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- State of Nevada will now require all construction workers to complete OSHA 10-hour course by January 2010

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## OSHA Launches National Emphasis Program on Recordkeeping

The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) is initiating a national emphasis program (NEP) on recordkeeping to assess the accuracy of injury and illness data recorded by employers. The recordkeeping NEP involves inspecting occupational injury and illness records prepared by businesses and appropriately enforcing regulatory requirements when employers are found to be under-recording injuries and illnesses. "Accurate and honest record-keeping is vitally important to workers' health and safety," said acting Assistant Secretary

of Labor for OSHA Jordan Barab. "This information is not only used by OSHA to determine which workplaces to inspect, but it is an important tool employers and workers can use to identify health and safety problems in their workplaces." The inspections include a records review, employee interviews, and a limited safety and health inspection of the workplace. The NEP will focus on selected industries with high injury and illness rates. At the request of the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions and the House Committee on Edu-

cation and Labor, the Government Accountability Office (GAO) issued a study on the accuracy of employer injury and illness records. This NEP will help OSHA work cooperatively with the GAO. It also complements the Labor Department's Bureau of Labor Statistics' (BLS) efforts to investigate factors accounting for differences between the number of workplace injuries and illnesses estimated by BLS and those estimated by other data sources. U.S Dept of Labor, OSHA Office of communications Oct. 1, 2009.

## NEVADA REQUIRES OSHA 10-HOUR JANUARY 2010

According to Assembly Bill 148 signed by Governor Gibbons and will become effective on January 1, 2010. Supervisors and employees working on construction sites must complete an authorized OSHA 10 or 30 Hour Construction course not later than 15 working days after being hired (existing employees must be in compliance by January 16th). After that time, employers are required to suspend or terminate those not in compliance. Supervisors must complete the 30 Hour course and

other employees the 10 Hour course. The Bill specifies that a 10/30 Hour alternative course may be offered by an employer provided it meets or exceeds the guidelines issued by federal OSHA for such courses. However, this option is only valid through December 31, 2010. Employees trained under this option must attend an authorized OSHA 10/30 Hour course by January 1, 2011. Any OSHA card issued for an OSHA 10 or 30 Hour Construction course expires

5 years after the date it was issued. The Bill also requires trainers to register as a provider of these courses. Additional Information can be found at <http://dirweb.state.nv.us/OSHA/osha.htm>





Safety Photo of the Month!

### Did You Know?

- 5,071 workers died on the job in 2008 "With everyone of these fatalities, the lives of a worker's family members were shattered and forever changed. We cannot forget that fact" - Hilda Solis, Secretary of Labor
- In 2008, workers in construction suffered the most fatalities of any industry in the private sector with 969 deaths, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) census of fatal occupational injuries.

## THE OSHA 10-HOUR COURSE PRESENTED BY CORE SAFETY GROUP:

### UPCOMING TRAINING IN YOUR AREA

City	Date	Time	Cost
Austin	10/29/2009	7am-5:30pm	\$150.00
Las Vegas	11/5/2009	7am-6:00pm	\$150.00
Houston	12/3/2009	7am-5:30pm	\$150.00
Dallas	12/10/2009	7am-5:30pm	\$150.00

**Cost:** \$150.00 per person/ \$130.00 with 5 or more registered employees

**Includes:** Reference material, OSHA Outreach Construction Certificate. Option: 29

CFR 1926 Construction Standard books can be purchased for \$20.00 by cash or check.

**Accreditation:** All courses are instructed by degreed safety professionals with CSP and CHST certifications.

Registration and additional information is available at

[www.coresafety.com/training](http://www.coresafety.com/training)

or enroll at:

Email - [kkyle@coresafety.com](mailto:kkyle@coresafety.com)

Phone - 423-643-2045

Can't make it to this course....view our online OSHA training at

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Talked about as one of the best 10-hour courses around, attendees will walk away with a true educational experience! Watch the outcome of energized power tools being thrown into water, scaled scaffold, fall protection and rigging demonstrations.

## OSHA NEWS

### Enforcement Steps Up in Texas

- The U.S. Department of Labor has beefed up enforcement in Texas. After Labor Secretary Hilda Solis questioned the state's worker safety record during a speech in San Antonio in June, the Labor Department dispatched extra inspectors to Texas from other states. The special initiative yielded a 60 percent increase in construction site inspections and an 85 percent increase in citations, according to Labor Department figures.

The Labor Department focused on Texas after three workers died in June when scaffolding collapsed at a condominium development near the Univer-

sity of Texas at Austin. The department's attention was focused by a report that highlighted the high number of construction deaths in Texas than in other large states. The added OSHA enforcement peaked in Dallas in late July and August, according to safety professions and construction trade groups. A spokeswoman for the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, which enforces worksite safety laws, said the inspections were unannounced. Dallas Morning News— Dave Michaels

**Fatality Report** - During the month of August, 82 workplace fatalities were reported. \*There are 26 state ran OSHA programs, a number of these

states have elected not to report their fatalities to Federal OSHA.

Staten Island NY 8/21/09 Victim was working in the basket of an articulating truck mounted boom. During movement of the boom, victim was catapulted out of the basket. Miami FL. 8/4/09 Victim was crushed by a skid steer bucket. Lima, OH 8/27/09 Victim was conducting roofing work, and fell through a hole in the roof, 25 feet to the concrete floor below.

Odesa TX 8/12/09 Victim leaned across a horizontal milling machine turning at 138 RPM. One of the sleeves of his shirt was caught by either the spinning shaft or drift. Victim was pulled off the floor and

wrapped around the shaft Myerstown PA 8/7/09 Victim was cutting steel from an aerial lift and fell 7-8 feet to the floor below.

Bay Terrace NY 8/25/09 Victim was operating a knuckle boom truck and was crushed between the boom and the controls.

Slidell LA 8/17/09 Victim was working from a basket lifted up by a rough terrain forklift that-tipped over on its side.

Jackson MO 8/7/09 Victim was working on the second floor, nailing in window jams. He fell out of the window, 13 feet to the ground.

Additionally stories be found at [http://www.osha.gov/dep/fatcat/dep\\_fatcat.html](http://www.osha.gov/dep/fatcat/dep_fatcat.html)