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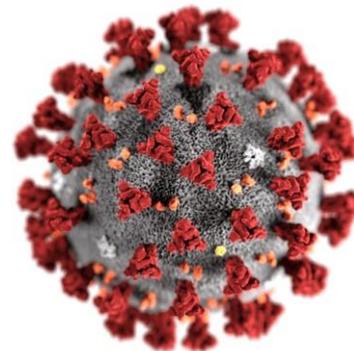
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# AMERICAN SOCIETY OF SAFETY PROFESSIONALS

## Snake River Chapter

## COVID-19: What's New and What You Need to Know Now!

We hope you can join us September 15, 11:30-1:00, for **COVID-19: What's New and What You Need to Know Now!** This Zoom meeting will feature updates from safety, health, and medical professionals on the COVID-19 pandemic. Adam Gerson, CIH, CSP, with OSHA, will discuss protecting the safety and health of workers, including risks, impacts, enforcement, and guidance. Brian Vandenries, APRN, BC, from St. Luke's, will discuss the medical issues, new research, and current trends in Idaho from the clinical occupational health perspective. This meeting is a joint effort of the Idaho Section of the American Industrial Hygiene Association, Craters of the Moon Chapter of the American Society of Safety Professionals (ASSP), and the Snake River Chapter of ASSP. If you did not receive an invitation, please email [snakeriverassp@gmail.com](mailto:snakeriverassp@gmail.com).



**When:** Tuesday, September 15, 11:30-1:00

**Where:** Zoom. If you didn't receive an invitation, please email [snakeriverassp@gmail.com](mailto:snakeriverassp@gmail.com) for a link.

## Upcoming Meetings

Executive Committee Meeting	
10-5-20; 5:00-6:00. Zoom	Please confirm date and location with <a href="mailto:snakeriverassp@gmail.com">snakeriverassp@gmail.com</a>
Chapter Meetings	Technical Session
9-15-20 11:30-1:00 Zoom Meeting Email <a href="mailto:snakeriverassp@gmail.com">snakeriverassp@gmail.com</a> for link.	<b>COVID-19: What's New and What You Need to Know Now!</b> Adam Gerson, CIH, CSP, from OSHA, and Brian Vandenries, APRN, BC, from St. Luke's
10-20-20; 11:30 to 1:00 Zoom Meeting	TBD
11-17-20; 11:30 to 1:00 Zoom Meeting	TBD
December: No meeting	<b>Happy Holidays!</b>

## Chapter News

### Welcome our new President-Elect!

Please welcome our new President-Elect, Jason Barry! Jason is a site H&S leader at Amazon and was previously a Senior Safety Engineer at Micron Technology and a Senior Consultant with The British Standards Institute. He has worked in the health and safety field for over ten years with entities such as Fender Guitars, UCLA, Stanford University, and others. He



holds a Bachelor's degree from the College of Idaho in Exercise Science and worked through the health and safety field in ergonomics and musculoskeletal injury prevention. Jason has been our Mentorship Program Coordinator since 2018, and has been an active leader in chapter programs and activities since 2016. Welcome, Jason!

### ASSP will donate to the WCA

Thanks to everyone who donated in response to our June meeting on **Domestic Violence and its Impact on the Workplace**. Your donations will soon be delivered to the Women's and Children's Alliance. It will make a difference, especially during these trying times. Thanks, everyone!

### Win great prizes with the Member-Get-A-Member Campaign!

Do you have friends, colleagues and associates who would find value in ASSP membership? Share the resources ASSP offers with colleagues by using the [Refer-A-Friend e-mail tool](#) or directing potential members to the [ASSP website](#) to encourage them to join the Society. The more people you refer, the more rewards you can earn, such as an on-demand webinar, a 1-year membership extension, a polo shirt and ASSP course. For every new paid member you sponsor during 2020, you will receive an entry in the grand prize drawing for a trip to ASSP's annual professional development conference, which includes full conference registration, 3 nights' hotel accommodations and a \$250 gift card for expenses.

### Follow us on LinkedIn!

Snake River Chapter now has a LinkedIn Page thanks to Deni Hoehne! Please follow us at:

<https://www.linkedin.com/in/snake-river-chapter-assp/>

## ASSP News

### Nominations are open for 2021 ASSP leadership positions

Volunteering for an ASSP leadership position is a great way to develop key business skills, enhance your career and advance in the OSH profession. Various volunteer roles are available to fit a range of interests, skills and experience levels, including opportunities with the board of directors, councils, regions, practice specialties and common interest groups.

