



SAFETY

Nebraska Building Chapter

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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 – [Learn more](#)

[COVID-19 Resources Update](#) Updated information with quick references.

AGC of America's **COVID-19 Vaccine Toolkit** <https://www.agc.org/covid-19-vaccine-toolkit>

OSHA is extending the comment period on two initiatives to protect the safety and health of workers. These extensions will allow more time for input from the public.

The comment period for the [Emergency Temporary Standard on COVID-19 Vaccination and Testing](#) has been [extended to January 19, 2022](#). The comment period for the consideration of a standard to [prevent heat injury and illness](#) in outdoor and indoor work settings has been [extended to January 26, 2022](#).

Cold Weather Safety Tips

When you are outside, frostbite and hypothermia are possible, to protect yourself:

1. Wear layers of loose-fitting, lightweight, warm clothing.
2. Wear a hat. Try to stay dry and out of the wind.
3. Cover your mouth to protect your lungs from extreme cold.
4. Mittens, snug at the wrist, are better than gloves.

Vehicle Preparation:

1. Check your battery
2. Check your fluids (coolant, wiper fluid, oil, etc.)
3. Check your tires
4. Have jumper cables
5. Pack a blanket

Upcoming Online Trenching & Excavation Safety Virtual Training Classes

AGC Member Price: Free | Non-Member Price: Free

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), from **2015 to 2018**, the Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries (CFOI) reported **103 total trenching and excavation-related deaths**, an average of **25 per year** over this **4-year period**.

Also, the OSHA Information System (OIS) Accident Investigation Report shows that between FY 2013 - FY 2017, there were a total of 156 incidents reported in the construction industry. Moreover, between October 2018 and September 2019, there were 1,499 citations and more than \$7,000,000 in penalties issued to construction employers for failing to meet their compliance obligations under Subpart P.

AGC of America, supported by a Susan Harwood Federal Training Grant, is pleased to offer four one-day Trenching & Excavation Hazards in Construction safety trainings based on OSHA standards and best practices to answer the need for quality training within the industry.

Topics Covered:

- Injury, illness, and fatality statistics
- Frequently cited standards
- Utilities protection
- Common hazards
- Soil testing and classification
- Protective systems
- Review of the agency priority goal
- And much more...

Upcoming Classes:

December 9th @ 10 AM - 6PM EST

December 10th @ 10 AM - 6PM EST

December 13th @ 10 AM - 6PM EST

December 14th @ 10 AM - 6PM EST

Classes will be delivered virtually via Zoom Meetings and attendees will have the opportunity to earn continuing education credits (0.8 IACET CEUs).

[Register for a training class today.](#) You will be emailed a Zoom Meeting link closer to the training date you select.

OSHA's Top 10 most cited violations for FY 2021

Fall Protection - General Requirements (1926.501) has been OSHA's most frequently cited standard for the past 11 fiscal years, and the other standards that make up the agency's "Top 10" list have largely remained unchanged. Although the data may seem stagnant, Patrick Kapust, deputy director of OSHA's Directorate of Enforcement Programs, reminds safety professionals that the figures reinforce the importance of staying vigilant about worker safety and health. This especially rings true now, amid the evolving - and, perhaps, waning - COVID-19 pandemic. *Safety+Health* presents Top 10 data for FY 2021 (which concluded Sept. 30), the [penalty box](#) of the year's largest fines. [Learn more.](#)

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.