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Snake River Chapter Newsletter

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Van Howell shared Electrical Safety at October meeting

Van Howell, CSP, CET, Instructor at UC San Diego OSHA Training Institute and Education Center, shared his expertise in electrical safety to a large crowd at our October meeting. He shared many photos and stories from his years of experience. He also shared an extensive list of valuable resources.



The recording of this presentation is available for viewing on our website at <https://snakeriver.assp.org/technical-session-videos>. If you would like a copy of the presentation, please email us at snakeriverassp@gmail.com.

Upcoming Meetings

Executive Committee Meeting	
12-02-19; 5:30-6:30	Please confirm date and location with snakeriverassp@gmail.com
Chapter Meetings	Technical Session
11-19-19; 11:30 to 1:00 Idaho Pizza Co. 6724 N Glenwood St, Boise RSVP: snakeriverassp@gmail.com	Selling Safety to Upper Management by Deni Hoehne, SHRM-SCP, SPHR, STS
12-17-19	No Meeting. Happy Holidays!
1-21-20; 11:30 to 1:00 Idaho Pizza Co. 6724 N Glenwood St, Boise	Landscaping Hazards and Abatement Methods by Adam Gerson, CIH, CSP; Compliance Assistance Specialist, OSHA
2-18-20; 11:30 to 1:00 Idaho Pizza Co. 6724 N Glenwood St, Boise	Advanced Strategies for Eliminating Musculoskeletal Injuries by Jason Barry, Senior Consultant, Manager, BSI Group
3-17-20 6:30 to 8:00 TBD	TBD
4-21-20; 11:30 to 1:00 Idaho Pizza Co. 6724 N Glenwood St, Boise	Bicycle Safety by Diana Papili (dianapapili@gmail.com)

Chapter News

Learn how to sell safety to upper management at November meeting!

Every safety professional knows that active sponsorship and participation by organizational leaders is key to creating a productive safety culture. You have succeeded at your project sites, local offices, in the field, and in shops and plants. Are you willing to consider that you might need to change your approach to succeed in a culture that's different from all of those—the business executive culture?



Deni Hoehne, Senior Consultant with Higher Resources LLC, an HR and management consulting firm, will share best practices developed from her years of working with safety professionals to develop their communication and influence skills.



Also, since it is almost Thanksgiving—a time for family, friends, and food—we would like to help our local community through the Idaho Foodbank. If you can, please bring an item or two to ensure everyone can enjoy the holidays. Guidance on the most needed items is available at <https://idahofoodbank.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/11/Most-Needed-Items.pdf>.

Bring a friend, and maybe win a prize! If you bring a safety friend who has not been to our meetings before, you will be entered into a drawing for a safety prize!



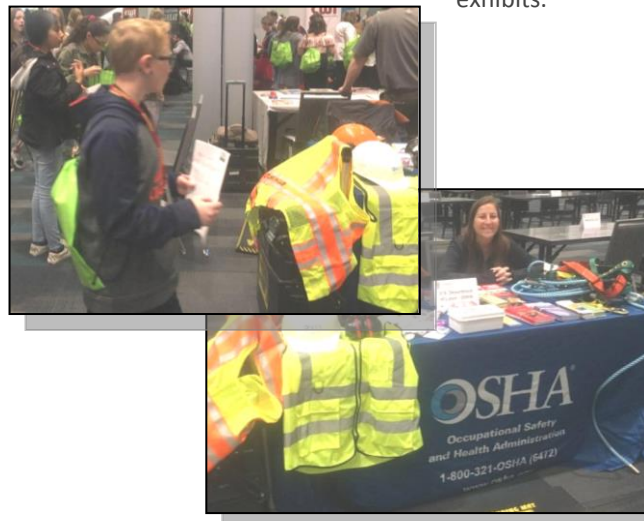
When: 11-19-19: 11:30 to 1:00

Where: Idaho Pizza Co.; 6724 N Glenwood St, Boise

This will be a great meeting and we hope to see everyone there!

Snake River Chapter and OSHA inspired students at JA Inspire!

Lea Duffin from Snake River Chapter helped Adam Gerson of OSHA at JA Inspire October 29 in Meridian. This event provides hands-on career exploration for 8th and 9th grade students. Local Idaho companies and organizations shared career advice and engaged students with interactive exhibits.



ASSP News

Apply now for a scholarship or grant!

Do you want to take a certification class? Need help with tuition or study materials? Want to attend a conference? This is your chance!

The ASSP Foundation offers nearly 150 awards each year ranging from \$500 to \$15,000 each. Snake River Chapter members have a very good chance due to generous donations to the Willie Piispanen Professional Education Grant and the Region II Willie Piispanen Scholarship.

Professional education grants a

One available to OS&H professionals looking to further their careers and can be used for professional seminars and conferences, certification prep courses, college coursework, certification fees, or other safety-related needs.

Scholarships are available to U.S. safety students.

More information is available at:

(<https://foundation.assp.org/scholarships-and-grants/>).

Applications must be completed online by December 1.

Awards will be announced April 15, 2020. Questions can be directed to the ASSP Foundation by emailing

asspfoundation@assp.org or calling 847.699.2929.

SH&E News

Check for Takata airbag recall

There are over 40 million vehicles in the U.S. under recall due to a defective Takata airbag. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) estimates that there will be 65-70 million vehicles under recall by December 2019. As these vehicles span 19 manufacturers, Takata airbags may be in some of your personal or fleet vehicles. The airbags, which have the potential to explode and eject sharp metal fragments if the vehicle is involved in a crash, have caused serious injury and death. This defect is associated with long-term exposure to high heat and humidity.

What can you do?