For a complete list of open positions, visit the [elections page](#).

Nominations are due Sept. 17, 2020.



### ASSP's COVID-19 resources help workers return to jobsites

ASSP's COVID-19 resource web page helps workers return to the workplace: <https://www.assp.org/resources/covid-19/latest-resources>.

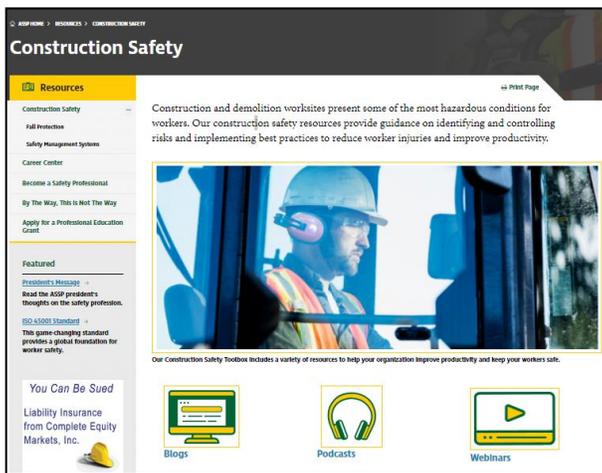
Also, you can register for the free self-paced online course, [Pandemic Challenges: How to Return to Work Safely](#).

### Learn proper ergonomics for the home workspace!

ASSP has a great article with tips to help your workers reduce the pains and strains that can come from working at home. Read [three tips](#) and listen to the [podcast](#) for ideas on improving the ergonomics of your home workspace.

## ASSP has a new Construction Safety resources webpage

ASSP has added a new Construction Safety resources webpage to its website! You will find curated content such as free, on-demand podcasts, blogs and webinars, as well as links to information about the member community and the resources and programming offered.



## ASSP HOD updates certain officer requirements

In a decision that will allow a larger pool of members to pursue leadership opportunities and enable ASSP to strengthen its leadership pipeline, the House of Delegates (HOD) voted to remove the professional membership requirement to hold the elected positions of [regional vice president](#), [area director](#), and [administrator](#) and [assistant administrator](#) for practice specialties and common interest groups.

“For many years, leaders holding these positions have expressed frustration about the professional member requirement to run for these offices,” says ASSP At-Large Director Pam Walaski, CSP.

“It has not been unusual for those who were interested and willing to continue to grow as leaders to be stymied by the professional membership requirement,” Walaski explains. “While they show excellent promise and a willingness to continue to serve our Society, they haven’t been able to go any further. The requirement had become a barrier for some of our most promising leaders and their sponsors.”

## SH&E News

### Strategies for limiting workplace violence

CDC published [Limiting Workplace Violence Associated with COVID-19 Prevention Policies in Retail and Services Businesses](#). Intended for employers and employees in retail, services, and other customer-based businesses, this resource offers strategies to limit violence towards workers that may occur when businesses put in place policies and practices to minimize the spread of COVID-19.

### Check out NIOSH science blogs

NIOSH published a couple of excellent blogs relating to the pandemic:

- [Skin Irritation From Prolonged Use of Tight-Fitting Respirators](#)
- [How Collecting and Analyzing COVID-19 Case Job Information Can Make a Difference in Public Health](#)

### Learn about case investigation and contact tracing

The CDC published [Case Investigation and Contact Tracing in Nonhealthcare Workplaces](#) to help employers understand how to collaborate with health departments during COVID-19 case investigation and contact tracing.

### Carpooling infographic

CDC has developed an [infographic](#) with suggestions for how to prevent the spread of COVID-19 when carpooling to and from work.

### How and what to communicate to employees about COVID-19

CDC has published the [COVID-19 Communication Plan for Select Non-healthcare Critical Infrastructure Employers](#). This document suggests how and what to communicate to employees, including communication channels and messages

## Don't forget the National Stand-Down to Prevent Falls!

The seventh annual [National Stand-Down to Prevent Falls in Construction](https://www.osha.gov/StopFallsStandDown/) will be held Sept. 14-18 to correspond with [Construction Safety Week](https://www.osha.gov/StopFallsStandDown/). The event page (<https://www.osha.gov/StopFallsStandDown/>) includes information on how to conduct a stand-down with lots of resources and even a certificate for participation!

