



**Bureau of Workers'
Compensation**

FEBRUARY SAFETY COUNCIL UPDATE

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MONTHLY LEARNING FEBRUARY



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Feb. 3 - Lockout/tagout advanced principles
Independent Electrical Contractors (IEC), Columbus, OH

Feb. 4 - Confined space: Identification and safe practice basics
half-day workshop
Canton Service Office

Feb. 4-5 - OSHA10: Construction safety basics
Indiana Wesleyan University, Independence, OH



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MONTHLY LEARNING FEBRUARY - CONTINUED



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Feb. 10-12 - Certified safety professional (CSP) examination review

Cincinnati/Springdale Service Office

Feb. 19 - First aid in the workplace

Canton Service Office

Feb. 25 - Tree work essentials: Chainsaws, chippers, and other safety concerns

Edison State Community College, Piqua, OH



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MONTHLY LEARNING MARCH



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March 4 - Electrical basics
Canton Service Office

March 4 - Lockout/tagout and safety-related work practices
Canton Service Office

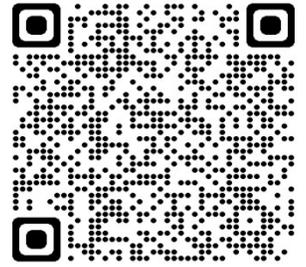
March 17-18 - Industrial ventilation
Cincinnati/Springdale Service Office



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MONTHLY LEARNING MARCH - CONTINUED



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March 17 - Safety for the non-safety professional
Mid-Ohio Conference Center (MOCC), Mansfield, OH

March 18 - Combustible dust hazards: Recognition, evaluation and control recommendations
Canton Service Office

March 18 - Electrical safety in the workplace through insight and implementation of NFPA 70E
Independent Electrical Contractors (IEC), Columbus, OH



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MONTHLY LEARNING MARCH - CONTINUED

March 23-27 - Hazardous waste operations and emergency response 40-hour

Del-Co Water Co. Wolf Event Center 201, Delaware, OH

March 25-26 - OSHA 10: Industry safety basics

Edison State Community College, Piqua, OH



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MONTHLY LEARNING MARCH - CONTINUED

March 25 - Tree work essentials: Chainsaws, chippers, and other safety concerns

Independent Electrical Contractors (IEC), Columbus, OH

March 25 - Emergency preparedness planning half-day workshop

Indiana Wesleyan University, Independence, OH



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VIRTUAL TRAINING FEBRUARY



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- **Feb. 3** - Safety series workshop module 4: Walking working surfaces and emergency action plan basics
- **Feb. 5** - Violence in the workplace
- **Feb. 10-11** - Controlling workers' compensation costs
- **Feb. 12** - Safety for the non-safety professional workshop

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VIRTUAL TRAINING FEBRUARY - CONTINUED



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- **Feb. 17** - Job safety analysis
- **Feb. 19** - Hazardous waste operations and emergency response awareness
- **Feb. 24-26** - Trenching and excavation
- **Feb. 25** - Ergonomic risk factors: Understanding and identifying

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VIRTUAL TRAINING MARCH

- **March 4** - High hazard emphasis inspections: Be prepared when PERRP shows up at your doorstep
- **March 5** - Crisis de-escalation tactics and safe work practices workshop
- **March 17**- Hazard communication half-day workshop



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VIRTUAL TRAINING MARCH

- **March 24** - Health hazards and toxicology fundamentals workshop
- **March 26** - Accident analysis half-day workshop
- **March 31** - Safety series workshop module 5: Electrical safety and LOTO basics



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WEBINARS – FEBRUARY AND MARCH

- **February** – No webinars
- **March** – No webinars



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Webinars do not qualify for Safety Council rebate external training credits.

PRIVATE EMPLOYER IMPORTANT DATES – FEBRUARY AND MARCH

- **Feb. 28** - Self-Insured assessment payment due - first half
- **Feb. 28** - Self-Insured SI-40 due
- **March 31** - PA Claim Impact Reduction Program (CIRP) training requirement deadline
- **March 31** - PA Substance Use Prevention and Recovery (SUPR) annual report due for preceding July 1 start date
- **March 31** - PA Substance Use Prevention and Recovery (SUPR) Program application deadline for July 1, 2025, start date
- **March 31** - PA last date to request change in PY 2025 estimated annual payroll



PUBLIC EMPLOYER IMPORTANT DATES – FEBRUARY AND MARCH

- **Feb. 1** - PERRP 300AP Summary of Work-Related Injuries and Illnesses, submission deadline for previous-calendar year statistics
- **Feb. 17** - PEC deadline to file settlement application (C-240) to impact EM
- **Feb. 28** - PEC PY 2025 payroll true-up report and payment deadline; there is no grace period
- **March 31** - PEC snapshot date for experience calculation





SAFE PATIENT HANDLING AND MOBILITY



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PATIENT HANDLING AND PATIENT SAFETY - THE IMPACT OF INJURY

- Across Ohio's extended care facilities, patient handling injuries are:
 - The leading cause of caregiver injury – 42% of claims
 - Expensive – the average cost is \$13,500 (in 2020)



Source: www.ihl.org/partner/initiatives/patient-safety-awareness-week



PATIENT HANDLING AND PATIENT SAFETY - THE IMPACT OF INJURY (CONTINUED)

- Patient injuries can impact long-term patient physical and emotional health, financial well-being, and family relationships.
- Each year in the U.S. there are 250,000 to 400,000 patient deaths due to errors or preventable harm.



PATIENT HANDLING AND PATIENT SAFETY - THE CAUSES

- High-force efforts:
 - Lifting individuals, such as from a wheelchair or bath
 - Repositioning patients in bed or in a chair
 - Pushing and pulling equipment, such as wheelchairs or beds



Source: https://asphp.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/Safe_Patient_Handling_and_Mobility_WhitePaper-Final.pdf

PATIENT HANDLING AND PATIENT SAFETY - THE CAUSES (CONTINUED)

- Awkward caregiver postures, such as bending or reaching
- Repetitive activities, such as caring for multiple patients

PATIENT HANDLING AND PATIENT SAFETY - SOLUTIONS

- Implement a safe patient handling and mobility (SPHM) program
- Provide effective patient handling equipment (e.g., sit-to-stand aids, transfer devices)
- Investigate long-term solutions (e.g., ceiling lifts)



Source: Ceiling lift image - www.publichealth.va.gov/employeehealth/patient-handling/

PATIENT HANDLING AND PATIENT SAFETY - ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- OSHA: Worker Safety in Hospitals
 - www.osha.gov/hospitals/patient-handling
- U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
 - www.publichealth.va.gov/employeehealth/patient-handling/index.asp
- Safe Patient Handling app (VA Health)



PATIENT SAFETY AWARENESS WEEK - MARCH 8-14, 2026

- Emphasizes education about health-care safety
- Promotes discussions and actions to improve health-care safety for caregivers, patients, and health-care systems
- More information: Institute for Healthcare Improvement (www.ihi.org)



BWC SAFETY SERVICES

- Safe patient handling benefits caregivers, employers, and patients
- BWC consultants:
 - Offer on-site expertise to identify risks in the current patient handling processes
 - Assess workflow, equipment use, and staff practices to recommend tailored solutions that minimize injuries
- Contact BWC Safety Services for expert assistance



OFFICE OF SAFETY SERVICES – WE ARE HERE TO HELP

- On-site safety consultations
- Workplace hazard assessments
- Ergonomics and process safety reviews
- Industrial hygiene testing
- Training and education courses
- Grant opportunities for safety equipment





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