OSHA Issues Multiple New Enforcement Guidance Documents

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Within the past month, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration issued multiple new enforcement guidance documents, touching virtually every employer. The guidance documents are as follows:

1. **Inspection Procedures for the Hazard Communication Standard (HCS2012); Effective July 9, 2015; CPL 02-02-079.** This guidance document provides guidance to OSHA Safety and Health Compliance Officers on how to enforce the revised hazard communications standard during the transaction period and once fully implemented.

2. **Enforcement Procedures and Scheduling for Occupational Exposures to Tuberculosis, Effective June 30, 2015; CPL 02-02-078.** This document provides general enforcement policies and procedures to be followed by OSHA Compliance Officers when inspecting and issuing citations related to occupational exposure to tuberculosis.

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1. **Temporary Enforcement Policy for Construction Work in Confined Spaces; Effective August 3, 2015.** This memorandum provides guidance on the enforcement of the confined spaces in construction standard published on May 4, 2015. The new standard goes into effect on August 3, 2015, but OSHA is postponing full enforcement of the new standard for 60 days from the effective date of August 3, 2015, to October 2, 2015. During this period, OSHA will not issue citations to an employer “making good faith efforts to comply” with the new standard (as defined in the memorandum), as long as the employer is in compliance with either the new or the former training requirements.

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**NOTE:** This general summary of the law should not be used to solve individual problems since slight changes in the fact situation may require a material variance in the applicable legal advice.

### Upcoming Events

**Wednesday, August 5—NFPA 70E Electrical Safety in the Workplace—8:00 a.m. to noon at the Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce. Fee. Register at starkcountysafetycouncil.org**

### Coming Next Month

**September 10, 2015**

**2015 “Safety, Health & Human Resource Fair”**

**Limited spaces still available**

**Sponsored by:**

The Stark County Safety Council

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

**Food * Fun * Door Prizes**

(Grand Prize- $250.00 Visa Gift Card)

### Wishes Can Happen

**Drop in Your Loose Change**

*August is the Last Month to collect before donations are presented at the Wishes Can Happen August “Wish-a-Thon.”*

### Safety Council Officers & Contributing Members

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POSSIBLE SOLUTION: Rubber insulating gloves are to be tested before first use and every six months thereafter. Gloves should display the date stamped of the last test. If the gloves have been electrically tested but not issued for service, it is not permitted to be placed into service unless it has been tested within the previous 12 months.

3) When working near exposed energized electrical conductors and circuits, including voltage testing and trouble shooting, employee did not use rubber insulating gloves to protect from shock.

REFERENCES: 29 CFR 1910.335(a)(1)(i)
NFPA 70E 2015 Article 130.7(C)(7)(a)

POSSIBLE SOLUTION: Employees shall wear rubber insulating gloves with leather protectors where there is a danger of hand injury from electric shock due to contact with energized electrical conductors or circuit parts. Gloves shall be rated for the voltage for which the gloves will be exposed.

REFERENCES: 29 CFR 1910.335(a)(1)(i)
NFPA 70E 2015 Article 130.7(C)(7)(a)

Q: What are some of the changes to the 2014 National Electrical code that could save lives, property and money?

A: Here are 3 major changes that may affect your business:

1) Unused (abandoned) communication cables were not removed or were not tagged for future use.

REFERENCE(S): NEC 2014 Article 800.25

POSSIBLE SOLUTION: Removed accessible portions of abandoned communication cables. If cables remain for future use, each cable must be identified for use with a tag of sufficient durability to withstand the environment.

2) Rubber insulating gloves were not electrically tested at the correct intervals.

REFERENCES: NFPA 70E 2015 Article 130.7(C)(7)(a)
ASTM F 496 Standard Specification for In Service Care of Insulating Gloves and Sleeves

REFERENCE(S): NFPA 70E 2015 Article 130.7(C)(7)(a)
Be an example...DRIVE LIKE IT MATTERS!

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According to data from the Ohio Traffic Safety Office, traffic crashes in Ohio are on the increase in 2015. As of the last week of June, Ohio has recorded 496 traffic deaths, 77 more deaths in 2015 than at the same time a year ago. This is an increase of over 18%. Although Stark County currently has fewer traffic deaths this year than at the same time in 2014, we have still lost 9 people to traffic crashes to date in 2015. An alarming fact is that 6 of those deaths have occurred within the last 38 days. Please take action to prevent you or someone you care about from becoming a statistic.

What can you do? Join in on the countywide kick-off event. Stark County Safe Communities will be hosting a community wide media event in support of the National Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Campaign that runs from August 21st until September 7th. At the kick-off event scheduled for August 21st at Stark State College starting at 4 PM and ending around 5 PM. We will be meeting in the Lecture Hall of the Business and Entrepreneurial studies Center. At the event, you will hear the story of Tara D. Gibbons, a 32-year old wife and mother of two small children who died when the vehicle she was driving was hit by a twenty-one year old impaired driver. Along with her story, there will be a short presentation on the effects and consequences of impaired driving. Also on display will be the Safe Communities Memorial Crash Wall, as well as other visual displays depicting the tragedy of impaired driving.

The program and your attendance is our community’s way of making a statement that impaired driving crashes are unacceptable and that we will not forget the many victims of our impaired driving crashes and continue enforcement and education efforts until our roadways are safe.

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In addition to the presentation, officers from many of Stark County enforcement agencies will join forces and work a memorial checkpoint in the evening together as a show of support for the family of our victims and a pledge to residents that they will continue to strive to keep the impaired drivers off the roadways. Drivers going through the checkpoint will be given Tara Gibbons Memorial Cards that share her story and photos of her and her family to help us put a face on one of Stark County’s impaired driving crash fatalities.

Again, please consider joining us for this important event on:

**Friday August 21, 2015 at**

**Stark State College**

**6200 Frank Ave. NW, Canton, Ohio 44720**

**In the Lecture Hall of the Business and Entrepreneurial Studies Center**

**The event will start at 5 PM and should be over by 6 PM**

As a community leader, your support will go a long way in reinforcing the importance of safe driving practices and the damage and devastation impaired driving can cause both personally and to the community. For more information regarding the event or Safe Communities, contact Director Sharon George at 330-430-3835.

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**Ohio Bureau of Workers’ Compensation**

Division of Safety and Hygiene

Class Schedule (North Canton)

339 E. Maple St. Suite 200
North Canton, OH 44720

Register at bwclearningcenter.com

- **Fall Hazards in Construction and Maintenance**—Sept. 14-15—8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. each day
- **Violence in The Workplace Workshop**—September 23—8:30-noon
- **Accident Analysis Half-day Workshop**—September 23—1:00-4:30 p.m.
- **First Aid in the Workplace**—September 29—8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
- **Safety Series for Industry Workshop Module 1**—Oct. 5—1:00-4:30 p.m.
- **Train the Trainer**—Oct. 7-8—8:30 a.m.-4:30 on Oct. 7; 8:30 a.m.-noon on Oct. 8
- **OSHA Recordkeeping**—Oct. 15—8:30 a.m.-noon
- **Bloodborne Pathogens**—Oct. 15—1:00-4:30 p.m.
- **Construction Safety Elements (OSHA 10)**—Oct. 19-20—8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. each day
- **Safety and Ergonomics for Extended-care Facilities**—Oct. 22—8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
- **Industry Safety Elements (OSHA 10)**—Oct. 26-27—8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m. each day
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