.

In this session, attendees will review some new statistics around employee's mental health and how that is now impacting our day to day work lives. Then, what you can do to help prevent issues before they begin. And some steps to take if a mental health challenge arises. Everyone will receive a Mental Health Toolkit to take with them.

Shannon Prescott – Shannon is the Director of Risk Control for our property and casualty clients. She is a licensed P&C Producer, a Certified WorkComp Advisor, Certified Occupational Safety Specialist and is an Authorized OSHA Outreach Trainer for General Industry and Construction industries.

October 2, 2024: 5A1 General Duty (Heat, Ergo, Tree Trimming)

Presented by: Marianne Bonito, OSHA Compliance Assistance Specialist (Bridgeport Office)

This session will discuss the General Duty Clause, Section 5(a)(1) out of the OSH Act, and it's use by OSHA Compliance Officers. Where it's found, when it can be used, what are the elements to establish a cited violation and when the General Duty Clause, can't be used. The discussion will also include some of the common hazards cited as well as a few case studies.

October 9, 2024: 2024 Updates to the Hazard Communication Standard

Presented by: Simona Holacsek

OSHA has issued a final rule on May 20, 2024 that updates the Hazard Communication Standard (HCS) to align primarily with the seventh revision of the United Nations' Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals (GHS). Chemical manufacturers and all employers with hazardous chemicals in their workplaces are invited to attend our one hour seminar on October 9, 2024. During this seminar we are planning to address key changes in the update to the HCS as well as compliance deadlines.



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October 16, 2024: Who Was That Masked Worker? How to Develop an Effective Respiratory Protection Program

Presented by: Anne Bracker, CONN-OSHA Program Manager

Although personal protective equipment is on the bottom of the hierarchy of controls, many employers require the use of respirators. When respirators are used, employers should be confident that their masked workers are actually protected from their workplaces' inhalation hazards. This session will focus on how to develop an effective respiratory protection program. Topics addressed will include a) Respirator types, b) Selecting the right respirator, c) Medical clearance d) Fit testing, d) Maintenance and Care and e) Employee training.

October 23, 2024: Taking It Up a notch: Improving Workplace Ergonomic Assessment Beyond RULA & REBA

Presented by: Dr. Lito Amit

Do you use Rapid Upper Limb Assessment (RULA) and Rapid Entire Body Assessment (REBA) in your ergonomic risk assessments? Learn about eight other standardized, reliable and valid ergonomic tools that you can readily use to improve your ergonomic assessments.

Dr. Lito Amit is an assistant professor in the Safety and Occupational Health Applied Sciences department at Keene State College in New Hampshire. His field of specialization is in Occupational Ergonomics. Apart from teaching, he devotes his time to conducting ergonomic-related research projects and consulting.

October 30, 2024: Topic TBD

November 13, 2024: Cured In Place Piping (CIPP): A modern construction marvel with a dark story to tell

Presented by: Scott Smith I Lp.D, CSP

CIPP is a modern globally applied approach to pipe repair that can reduce risks to workers, lower project costs, and limit environmental impacts. However, with new technologies comes new challenges. The goal of this lecture is to provide a foundational understanding of the CIPP process, review the current state of US OSHA enforcement standards, exposure risks and controls using sample data, and current best practices to ensure employee, community, and environmental safety.

Dr. Smith brings 3 decades of experience assisting employers, clients, and communities with managing compliance to



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OSHA and referenced standards, operational and employee safety and health, and business continuity. He currently sits as the Corporate Director of Safety and Health for Tighe & Bond and is a Professor in applied safety and health at Keene State. A Board-Certified Safety Professional and OSHA Outreach Trainer, Scott Co-Chairs the Safety Board at the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) and is the President Elect at the Western Massachusetts American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA).

November 20, 2024: Chemical Warehouse and Distribution Facility Issues identified by EPA, OSHA and DHS

Presenters: Len Wallace and Janet Bowen US EPA Region 1 Waste and Chemical Compliance Section Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Division

Some chemical warehouse and distribution facilities may be failing to properly manage hazardous chemicals as required by federal law. In the past several years, the EPA has visited numerous chemical warehouses and distribution facilities (i.e., companies that process, formulate, blend, re-package, store, transport, and market chemical products) to determine compliance with the Clean Air Act (CAA) and the Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act (EPCRA) requirements. Based on these inspections, EPA found that many facilities are not developing safety precautions; instituting maintenance, monitoring, and employee training measures and preparing risk management plans. EPA has taken enforcement actions and assessed penalties against several chemical warehouses and distribution facilities across the country, sometimes pursuing criminal enforcement actions. In 2021, EPA issued an EPA Enforcement Alert and Joint Agency Safety Advisory to remind chemical warehouse and distribution facilities that they must ensure their chemicals are managed safely, securely, and in compliance with the federal laws. In 2023, EPA developed the Management of Hazardous Chemicals at Chemical Warehousing and Chemical Distribution Facilities Video.



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