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## October meeting was great success!

Our October meeting on “Disaster Supply Kits and Hazards in Our Region” covered what you need to know to prepare for emergencies and disasters in our region thanks to Myla Jeffries, Community Outreach Specialist with the Ada County Emergency Management & Community Resilience. The video recording is now posted at:

<https://snakeriver.assp.org/technical-session-videos/>

Here are some of the links she referred to in her presentation:

- Emergency Preparedness Guide: [https://adacounty.id.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/39/EPGuide\\_web3-15-16.pdf](https://adacounty.id.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/39/EPGuide_web3-15-16.pdf)
- Main website for Ada County Emergency Management: <https://adacounty.id.gov/emergencymanagement>
- Flood inundation maps: <https://adacounty.id.gov/emergencymanagement/how-to-prepare-resources/flood/>

## Upcoming Meetings

Executive Committee Meeting	
12-?-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
11-17-20; 11:30 to 1:00 Zoom Meeting	<b>Perspectives on Ventilation Changes for Covid-19</b> by Mike Cooper MS, MPH, CIH, NRRPT, Industrial Hygiene Resources
12-15-20, 11:30 to 1:00 Zoom Meeting	TBD
1-19-21, 11:30 to 1:00 Zoom Meeting	TBD
2-16-21, 11:30 to 1:00 Zoom Meeting	TBD
3-16-21, 11:30 to 1:00 Zoom Meeting	TBD

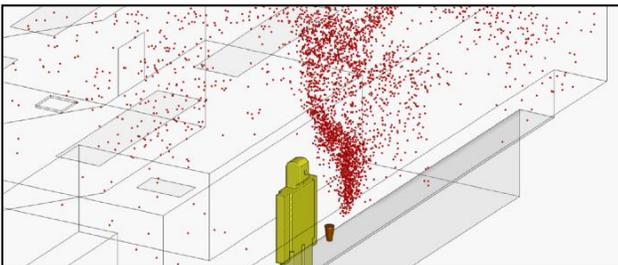
## Chapter News

### November meeting will explore ventilation changes for COVID-19

We hope you can join us for our November 17 meeting. Mike Cooper, MS, MPH, CIH, NRRPT, with Industrial Hygiene Resources, will discuss “**Perspectives on Ventilation Changes for Covid-19.**” With winter approaching, we will all be spending a lot more time inside, with a lot less air flow. Several non-governmental organizations have provided reasonable indoor air ventilation advice to lessen the impact of Covid-19 in the workplace. Armed with this guidance, preliminary results and RT-PCR data from HVAC inspections at medium/high risk facilities will be discussed. Mike will also offer his perspective on some of the many generic commercial “solutions” that are now available to improve indoor air quality, such as ionizers, HEPA filtration, and fogging.

When: Tuesday, November 17, 11:30 – 1:00  
Where: Zoom. If you did not receive an invitation, please email [snakeriverassp@gmail.com](mailto:snakeriverassp@gmail.com) for the link.

We hope to see you there!



### Follow us on Social Media!

Snake River Chapter is on LinkedIn at:  
<https://www.linkedin.com/in/snake-river-chapter-assp/>

We are also on Facebook at:  
<https://www.facebook.com/SnakeRiverASSE>

## ASSP News

### Apply now for a scholarship or grant!

There is still time to submit applications for [academic scholarships and professional development grants](#) from [ASSP Foundation](#) through Dec. 1, 2020, for its annual disbursement of financial awards in 2021. More than \$230,000 in awards is available to OSH students and professionals thanks to the generosity of corporate donors and the ASSP community.

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. AND, please remember that our own member, Brad Giles, will become President of ASSP at next year’s PDC! It will be a great time to attend!

Scholarships are available to undergraduate and graduate students, including full-time and part-time students. Applicants must be enrolled in an occupational safety or related degree program and have a grade point average of 3.0 for undergraduate students and 3.5 for graduate students.

Professional education grants are available to OSH professionals seeking to advance their careers through certification, college coursework, professional development courses or similar learning opportunities.

Awards will be announced May 15, 2021. Visit the [ASSP Foundation website \(https://foundation.assp.org/scholarships-and-grants\)](https://foundation.assp.org/scholarships-and-grants) for more information.