NATIONAL SAFETY STAND-DOWN

TO PREVENT FALLS IN CONSTRUCTION

SEPTEMBER 14-18, 2020



Stop Falls Stand-Down

- Plan a toolbox talk or other safety activity
- Take a break to talk about how to prevent falls
- Provide training for all workers

For more information:  
[www.osha.gov/StopFallsStandDown](https://www.osha.gov/StopFallsStandDown)  
 #StandDown4Safety • 1-800-321-OSHA (6742)






## OSHA guidance

OSHA has an excellent page on COVID-19 ([osha.gov/SLTC/covid-19/](https://www.osha.gov/SLTC/covid-19/)) and one of the best FAQs I have seen: <https://www.osha.gov/SLTC/covid-19/covid-19-faq.html>. It covers masks and oxygen levels, alternatives to N-95s, virtual 10-hour and 30-hour courses, and much more! Check it out!

You can order printed copies of OSHA COVID-19 posters and guidance booklets for your workplace. All items are free and available in multiple languages. Visit OSHA's [publications page](https://www.osha.gov/publications) to place an order.

## New silica protection guidance

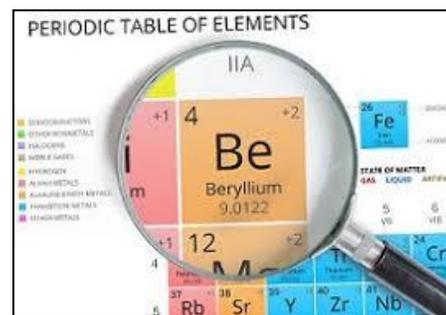
OSHA [issued guidance](#) to ensure uniform enforcement of silica standards including methods of compliance, exposure assessments, respiratory protection, recordkeeping, medical surveillance, and hazard communication.



## OSHA finalizes beryllium standard

OSHA issued its [final beryllium standard](#) for general industry. The [final rule](#) amends the following paragraphs of the beryllium standard for general industry: "Definitions," "Methods of Compliance," "Personal Protective Clothing and Equipment," "Hygiene Areas and Practices," "Housekeeping," "Medical Surveillance," "Hazard Communication" and "Recordkeeping." It also has a new Appendix A: "Operations for Establishing Beryllium Work Areas."

The compliance date of this final standard as modified is September 14, 2020. OSHA has been enforcing most of the provisions for general industry since Dec. 12, 2018. The agency began enforcing the provisions for change rooms and showers on March 11, 2019, and engineering controls on March 10, 2020.



## Learning Opportunities

### COVID-19 Webinars

ASSP has been recording and providing webinars to help manage safety during this pandemic. For more information go to <https://www.assp.org/resources/covid-19/webinars>.

### ASSP Webinars

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

### FREE! OSHA-ASSP National Safety Stand-Down to Prevent Falls in Construction

Free Webinar | 0.2 CEUs | September 17  
During the National Safety Stand-Down, OSHA and ASSP will present this live webinar to increase fall hazard awareness in an effort to stop fall fatalities and injuries. They will focus on the need for comprehensive fall protection management programs in industry.

### Fleet Safety

Webinar | 0.2 CEUs | September 15  
Develop knowledge to help your organization take a systematic approach to understanding fleet safety; review methods to assess your organization's risk; and identify opportunities to successfully manage the risk.

### NEW! Financial Basics for the OSH Professional

Online Course (Self-Paced) | 0.5 CEUs | Ongoing  
Build your knowledge and understanding of what is important to finance and business leaders, to engage and influence the decision-making process and challenge organizational assumptions about OSH investments.

## Job Opportunities

### Site WHS Manager at Amazon, Nampa

<https://www.amazon.jobs/en/jobs/1145657/site-whs-manager>

### WHS Specialist at Amazon, Nampa

(multiple roles):

<https://www.amazon.jobs/en/jobs/1240315/whs-specialist>

### Onsite Medical Representative (EMT) at Amazon, Nampa

(multiple roles):

<https://www.amazon.jobs/en/jobs/1240319/onsite-medical-representative>

### Sr. Safety Engineer at Micron, Boise:

<https://jobs.micron.com/job/Boise-Safety-Engineer-ID-83701/667890900/>

### Check out the ASSP Career Center

Need a job? Need an employee? 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. You can post resumes, post job opportunities, or search. Go to:

<https://www.assp.org/resources/career-center>

