



**SAFETY**

Nebraska Building Chapter

## AGC Safety Initiative E-News

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*Best wishes for a safe and joyful New Year!*

### 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.

### GOALS: ARE YOU COMPLIANT?

- By end of 2019 have 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.
- By the end of 2019, 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.
- By the end of 2019, 100% of all AGC members will encourage and support all contractors on their jobsites to set their own company goals for improving safety.

### National AGC Safety Awards (NASA) Program

Recognizing AGC Contractor Members for Safety Excellence Since 1926, the National AGC Safety Awards (NASA) program has been an ongoing effort to offer AGC members an opportunity to evaluate their safety record. NASA compares a member's safety record with other AGC members according to the member size and construction type. Additionally, NASA provides a great opportunity for contractor members to compete for nationally recognized awards that have excellent safety records.

AGC contractor members must have participated in the National AGC Safety Awards Program for three consecutive years in order to be eligible for an award. **This means a member must have participated in the program for the years 2017, 2018 and 2019 in order to be eligible to receive an award in 2020.**

You'll receive a letter from Vicki in early January detailing the NASA program with the form to complete and return by the first week of February.

### AGC Nebraska Building Chapter's Workforce Development [Resources](#)

Meet and exceed your workforce goals with assistance from these AGC Nebraska Building Chapter's [resources](#)

- **Construction Supervision Fundamentals (CSF)**, for the new Supervisor, newly promoted foreman or those seeking career advancement. **March 2020**
- **Supervisory Training Program (STP)**, for the seasoned supervisor.
  - February 2 to February 29 [Communications](#) **Register by January 17**
  - March 8 to April 4 [Contract Documents](#) **Register by February 14**[Click here](#) for the registration form.
- **Print Reading 101**, a ready to go training package – all you add is a facilitator.
- **A3 Collaborative's** prime target is young- to mid-career A-C-E professionals who work together on projects.
- [Learn more](#)

**Bureau of Labor Statistics reports the highest total worker fatalities since 2008, with leading causes of deaths being motor vehicle accidents, falls, and drug overdoses.**

The [National Safety Council](#) has some disheartening news about average fatalities for the last year. There is a reported 2 percent rise in total worker deaths—5,250 in 2018 compared to 5,147 in 2017—according to data released today by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The rate of death has not changed since 2017, and [this is the highest total worker fatality number reported since 2008](#). Unintentional workplace deaths also increased, totaling 4,493 in 2018, up from 4,414 the year prior. Read [more](#)

**Recognizing on-the-job impairment**

When you hear the words “impairment at work,” alcohol or substance abuse likely comes to mind. But according to the Canadian Center for Occupational Health and Safety, impairment encompasses much more. “Issues that may distract a person from focusing on their tasks include those that are related to family or relationship problems, fatigue (mental or physical), traumatic shock, or medical conditions or treatments,” CCOHS states. Other ways a worker can be impaired include experiencing harassment or bullying, having an unresolved problem with a co-worker, or being distracted by a non-work-related event, such as planning a wedding. If an employee is experiencing impairment, his or her ability to work safely could be compromised by diminished cognitive abilities and judgment. The worker may exhibit erratic behavior, such as overreacting to criticism or being confrontational. If the employee’s impairment is because of alcohol-related issues, he or she may slur words, have an unsteady gait or smell of alcohol. The impaired worker may consistently be late, show a reduction in productivity or quality of work, or work in an unsafe manner. Read [more](#)

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**The important reason you should always write 2020 in full this year**

It is just two days since the new year began and 2020 has a nice ring to it. But this year is slightly different for another reason which could be far more serious. Usually when we write the dates of the year, most of us will chop off the first two numbers which signal the year 2000 or 1900, and instead write '18 or '98. However, this year it is really important that you write the year 2020 in full or you could put your documents at risk. Legal professionals have advised that everyone should write, for example, the date 15/01/2020 instead of 15/01/20. If you write the latter, anyone could change the date to something else, like 15/01/2006 or 15/01/2017. Leaving the date in its shortened version could open yourself up to fraudsters, who could easily change it to many other years.