

# AGC Safety Initiative E-News September 1, 2021



**OUR Safety MISSION:** Help each other enforce safety rules to ensure that every person on construction site goes home safe and healthy at end of the workday.

Calendar of Events – <u>Learn more</u>

#### GC &SC Roundtable: Communicating in a Crisis

Thursday, September 30, 2021 | 3:00 - 5:00 pm | Round the Bend Steakhouse Conference Center, Ashland

Thirty years of work destroyed in 30 seconds. This can happen if your company or organization mismanages an accident, explosion, strike, or a multitude of other crisis situations.

Please invite co-workers--management, project managers, superintendents, marketing, and communications, etc., --anyone who may have a role in communicating within your organization and industry partners, --subs, specialty providers, etc., --anyone you do business with, may be involved on your projects or job sites. This is a 'must attend,' for anyone who communicates on the job!

**COVID-19 Resources Update** Updated information with quick references available.

## Steps to boost truck cab safety

Aside from being the control center of the vehicle, a truck cab serves as an office for paperwork and phone calls, a break area to rest and eat, a shelter from inclement weather and extreme temperatures, and a storage area for supplies and equipment. As wide-ranging as this multifunctional space is, even more so are the hazards that can be inside and around the cab. Here are some tips to help reduce the risk of truck cab-related injuries.

## Falls

- Make sure grab handles and cab steps are securely mounted, clean, dry, and usable.
- When climbing cab steps, maintain three points of contact while facing the vehicle, holding grab handles firmly, gaining stable footing and climbing all steps.

#### Strains or sprains

• Don't jump from the cab to the ground.

• Install ergonomic seats, armrests, steering wheel, shifter knobs, cabinets, and mattresses, if possible.

## **Chemical hazards**

- Make sure the interior engine cover is securely fastened.
- Install a smoke and carbon monoxide alarm in your cab.
- Never use exhaust heaters, unenclosed flame heaters, or heaters permitting fuel leakage or air contamination.

#### Noise

- Tighten loose or broken cab components and accessories.
- Report excessive noises from vehicle systems.

## Fire

- Equip the cab with a Class ABC fire extinguisher.
- Don't use or store flammable products inside your cab.

# **Safety Initiative Goals:**

As an AGC Nebraska Building Chapter member, are you participating with:

- 100% of all AGC members and other contractors on AGC jobsites enforcing OSHA standards as they apply to falls, electrical safety and possible another topic.
- 100% of all AGC members will have set their own company goals to improve safety in their firm and have a way to measure progress towards the goal.
- 100% of all AGC members will encourage and support all contractors on their jobsites to set their own company goals for improving safety.