First, you should search vehicle identification numbers (VINs) to see if they are under recall: <https://vinrcl.safercar.gov/vin/>. If so, contact your local vehicle dealer to get the vehicle repaired for free. You can also sign up for NHTSA's recall notification system: <https://www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/nhtsa/subscriptions>

OSHA fines Idaho Dollar Tree stores

OSHA cited Dollar Tree Stores at four Idaho locations for exposing employees to unsafe storage of merchandise, and blocked walkways and exit routes. The company faces \$898,682 in proposed penalties.

OSHA inspectors initially responded to a complaint alleging unstable stacks and piles of boxes in a Boise store's stockroom. Then they received another complaint alleging similar conditions in Caldwell, Nampa and Meridian.

At the four stores, inspectors found boxes stacked improperly, and blocked aisles and exit routes. In one store, inspectors found an employee who suffered injury from falling boxes. While an inspector shot video of conditions during another inspection, a stack of boxes fell and nearly injured an employee. During their investigation, inspectors learned that falling boxes had injured other employees. OSHA cited Dollar Tree for violations related to blocked aisles and exit routes, unsafe storage and stacking of boxes, blocked electrical panels, improper use of a ladder, and exposing workers to falls from heights. The citations can be viewed <https://www.dol.gov/sites/dolgov/files/OPA/newsreleases/2019/09/OSHA20191540.pdf>.

New NIOSH Virtual Tool Kit helps responders work safely around drugs

NIOSH has [released a virtual tool kit](#) for First Responders on how to protect themselves from exposure to illicit drugs. The tool kit includes short training videos and sharable infographics that cover protection when illicit drugs may be present and when they are present, what PPE to wear, and how to decontaminate themselves and their equipment. Other resources based on key points from NIOSH recommendations are also included in the virtual tool kit.

EPA updates hazardous waste management guide

EPA has updated "[Managing Hazardous Waste: A Guide for Small Businesses.](#)" It provides an overview of the federal hazardous waste regulations to give business owners and operators a basic understanding of their hazardous waste management responsibilities. It answers questions like "Do hazardous waste regulations apply to me?" "How do I know which generator category I am?" and "What kinds of requirements do I have to follow?"



The Guide has been updated to reflect the changes to the regulations for hazardous waste generators since the previous version of the publication, including the 2016 Generator Improvements Rule, wastes added to the universal waste program, Subpart K for academic laboratories, the Hazardous Waste Pharmaceuticals Rule, and electronic reporting/e-manifest.

New NIOSH webpage addresses suicide

NIOSH recently published a webpage on [Suicide and Occupation](#). This page identifies information we know about the suicide problem, factors that are linked to increased risk of suicide among occupations, ways to prevent suicide in the workplace, and a host of other resources.



OSHA changes new beryllium standards

OSHA has issued a [final rule](#) on its beryllium standards for construction and shipyards that extends the compliance dates for ancillary provisions to Sept. 30, 2020. This extension accounts for OSHA's proposal to revise or remove those provisions and maintains enforcement of the lower permissible exposure limits (PEL).

OSHA says it will issue a proposed rule to amend the beryllium standards for construction and shipyards to more closely align the standards to the general industry standard where appropriate and tailor the mandates to the exposures in construction and shipyards. It will also work to clarify requirements with respect to materials that contain trace amounts of beryllium.

OSHA issues new respirator fit testing protocols

OSHA issued a [final rule](#) that provides employers with two new fit testing protocols for ensuring that respirators fit properly.



The new protocols are the modified ambient aerosol condensation nuclei counter (CNC) quantitative fit testing protocol for full-facepiece and half-mask elastomeric respirators, and the modified ambient aerosol CNC quantitative fit testing protocol for filtering facepiece respirators. Both protocols are abbreviated variations of the original OSHA approved ambient aerosol CNC quantitative fit testing protocol (PortaCount®), but differ from the test by the exercise sets, exercise duration, and sampling sequence. These protocols will serve as alternatives to the four existing quantitative fit testing protocols already listed in appendix A of the Respiratory Protection Standard and will maintain safety and health protections for workers while providing additional flexibility and reducing compliance burdens.

Learning Opportunities

ASSP Webinars

For a listing of upcoming ASSP webinars, go to: <https://store.assp.org/PersonifyEbusiness/Events/ASSPEducationalEventsCalendar>

Safety Fest registration starts November 18



Registration for the 2020 Boise Safety Fest will begin November 18 at 8 a.m. and end December 13. Mark your calendar now because classes fill up fast. If you don't already have an account, we recommend creating one ahead of time to speed up your registration process. The class schedule will be posted online at www.safetyfest-boise.org/ by November 13.

It will be held at the Boise State University Student Union Building January 28-31, 2020. The popular Vendor Trade Show will be January 28 and 29. For more information on booths or sponsorships, please go to <http://safetyfest-boise.org/vendors/> or contact Lea Duffin at Lea.Duffin@idahosisif.org.

We also need volunteers. Please contact randall.danner@itd.idaho.gov to be a part of this incredible program!

Check out ASSP's Safety Standards and Tech Pubs Podcasts

This site includes standards and podcasts that help you stay up to speed on the latest in industry consensus safety standards and technical publications. The podcasts are free. Go to: <https://www.assp.org/standards/safety-standards-and-tech-pubs-podcast>

Job Opportunities

Loss Control Consultant-State Insurance Fund, Boise.

Go to: <https://careers.idahosisif.org/public/jobs/2019-004P106.htm>

Check out the ASSP Career Center

Whether you are new to the safety profession, looking for a new opportunity or searching for the best candidate for an opening, the ASSP Career Center has resources for you: <https://www.assp.org/resources/career-center>