**OSHA Has a New “High” Fine Map**

By Jacqueline Bollas Caldwell, Esq.

How safe are workers in each state? OSHA has a new map tool that gives information on this issue. The map tracks only one indicator – the number of OSHA workplace safety and health inspections that resulted in high fines. The new map lists all OSHA Inspection/Enforcement cases for each state in 2015 with initial penalties of $40,000 or more.

Below is some additional information that the new map gathers concerning 2015 Ohio OSHA inspections:

- Thus far in 2015, 52 inspections have resulted in initial penalties of $40,000 or more;
- The highest initial penalty issued was $861,500, and this employer was just hit with 2 more sets of citations for $424,600 and $179,700 in connection with a left leg amputation and loss of 2 fingertips, making the total initial fines in excess of $1.4 million;
- 12 additional facilities received initial fines exceeding $100,000;
- 36 of the inspections at issue included an amputation national emphasis program inspection, with lockout/tagout and guarding violations receiving significant penalties;

**October 8, 2015**

**“Why Talk About Fire Prevention?”**

Deputy Chief Tim Berczik of the Jackson Twp. Fire Dept.

- The Ohio Fire Code
- Commonly found fire hazards in businesses
- What to expect after you dial 9-1-1

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US SafetyGear Inc., is an Ohio based full line safety supply company that specializes in helping our customers to make their work places safer. We would like to work with any company that wants to reduce injuries from cuts, burns, eye injuries, electrical hazards and fall hazards in manufacturing and construction.

Please contact Chris Zabel at (330)717-6626 for assistance or email at czabel@ussafetygear.com.

In addition, please also be sure to stop and see us at our Canton safety store at 2813 Cleveland Avenue S.W., Canton, Ohio, 44707. Our store hours are 8am-6pm Monday through Friday and 9am-2pm on Saturday. The Canton store phone number is (234)214-8808. We have a full selection of safety shoes and high visibility clothing and FR Apparel in stock.
ROBIN’S CORNER
By Robin Watson, Ohio BWC Representative

Q: “What types of products used in the work environment need ergonomic assessments?”

A: Whether you are designing a new product, buying one in a store, or retrofitting an older product, ensuring it meets ergonomic standards saves time and money, maximizes productivity, and increases efficiency. There are ergonomic guidelines for just about any work product you can think of, including: chairs, desks, tables, ladders, stairs, workbenches, shelves, cabinets, carts, mechanical hoists, hand tools, heavy equipment, monitors and many, many more.

OSHA suggests you follow these guidelines: provide management support, involve workers, provide training, identify problems, encourage early reporting of MSD symptoms, implement solutions to control and evaluate progress. You can find more general information at https://www.osha.gov/SLTC/ergonomics/

The Ohio BWC has Ergonomists that can help you with assessments and determining if you are using the correctly designed equipment. Contact your safety consultant and they can make a referral to the correct Ergonomist for you.

Upcoming Events

Oct. 6—Fire Prevention Breakfast—8-9:30 a.m. at Skyland Pines Golf Club. Fee, go to starkcountysafetycouncil.org to register.

Oct. 13—Forklift/Aerial Lift Safety Training Safety Training Seminar – 8-10:00 a.m. Fee, go to starksafetycouncil.org to register.

For more information please contact Jacqueline Bollas Caldwell of Kruglik, Wilkins, Griffiths & Dougherty Co., L.P.A. at: 330-244-2864 or jcalwell@kwgd.com.

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.
Coming Next Month

**November 12, 2015**

**Airport Safety and Security**

Todd Laps, Manager of Public Safety/Operations at Akron-Canton Airport

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![Hospitality House](image)

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**Class Schedule (North Canton)**

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Register at bwclearningcenter.com

OSHA Recordkeeping—Oct. 15—8:30 a.m.-noon

Bloodborne Pathogens—Oct. 15—1:00 p.m.-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. 22nd—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

Behavior-based Safety Systems Half day Workshop—Nov. 9th 8:30 a.m.—noon

Safety Series for Industry Workshop Module 2—Nov. 9th 1:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

Ergonomics: Developing an Effective Process—Nov. 17th—8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

Safety for the Non-safety Professional—Nov. 19th—8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

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Special Note: **BWC is providing this valuable PEC CORE compliance training for those needing to update their certification or those interested in professional development on the subject.**

**The first of two classes in the fiscal year is scheduled for Monday, October 19 at the Ohio Center for Occupational Safety & Health (OCOSH) in Pickerington.** The second on March 28, 2016 at the BWC Canton Service Office—details below:

**Petroleum Education Council Core Compliance Refresher March 28, 2016—8:15 a.m.-5:00 p.m.**
IT’S TIME TO FALL BACK!!

By: Gary Hootman, EH&S Manager, Koch Knight LLC & Stark County Safety Council Steering Committee Member

Effective November 1st, 2015 at 2:00 a.m., Daylight Saving Time ends. What does this mean, other than the onset of more darkness than light and the inevitable and unenviable Northern Ohio Winter?? It means that it’s time to check those safety devices. Most of us have become accustomed to changing our smoke detector batteries during these time changes, but there are also a few other items that should be addressed:

- This is the time of year to inspect and test your Carbon Monoxide detector according to the manufacturer’s instructions. This is something that may not get as much attention as a smoke detector, but may be more important.
- Check your fire extinguisher to ensure that it is fully charged and ready for action when the oven “malfunctions” and the pot roast turns into a piece of charcoal.
- Ensure that your home security system is functional and review that the security provider is prepared for any home emergencies.
- Check that heating systems and fireplaces are inspected and ready for winter. Many contractors offer affordable inspection and cleaning services for these devices.
- Be certain that your family has an emergency evacuation program in place in the event of a fire or other emergency. Ensure there are clearly defined exit routes from any room in the home and have an established meeting place outside the house.

These are just a few items to help make your home safer during the upcoming winter. Please take a few moments in the coming weeks to ensure your family is safe until Daylight Saving Time begins again.

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