



SAFETY

Nebraska Building Chapter

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Fall Roundtable, October 16, 3 – 5 p.m. at Round the Bend Steakhouse, Ashland. [Register today](#)
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.

This program is appropriate for everyone including top management, PMs, Superintendents and Safety Professionals. ***There is NO CHARGE TO ATTEND - non-members are welcome!*** [Register today](#)

QUALITY PEOPLE AWARDS-Nominations are due **October 14--** Designed to celebrate and recognize achievements of individuals who 'go above and beyond' in their communities, profession or company. As safety professionals, please nominate individuals in your organizations in these categories:

Groundbreaker Award—recognizes an individual with five or less years of experience (full-time employment) in construction that has taken great risks to break new ground—someone that has demonstrated innovation, is a trendsetter and has exhibited potential for growth.

Mentor Award—recognizes manager/supervisor that supports the professional growth of one or many employees and inspires each to reach their full potential.

Innovator Award—honors an exemplary professional that contributes innovation, creativity, skills, responsibility and integrity to the project consistently. This individual is a good role model and promoter of construction careers in the future workforce.

Community Supporter Award—recognizes and honors an individual that outside of his/her work responsibilities uses their construction skills and/or leadership talents to support, promote or move the industry forward.

There is NO entry fee. [Click here](#) for details.

[AGC Nebraska Building Chapter Safety Resources](#) are designed to help develop and provide support for your safety program. Feel free to share this link with additional team members! **The site offers on-demand, online or on-site training opportunities on a variety of topics including:**

- **EMPLOYEE SAFE DRIVER/DEFENSIVE DRIVER TRAINING – ENDS SEPTEMBER 30**
Through September 30, 2019, at your location; made available through a grant from the Nebraska Safety Council.

- **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 that wants 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
- *Toolbox Talks* - One-year subscription to weekly safety meeting outlines

Available by contacting the Chapter office at info@agcnebuilders.com

Safety Measures for Changing Weather

Changing weather is Mother Nature's way of telling us that winter is on its way. According to the *The Old Farmer's Almanac*, winter temperatures will be below normal, on average, with above-normal snowfall and slightly above-normal precipitation. The coldest periods will be in early to mid-January, early and mid-February, and early March. The snowiest periods will be in early to mid-December, early to mid-January, and mid-February. The best you can do is prepare for this ever-changing, nothing-is-guaranteed Nebraska weather! When unprepared, you're more at risk of committing mistakes and meeting accidents. Here are some suggestions to maintaining safety during changing weather.

- Layer clothing so you can create air pockets that help retain body heat.
- Wear at least three layers to keep yourself warm. Consider nylon for the outer layer (to break the wind), down or wool for the middle layer (to absorb sweat) and cotton or synthetic weave for the inner layer (to allow ventilation).
- Prepare garments that can protect or cover your head, feet, hands and face.
- Erect toe boards, screens, or guardrail systems to prevent objects from falling from higher levels.
- Erect a canopy structure and keep potential fall objects far enough from the higher level so the objects cannot be blown over the edge. Secure all objects that high winds could displace. Guardrails must be installed at all open sides.
- Barricade the area where objects could fall.
- When heaters are used in confined spaces, provide sufficient ventilation.
- Fasten coverings securely in high winds.
- Make sure a fire extinguisher is readily available in the work site.

NCSHP (Nebraska Construction Safety and Health Professionals) 2019 Fall Meeting

Thursday, October 24, 2019 - Quarry Oaks Golf Club, Ashland, NE

[Click here](#) for registration form. *Register by October 18.*