

# Idaho Compliance Assistance Network Newsletter

## Focus On

### **Outreach and Training Materials for Spanish-Speaking Workers**

[Spanish Language Resources](#) - OSHA Compliance Assistance webpage.

[PESO](#) - Oregon OSHA's job safety training for Spanish-speaking workers.

[Spanish-language Construction Training](#) - Georgia Tech Occupational Safety and Health Program

[eLCOSH](#) - Electronic Library of Construction Occupational Safety and Health

This newsletter is distributed quarterly. Call **Bill Bankhead (208) 321-2960** to subscribe or to submit comments, questions or suggestions.

### **OSHA Fatal Facts**

Click [here](#) to view Accident Report Fatal Facts sheets representative of fatalities caused by improper work practices

## Top Stories

[OSHA Offers Two New Compliance Assistance Web Tools](#) - On January 21, OSHA announced the availability of two new resources on the agency's website: [MyOSHA](#), a tool to create personalized links to OSHA online resources; and [Quick Start](#), a step-by-step guide to identify major OSHA requirements and guidance materials.

Visitors to MyOSHA can sign up to create personalized links to OSHA online resources. Users can customize the content of their pages by choosing links from categories that include "Industry," "Safety and Health Topics," "What's New," and "Publications."

Quick Start provides step-by-step guidance on how to identify OSHA requirements, and guidance materials that may apply to specific workplaces. It includes a module for workplaces that are subject to OSHA's general industry standards, including manufacturing, wholesale, and retail establishments.

## National News

[OSHA Reminds Employers to Post Injury/Illness Summaries on February 1](#) - Beginning February 1, employers must post a summary of the total number of job-related injuries and illnesses that occurred last year, according to the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). Employers are required to post only the Summary (OSHA Form 300A)-not the OSHA 300 Log **from Feb.1 to Apr. 30, 2004.**

[OSHA Withdraws Proposal on Occupational Exposure to Tuberculosis](#) - OSHA announced it is extending the same high level of respiratory protection to workers exposed to tuberculosis that is provided to workers throughout general industry. This enhancement results from OSHA's decision to withdraw its 1997 proposal on tuberculosis.

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## Residential Construction Training:

Come and learn about residential fall protection requirements, free safety and health consultation services and more. Contact Lisa at AGC (208) 344-2531 or email at: [lisal@agcidaho.org](mailto:lisal@agcidaho.org)

Proposed training dates and locations (all sessions will be offered in the evening):

March 17 in Pocatello  
March 18 in Idaho Falls  
April 6 in Twin Falls  
April 28 in Cd'A

### Idaho OSHA Fact

Idaho has one Area Office. Click [Here](#) for contact information.

### Idaho News

Since October 2003, Idaho has had six occupational fatalities.

**Construction:** We had one fatality involving a steel erection worker. The employee fell 36 feet into an elevator pit.

**Logging:** A logger was hit by a danger tree.

**General Industry:** This fiscal year the Boise Area Office has investigated three separate fatalities involving loads falling on workers from improper jack use. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration and the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) have standards governing the use, inspection, testing, and maintenance of jacks used in the workplace. The ANSI standard is B30.1, and the applicable OSHA standard is 1910.244 titled other portable tools and equipment. Jacks must be legibly and permanently marked with their rated load. Jacks must be placed on firm foundations, and when the possibility of slippage of the cap exists a block shall be placed to prevent the cap from slipping. All sources of energy shall be isolated on the load being elevated. Wheeled equipment must be chocked to prevent movement. Once the load has been elevated, it must be cribbed, blocked, or otherwise secured. Railroad ties, jack stands, and other forms of cribbing rated for the weight as well as the jack must have equal weight placed on them to prevent unexpected movement. Jacks must also be inspected depending upon service conditions, but no less than once every six months. Jacks subjected to abnormal or a shock load must be inspected immediately. Jacks that are not in serviceable condition must be tagged accordingly, and taken out of service until repairs are made.

We also had one fatality where an employee fell off a grain railroad car. Permanent fall protection was not installed or used.

### Training offered in Boise:

**OSHA 500** – The Construction Trainer Course, provides training instructors with the certification to teach the OSHA 10-hour or 30-hour OSHA construction courses. This course will be conducted during the period of **April 20-23, 2004.**

Supervisor Safety & Health Responsibilities. This course will focus on general industry topics. This course will be held **July 19 – 20, 2004.**

To attend either these training courses contact the Region X OSHA Training Institute at the University of Washington. Contact information is located in the left column for the Region X OSHA Training Institute at the University of Washington.

Two **OSHA 10-hour courses**, one for general industry and one for construction, will be conducted in the near future. The construction course will be held on **March 15, 2004** and the general industry course will be held on **March 16, 2004.**

Idaho Governor's Safety and Health Conference will be held on **March 15-16, 2004.**

## OSHA Training Courses

Training is vital to the success of any safety and health program. The [OSHA Training Institute \(OTI\)](#) in Chicago, offers a variety of training opportunities for both public and private sector employees.

## Region X OSHA Training Institute Courses

For training on a wide variety of OSHA topics, visit the [University of Washington OSHA Education Center website](#) or contact by phone at (206) 685-3089.

## FALL PROTECTION TRAINING

**AGC/OSHA** is conducting national training throughout the country and is coming to Boise. Two sessions will be conducted: one on April 1, 2004 and the other on April 2, 2004. If you are interested in attending, register on line [Here](#). Under the block titled "location" select Boise, Idaho and either April 1 or 2, 2004.

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To attend either one of the two sessions for the OSHA 10-hour courses, or the Governor's Safety and Health Conference, contact Idaho State University, Office of Continuing Education at (208) 282-3155.