Don’t forget! Applications are due December 1! Questions can be directed to the ASSP Foundation by emailing [asspfoundation@assp.org](mailto:asspfoundation@assp.org) or calling 847.699.2929.

## SH&E News

### Is your portable space heater safe?

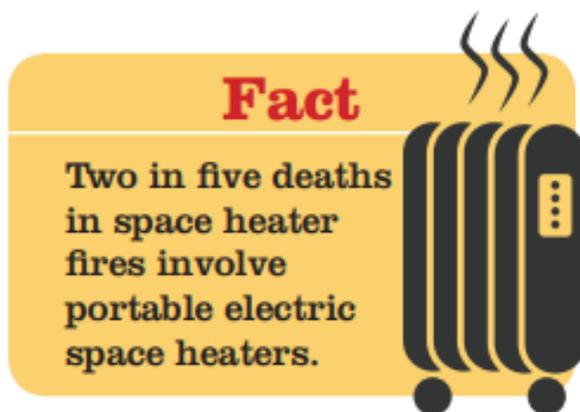
Here is some great info from the NFPA on electric portable space heaters. *(Thanks to Colorado Chapter ASSP for sharing this info).*

Checklist from the NFPA:

- Purchase a heater with the seal of a qualified testing laboratory.
- Keep the heater at least 3 feet (1 meter) away from anything that can burn, including people.
- Choose a heater with a thermostat and overheat protection.
- Place the heater on a solid, flat surface.
- Make sure your heater has an auto shut-off to turn the heater off if it tips over.
- Keep space heaters out of the way of foot traffic. Never block an exit.
- Keep children away from the space heater.
- Plug the heater directly into the wall outlet. Never use an extension cord.
- Space heaters should be turned off and unplugged when you leave the room or go to bed

For a poster and more information from the NFPA, please go to:

<https://www.nfpa.org/.../Safety.../PortableHeaterSafety.ashx>



Source: NFPA, [https://www.nfpa.org/-/media/Files/Public-Education/Resources/Safety-tip-sheets/PortableHeaterSafety.ashx?fbclid=IwAR18KhFvbyRHnPb026tsZC8wOmzyO6rgAJd\\_b1LHJWddowR0ItYU1984](https://www.nfpa.org/-/media/Files/Public-Education/Resources/Safety-tip-sheets/PortableHeaterSafety.ashx?fbclid=IwAR18KhFvbyRHnPb026tsZC8wOmzyO6rgAJd_b1LHJWddowR0ItYU1984)

## Learning Opportunities

### Future Safety Fests

Here is updated information on Safety Fests, thanks to Adam Gerson from OSHA!



Safety Fests of the Great Northwest in Idaho are annual training events that offer free safety and health training to workers, supervisors, and managers of all levels. Safety Fest is FREE to the community and provides safety and health training in an effort to help reduce fatalities, injuries and illnesses. Although some events were cancelled in 2020, Safety Fest committees in Idaho are working to provide training events in our new environment going forward.

**February 17-19, 2021** - [Post Falls](#) - hosted by North Idaho College (NIC) – hybrid\* event – virtual and in-person instruction

**March 9-11, 2021** - Virtual statewide training event for Idaho - details coming in 2021

**March 22-24, 2021** – two concurrent hybrid\* events (virtual and in-person instruction)

- [Twin Falls](#) - hosted by the College of Southern Idaho (CSI) and
- Idaho Falls - hosted by the College of Eastern Idaho (CEI)

**April 6-8, 2021** - Pocatello – East – hybrid\* event

*\*Note that in-person instruction at hybrid events will be dependent on COVID-19 guidelines prior to, and at the time of the respective event.*

## ASSP Webinars

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

Please check this out. There are dozens of incredibly interesting webinars from auditing to safety management to certification preparation.

## ASSP Resources

ASSP posted a couple of very good resources on worker stretching and on material hoist safety. Please check them out!

### The Importance of Movement for Today's Workers

Research suggests that frequent movement can help prevent injuries caused by static work positions. Learn how helping your workers adopt a "be fidgety" plan can help.

### Material Hoist Safety Checklist

Material hoists play an important role in safety moving materials around construction and demolition sites. Follow these three tips to help your workers use them safely.

## Job Opportunities

### Check out the ASSP Career Center

Need a job? Need an employee? Need a connection? Need a mentor? Want to advance your career? 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. Check it out at:  
<https://www.assp.org/resources/career-center>