



## AGC Safety Initiative E-News October 27, 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** – [Learn more](#)

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

Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Director Pat Lopez announced Tuesday that a new directed health measure will go into effect extending the mask mandate until Nov. 24.

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### **2021 Fall Social and Awards Dinner**

Thursday, November 4, 2021 | 5:30-9:00 pm Nebraska Innovation Campus, Lincoln

[Click here for PDF registration form.](#) [Click here for directions and map.](#)

*Register by Thursday, October 28, 2021*

### **Fall Back Safely! Six Daylight Savings Tips**

Sunday, November 7 marks the end of daylight savings time in most parts of Canada. This means colder temperatures, less sunlight, and snow are on the way. While you may not be ready to see the sun set at 4 pm for the next few weeks, you can get prepared for winter.

#### **1. Get a good flashlight**

An end to daylight savings time means we're entering the dark season. A good light source is invaluable when living, working, and playing in Canada. You can buy a cheap flashlight at most hardware stores. But they are usually bulky, have poor battery life and don't provide much light.

#### **2. Prepare a winter emergency kit**

Daylight savings time is also a great time to create or restock your winter preparedness kit for your home, workplace, or car.

We recommend the following:

- flashlights
- batteries
- warm clothes, winter gloves **and** winter hat
- blankets
- water
- hand warming packs
- prescription medication/pain relief drugs like ibuprofen/acetaminophen
- non-perishable snacks
- a shovel
- first-aid kit
- reflective hazard triangle
- jumper cables, and

- sand/kitty litter for traction.

### **3. Replace batteries**

We recommend you take this time to change all the batteries in your home. Smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors are the most important. But you might as well check thermostats, outdoor lights, flashlights, and other battery-operated devices while you're at it.

### **4. Check your tires**

While some parts of the country have already experienced the first snowfall by daylight savings time, the date is a good reminder to check your tires. Good tire treads improve traction and shorten braking distances. This makes winter driving safer for everyone. Check tire pressure also. Vehicles with electronic systems may show changes in tire pressure as temperatures drop.

### **5. Check smoke and carbon monoxide detectors**

Now that it's getting colder out, you're more likely to use a fireplace, gas-fired furnace, or space heater. With this comes an increased risk of carbon monoxide poisoning. You should replace your smoke detector if it is over 10 years old and replace your carbon monoxide detector if it's older than 5 years.

#### **Smoke alarm and carbon monoxide detector best practices:**

- Have a smoke alarm on every level of your house.
- Have one installed between each bedroom avoiding dead air space.
- Interconnect the alarms so they all sound if one detects smoke.
- Test all smoke alarms monthly.
- If there is a fire, working smoke alarms and a fire escape plan can mean the difference between life and death.

### **6. Check outside for hazardous material or situations**

- Last not but not least, check outside for hazardous materials or situations.
- One possible overlooked safety check is the outside of your home and storage areas.
- Now that it's going to be dark out early, you want to make sure there are no situations that could lead to falling. It could be from tripping over an unfinished summer project or toys that were left out.
- You should also check for hazardous materials that are outdated, unused or in poor condition.

With winter just around the bend, now is a good time to brush up on your winter preparedness training.

### **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.