

**AGC Safety Initiative – Class is always in session with AGC Nebraska Building Chapter
August 28, 2019**

Fall Roundtable, October 16, 3 – 5 p.m. at Round the Bend Steakhouse, Ashland. Our presenter will be Kevin Cannon, Senior Director of Safety and Health at the Associated General Contractors of America. He currently serves on the Federal Advisory Committee on Construction Safety and Health (ACCSH) which advises the Assistant Secretary of Labor for OSHA on regulations, standards and policies that impact the construction industry. This event includes Kevin's presentation, 'Best Practices from the 2019 AGCA Safety Award Entries and OSHA Updates and Forecasting,' and a facilitated discussion.

Slow Down: Back to School Means Sharing the Road

School days bring congestion: School buses picking up their passengers, kids on bikes hurrying to get to school, and harried parents are dropping kids off before work. It's never more important for drivers to slow down and pay attention than when kids are present – especially before and after school.

With Young Pedestrians

According to the National Safety Council, most of the children who lose their lives in bus-related incidents are 4 to 7 years old, and they're walking. They are hit by the bus, or by a motorist illegally passing a stopped bus. A few precautions go a long way toward keeping children safe:

- Don't block the crosswalk when stopped at a red light or waiting to make a turn, forcing pedestrians to go around you; this could put them in the path of moving traffic
- In a school zone when flashers are blinking, stop and yield to pedestrians crossing the crosswalk or intersection
- Always stop for a school patrol officer or crossing guard holding up a stop sign
- Take extra care to look out for children in school zones, near playgrounds and parks, and in all residential areas
- Don't honk or rev your engine to scare a pedestrian, even if you have the right of way
- Never pass a vehicle stopped for pedestrians
- Always use extreme caution to avoid striking pedestrians wherever they may be, no matter who has the right of way
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With School Buses

If you're driving behind a bus, allow a greater following distance than if you were driving behind a car. It will give you more time to stop once the yellow lights start flashing. It is illegal in all 50 states to pass a school bus that is stopped to load or unload children.

- Never pass a bus from behind – or from either direction if you're on an undivided road – if it is stopped to load or unload children
- If the yellow or red lights are flashing and the stop arm is extended, traffic must stop
- The area 10 feet around a school bus is the most dangerous for children; stop far enough back to allow them space to safely enter and exit the bus
- Be alert; children often are unpredictable, and they tend to ignore hazards and take risks

Learn [more https://www.nsc.org/home-safety/seasonal-safety/back-to-school/drivers](https://www.nsc.org/home-safety/seasonal-safety/back-to-school/drivers)

AWARDS PROGRAM--Quality People and Build Nebraska Awards

It's time to start planning your submissions for the Building Nebraska Awards and the Quality People nominations. Learn [more https://www.agcnebuilders.com/events/awardsprogram/](https://www.agcnebuilders.com/events/awardsprogram/)

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- **ON-DEMAND SAFETY TRAINING VIDEOS**

A selection of short videos, viewable on any device, are available at **no charge** and easy to [preview](#).

- **SAFETY TRAINING STARTER KIT**

For any company on a jobsite that want to 'step-up' their safety training program, or for the smaller and emerging businesses that need assistance in formalizing a safety program. The kit includes:

- *How to Develop a Safety Program* - training course produced by AGC of America
- *New Employee Orientation DVD* - produced by AGC of America – EN or SP
- *New Employee Orientation Handbook* - pkgs of 10, produced by AGC of America – EN or SP
- *Safety Meeting Outlines* – One-year subscription to weekly toolbox talks

- **EMPLOYEE SAFE DRIVER/DEFENSIVE DRIVER TRAINING**

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Question of the Week: What's the latest on FMCSA's Hours of Service?

On Aug. 14, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) announced proposed changes in the hours of service restrictions for truck drivers. The proposed rule changes do not impact current, similar short haul exemptions for concrete and asphalt deliveries that allow the 30-minute break to be met by the driver's waiting time for product pick-up and delivery. Read [more](http://newsmanager.commpartners.com/agcleg/issues/2019-08-15.html#1) <http://newsmanager.commpartners.com/agcleg/issues/2019-08-15.html#1>