

Stark County Safety Council Newsletter

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OSHA RELEASES

WORKPLACE INJURY

ILLNESS INFORMATION

Every year since 1996 the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has collected workrelated injury and illness data from more than 80,000 employers. For the first time, the Agency has made the data from 1996 to 2007 available in a searchable online database, allowing the public to look at establishment or industry - specific injury and illness data. The workplace injury and illness data is available at http://www.osha.gov/pls/odi/establishment_search.html as well as Data.gov.

Source: Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation February 2010 Safety Update

NOTE This general summary of the law should not be used to solve individual problems since slight changes in the fact situation may require a material variance in the applicable legal advice.



STARK COUNTY

SAFETY COUNCIL

A committee of the Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce

**Safety Council
Mission
Statement**

To provide a forum for safety and health information, education and networking in Stark County, through leadership, innovation, facilitation, program, and support, in partnership with other public and private organizations.

February 11, 2010

"Crucial Confrontations Training: Learn Skills of How to Effectively Hold Each Other Accountable to Safety Expectations"

Speaker: Tim Bauserman, Southam Consulting

Spotlight
Company:

VocWorks®

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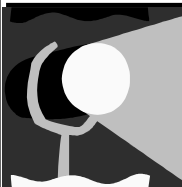
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ABOUT OUR SPOTLIGHT COMPANY: VocWorks is a Columbus, Ohio based company that provides vocational rehabilitation and disability management services for customers in Ohio, West Virginia, Western Pa, and Michigan. Our Ohio field and vocational rehab case managers are located within each local community, including several in the Akron-Canton area. Our belief is that an early and safe return to work is a vital part of the rehabilitation process and is good for both employee and employer. Our company has consistently been voted as one of Ohio's top employers.

Info from the Ohio BWC

February Safety Update

New publication addresses protecting workers against exposure to hexavalent chromium
Hexavalent chromium is a toxic chemical that can cause cancer and damage to the nose, throat and lungs of workers. The new Hexavalent Chromium booklet explains OSHA's hexavalent chromium standards so that workers and employers know the best ways to prevent illness and death caused by exposure in the workplace. Visit <http://www.osha.gov/pls/publications/pubindex.list> For more resources on hexavalent chromium and other information on staying safe and healthy on the job.

Haz-Map Database is Updated

Haz - Map, a database on the effects of occupational exposure to potentially toxic agents from the National Library of Medicine (NLM), has added 265 agents. <http://hazmap.nlm.nih.gov/>
Haz - Map is an occupational health database designed for health and safety professionals and for consumers seeking information about the health effects of exposure to chemicals and biologicals at work. Haz - Map links jobs and hazardous tasks with occupational diseases and their symptoms. It covers 3218 agents, and 225 occupational diseases. More information about Haz - Map can be found at <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/pubs/factsheets/hazmap.html>

New NIOSH Respirator 'One - Stop - Shop' Web Resource

NIOSH has developed a new respirator web page containing information that should be regarded as a reliable source to identify NIOSH - approved respirators; how to obtain products; and how to use them. The page will be dynamic; information will be added as it becomes available.

http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/npptl/topics/respirators/disp_part/RespSource.htm



UPCOMING PROGRAM

March 11, 2010

**Topic: Corporate Wellness
Improving the Bottom Line**

**Speaker: Dr. Bruce Hensley, Medical Director,
Mercy Work Health & Safety**

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

March 16—7:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m. CEO/Senior Management Breakfast, Meyer's Lake Ballroom—
Speaker: Bruce Hennes, Managing Partner, Hennes Paynter Communications.

March 30 to April 1 at the Greater Columbus Convention Center Ohio Safety Congress & Expo—Saving Lives...Saving Money Focus on Safety in Today's Economy register at
[www. Ohiobwc.com](http://www.Ohiobwc.com); 800-OHIOBWC. Free event.

May 1—SAFE KIDS DAY 2010;10:00a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Exploration Gateway @ Sippo Lake Park. . . a FREE interactive safety fair for the whole family

Important items to make note of:

1. **Semi-Annual Reports** are required to maintain your membership with the SCSC. Reports are due July 15th and January 15th each year.
2. **Don't forget to sign-in.** If you do not sign the "sign-in sheet" your company will not receive credit for attending. This could hurt your company's chances of receiving the BWC's discount. These are sent to the BWC.
3. **July 1, 2009 began a new 12 month period** for your attendance requirement with the State to be eligible for your rebate check. You must attend a minimum of 10 events, with your company's CEO or a senior level manager attending one of these 10, **and** submit two semi-annual reports to qualify for your rebate. See BWC website for complete rebate details.
4. **Please complete a Program Rating Form** following each luncheon meeting. Your input is important.