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View from the Passenger Seat: A New Look at Reducing Auto Liability

How much time and money do you invest in safety training? What about driver training? With a fleet of more than 400 vehicles, McKenney's had to do something about their accident rate. Learn how sitting in the passenger seat changed gears from managing accidents to managing risk.

Speaker: Gail Callina Allen, Risk Manager, McKenney's, Inc.;

Gail Callina Allen built the risk management department and program from the ground up for the largest mechanical contractor in the Southeast. As Risk Manager for McKenney's, Inc., Ms. Allen applies her deep understanding of the issues and complexities facing the construction industry today through a rich blend of experience, legal background, insurance knowledge, and education. Her career has included international work and spanned a number of disciplines, including contract management, strategic sourcing and capital procurement, information technology, transportation, energy, FCC licensing and forestry procurement.

Ms. Allen has presented at multiple leadership conferences on topics such as managing conflict, leading change, listening to learn, communication, and stages of team development. Naturally analytical, Ms. Allen can "crunch" the numbers, identify trends and offer solutions, but she is as much a people-person as she is analytic. Building solid relationships has been paramount to her success as Risk Manager. Prior to joining McKenney's, Ms. Allen was a paralegal in the Law Department of Georgia-Pacific for ten years, specializing in contracts and insurance. Ms. Allen holds a BBA in Management from Shorter University. She is a licensed Workers' Compensation Adjuster and Certified Workers' Compensation Professional (CWCP). She is a certified DriverTrainer for Smith System® and has trained more than 200 drivers in the art of collision avoidance.

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Members \$10 & Non-Members \$15.00

Walk Ins Welcome



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IH Corner Zika Virus

In new guidance, CDC and OSHA describe ways to protect workers from occupational exposure to Zika virus, a mosquito-borne disease that has been reported in several countries in Africa, the Americas, Asia, and the Pacific. Although the disease is commonly spread from the bite of an infected *Aedes* species mosquito, transmission may also result from exposure to an infected person's blood or other bodily fluids.

The interim guidance applies to outdoor workers, healthcare and laboratory workers, mosquito control workers, and business travelers. The guidance suggests that employers consider reassigning workers who are pregnant or who have pregnant partners to indoor tasks to reduce their risk for mosquito bites. The new information from CDC and OSHA also includes guidance and recommendations for workers to protect themselves from mosquito bites and exposures from infected individuals. Employers and workers in travel-related operations, including airlines and cruise lines, may also benefit from CDC's guidance for travel to Zika-affected areas.

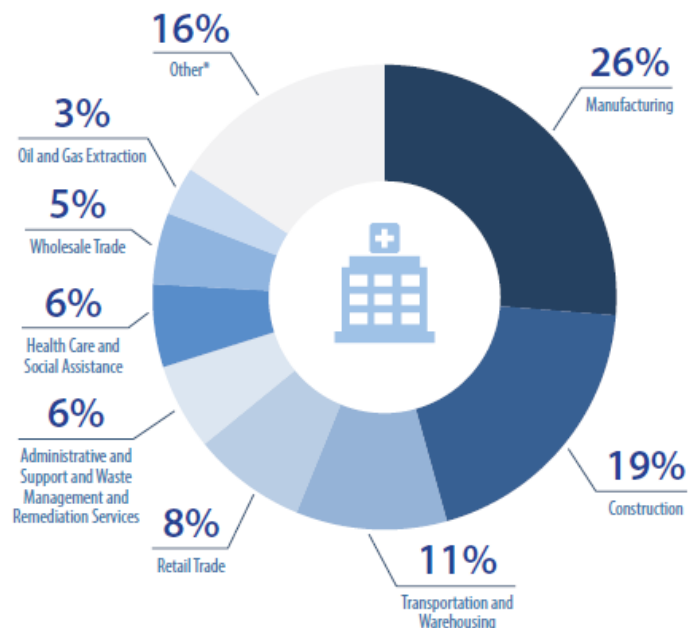
The agencies' interim guidance is available for download as a PDF from [CDC's website](#).

According to CDC's press release, the agency will continue to update this guidance as new information regarding Zika virus transmission and related health effects becomes available. For the latest information, CDC encourages individuals to visit its [Web page on the Zika virus](#).

Sever Injury Reporting

Prior to 2015, OSHA had only required notification of fatalities. Under a new requirement that took effect last year, employers must report to OSHA within 24 hours any work-related amputation, in-patient hospitalization, or loss of eye. In the first full year of the reporting program, employers notified OSHA of 10,388 incidents involving severe work-related injuries, including 7,636 hospitalizations and 2,644 amputations. Note, this chart only apply to states with Federal OSHA. State plan states (like South Carolina) were not included.

7,636 HOSPITALIZATION
REPORTS



Elections

Elections are scheduled for May. The slate of nominees is:

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Call for Speakers

We are seeking nominations, referrals, suggestions, ideas, recommendations, proposals, hints, etc for speakers for the ASSE meetings. Please contact any of the board members with your thoughts!!!

