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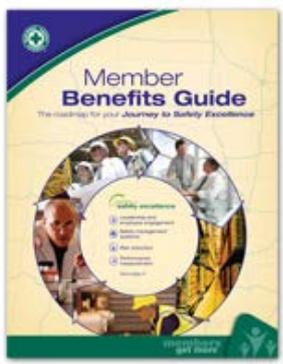
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Employee engagement is key to a successful safety program! An award from the National Safety Council shows them you appreciate their efforts.

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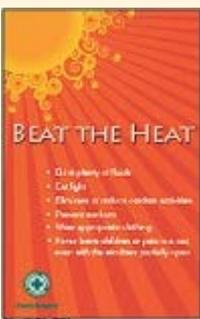


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Featured Safety Poster:



Encourage employees to stay safe in the heat this summer with this [downloadable poster](#).

Welcome to *Spotlight on Safety*, an e-newsletter brought to you by the Department of the Interior Office of Occupational Safety and Health in partnership with the National Safety Council. We hope you will find this service of value. Send feedback or ideas on topics you would like to see to membershipinfo@nsc.org. Please put "Department of the Interior feedback" in the subject line.

UV Radiation safety



July is UV safety month. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Ultraviolet (UV) rays are a part of sunlight that is an invisible form of radiation. UV rays can penetrate and change the structure of skin cells. There are three types of UV rays: ultraviolet A (UVA), ultraviolet B (UVB), and ultraviolet C (UVC). UVA is the most abundant source of solar radiation at the earth's surface and penetrates beyond the top layer of human skin. Sunlight exposure is highest during the summer and between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Working outdoors during these times increases the chances of getting sunburned.

Employers should take the following steps to protect workers from exposure to UV radiation:

- When possible, avoid scheduling outdoor work when sunlight exposure is the greatest
- Provide shaded or indoor break areas
- Provide training to workers about UV radiation including:
 - Their risk of exposure
 - How to prevent exposure
 - The signs and symptoms of overexposure

To read the complete article and learn how to protect yourself and your co-workers, [click here](#). (CDC.gov)

5-Minute Safety Talk: Biting and stinging insects

Outdoor workers have enough to contend with besides bugs that bite and sting. For most people, bug bites cause temporary redness and pain. But for others, bites and stings may trigger a life-threatening emergency.



Understanding the risks and basic treatment can help all outdoors workers deal with these pests.

Schedule a [5-Minute Safety Talk](#) with your employees to learn more.

Firework safety tips



Summer means picnics, barbecues, parades and fireworks displays, especially around the 4th of July. The National Safety Council advises that the best way to safely enjoy this 4th of July is to watch a public fireworks display conducted by professionals. However, if fireworks are legal where you live and you decide to use them, be sure to follow these important safety tips:

- Never allow young children to handle fireworks.
- Older children should use fireworks only under close adult supervision.
- Light fireworks outdoors in a clear area away from onlookers, houses and flammable materials.
- Light one device at a time; maintain a safe distance after lighting.
- Do not allow any running or horseplay while fireworks are being used.
- Never ignite devices in a container.
- Do not try to re-light or handle malfunctioning fireworks; douse and soak them with water and discard them safely.
- Keep a bucket of water nearby to fully extinguish fireworks that don't go off or in case of fire.

Following these above guidelines should ensure a safe and enjoyable 4th of July holiday this year for you and your family.

Webinar: The top 5 OSHA compliance challenges

Click [here](#) to view this month's featured webinar: "The top 5 OSHA compliance challenges: How to prepare your organization to tackle them head-on"



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