OSHA & Workplace Safety Roundtable

Personal Protective Equipment including Respirators Compliance; Communicable Disease Prevention; Biggest Mistakes in Recordkeeping

Wednesday, October 14, 2020 | Hershey Country Club, Hershey, PA

Agenda

8:00 a.m.
Registration – Continental Breakfast

8:30 a.m.
Welcome
– Susan E. Smith, Educational Services Executive, Pennsylvania Chamber

8:35 a.m.
OSHA Update
– Dale Glickman, Compliance Assistance Specialist, Harrisburg Area OSHA Office
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Personal Protection Equipment, including Respirators Compliance
– Joseph A. Cocciardi, PhD, MS, CIH, CSP, REHS/RS, President, Cocciardi and Associates, Inc.

Personal protective equipment, commonly referred to as “PPE”, is equipment worn to minimize exposure to hazards that cause serious workplace injuries and illnesses. These injuries and illnesses may result from contact with chemical, radiological, physical, electrical, mechanical, or other workplace hazards. Personal protective equipment includes items such as gloves, safety glasses and shoes, earplugs or muffs, hard hats, respirators, coveralls, vests and full body suits. We will discuss:
  • What can be done to ensure proper use of personal protective equipment, including N95 respirators, surgical masks and face coverings
  • Testing for fit to each employee and training employees on the proper use of the equipment, including how to properly put it on, adjust, wear it and take it off
  • Proper care, maintenance, useful life, and disposal of the equipment — special requirements with respirators and what should be done with respirators during events such as COVID-19
  • The basic elements in your PPE program — including what pieces of equipment address the hazards present; the selection, maintenance, and use of PPE; the training of employees; and monitoring of the program to ensure its ongoing effectiveness.

10:30 a.m.
Refreshment Break

10:45 a.m.
Communicable Disease Compliance
– Steven D. High, MPH, MS, CIH, CSP, President, High EH&S Consulting Ltd.

Bloodborne pathogens, the flu season, and the recent pandemic all require careful compliance and cleanliness to avoid the spread of communicable diseases. We will discuss:
  • Complying with the Bloodborne Pathogens Standard — a reminder about what you need to include in your programs. The standard not only applies to healthcare facilities, but also to all business who may have a workplace accident such as manufacturing and warehouse facilities.
  • Bloodborne pathogens are infectious microorganisms in human blood that can cause disease in humans. These pathogens include, but are not limited to, hepatitis B (HBV), hepatitis C (HCV) and human immunodeficiency virus (HIV). Needlesticks and other sharps-related injuries may expose workers to bloodborne pathogens.
  • In order to reduce or eliminate the hazards of occupational exposure to bloodborne pathogens and other communicable diseases such as COVID-19, an employer must implement an exposure control plan for the worksite with details on employee protection measures. The plan must also describe how an employer will use engineering and work practice controls, personal protective clothing and equipment, employee training, medical surveillance, hepatitis B vaccinations, and other provisions. Engineering controls and cleanliness/ good housekeeping are the primary means of eliminating or minimizing employee exposure.
  • Lessons learned from COVID-19 and reducing exposures for workers

11:15 a.m.
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Noon
Box Lunches

12:30 p.m.
Biggest Mistakes Companies Make in OSHA Recordkeeping
– Steven D. High, MPH, MS, CIH, CSP, President, High EH&S Consulting Ltd.

The importance of properly recording illness and injuries for OSHA recordkeeping are extremely important, as this is one of the first items an OSHA inspector always asks for when they visit a company. The mandatory posting and resulting fines in not complying can be severe. At the same time many companies continue to misclassify illnesses and injuries. We will discuss:
  • The top mistakes companies make in classifying injuries and illnesses with the solution
  • A reminder about the deadlines and required annual posting
  • How COVID-19 or pandemic illnesses should be recorded and reported to OSHA

1:30 p.m.
Adjourn

All attendees will receive an electronic Certificate of Completion from the Pennsylvania Chamber.

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Level: Management
Objective: To provide practical information on how companies can better manage the safety requirements and costs associated with mandatory OSHA safety standards.

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