Newsletter Stuff

If you are not receiving this from matthew.parker@allnex.com please send an email to GA-ASSE-subscribe@yahoo.com

Membership Stuff

Ready to join? You can apply online: <http://www.asse.org/membership/becomeamember.php>

Future Meetings

June 13th, 2016

ASSE National Update

Mike Belcher ASSE National President

July 11th, 2016

RCRA Update and Common Mistakes

Anu Nathan,

August 8th, 2016

Speaker TBD

Georgia Chapter Risk Assessment Group

Greg Griffith, Senior Risk Management Specialist, Chubb Insurance and Nathan Crutchfield, Owner, Crutchfield Consulting have formed a Risk Assessment Small Group within our Georgia Chapter. Greg, Nathan and the group continue to explore and discuss current risk assessment approaches and strategies from a mix of industries.

They are also providing updates regarding the ASSE's Certificate in Risk Assessment Program and the ASSE Risk Assessment Institute.

<http://www.oshrisk.org/> There are currently 15 members participating in this group. For questions or to get started drop them a line.

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OSHA in Georgia

ATHENS, Ga. - On Nov. 30, 2015, Timothy O'Neal Gearing and a co-worker were atop a building trying to unjam a saw stuck in its metal roof. When the saw jerked loose, Gearing lost his balance and fell through an unguarded skylight to the concrete ground about 15 feet below. Taken to a nearby hospital, he died later of his injuries.

OSHA issued Martin Mechanical Contractors Inc. of Athens one willful and one other-than-serious safety citation on March 24, after the agency investigated Gearing's death. The incident occurred at the site of a new Subaru car dealership in Athens.

The agency issued a willful citation to Martin Mechanical for failing to protect workers from tripping or falling into an unguarded sky light. The other violation relates to not reporting a fatality to OSHA within eight hours.

Proposed penalties total \$54,000. View citations here:

<http://www.dol.gov/sites/default/files/newsroom/newsreleases/OSHA20160531.pdf>*

Martin Mechanical is a mechanical, plumbing and electrical contractor for commercial and industrial building projects in Northeast Georgia. Another Athens company, Driver Construction Co. Inc. subcontracted with Martin to install a complete HVAC system at the worksite when the fatality happened. Martin Mechanical has no previous OSHA inspection history.

ASSE Statement on OSHA's Updated Safety and Health Program Management Guide

"ASSE appreciates OSHA's commitment to encouraging better employer management of workplace safety and health risks in the draft update of its Safety and Health Program Management Guidelines. Likewise, ASSE appreciates OSHA's effort to engage stakeholders in the development of final guidelines and looks forward to sharing the views of its members who are the leaders in addressing workplace risks through safety and health management plans. While recognizing that updated guidelines are a step in the right direction, ASSE is disappointed that this Administration has not pursued an OSHA standard that would require all employers to develop and implement such plans. A well-written OSHA standard could help every U.S. employer move towards the safety and health management approaches that the best employers already use to protect workers and their profit margins. It could also bring the U.S. closer to more effective workplace safety and health regulatory approaches increasingly being used by our international competitors. We encourage OSHA not to let these guidelines be the agency's last and best effort in moving the nation towards a more effective approach to protecting workers."

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Picture of the Month



Be All You Can Be!

Jobs

<http://jobs.asse.org/>

<http://jobs.bcp.org/jobseeker/search/results/state/Georgia/>

There are 129 listed for Georgia. Be sure to scroll/click through the entire list, the date ordering does not work correctly.

<http://www.ehscareers.com>

Quote of the Month

“The role of leaders is not to create followers, but to create more leaders”

Tom Peters



Facing time

Excerpted from
Safety & Health, The National Safety Council magazine

When a roofer at a Philadelphia construction site fell to his death in 2013, his employer did everything possible ... to avoid responsibility.

According to OSHA, the employer – roofing company owner James J. McCullagh – failed to provide his workers with fall protection equipment. He also lied about it. When questioned by OSHA investigators, McCullagh lied on four occasions, claiming he had provided employees with the appropriate safety gear. He told compliance officers he had seen his employees prior to the fatal fall wearing safety harnesses that were tied off to an anchor point. He also tried to convince his other workers to tell OSHA that they wore fall protection on the day of the incident. McCullagh was indicted for lying, obstruction of justice and willfully violating an OSHA standard. Facing a maximum sentence of 25 years in prison, he pleaded guilty in December and was sentenced to 10 months.

Convictions for crimes related to OSHA violations are rare. But McCullagh is one of a slowly growing number of employers who have been prosecuted for breaking laws in association with the federal Occupational Safety and Health Act. A recent agreement between OSHA and prosecutors makes criminal indictments more likely to occur, giving hope to stakeholders who believe the threat of these types of penalties will lead to safer conditions for workers.

Read the rest of the article here

<http://www.safetyandhealthmagazine.com/articles/13907-facing-time>

BLS Chart

In 2014, there were 1,157,410 nonfatal occupational injuries and illnesses that required days away from work to recuperate, unchanged from 2013. The incidence rate was 107.1 cases per 10,000 full-time workers, down from 109.4 in 2013. The median days away from work to recuperate, a key measure of severity of injuries and illnesses, was 9 days, up from 8 days in 2013. In private industry and state and local government in 2014, there were 6 occupations where the incidence rate per 10,000 full-time workers was greater than 300 and the number of cases with days away from work was greater than 10,000. These occupations were: police and sheriff's patrol officers; correctional officers and jailers; firefighters; nursing assistants; construction laborers; and heavy tractor-trailer drivers

See the charts here: <http://www.bls.gov/opub/ted/2015/nonfatal-occupational-injuries-and-illnesses-requiring-days-away-from-work-in-2014.htm>