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Advance Your Career



Expand Your Network



Grow Your Knowledge



Technical Speaker events are in full swing in 2024! The Greater Chicago ASSP Chapter will be hosting monthly events every 3rd Friday of the month.

ASSP's technical speaker events are the perfect venue to obtain top-quality **safety** education and connect with other **safety professionals locally**!

Upcoming Chapter Events

ASSP Greater Chicago Technical Event Electrical Safety – Michael Lies

**Park Tavern, Chicago
February 16th, 2024**

ASSP Greater Chicago will host a technical speaking event on January 16th from 11:30am – 1pm CST

Safety Director, Micheal Lies from Maron Electrical will be presenting the updated electrical safety best practices that adhere to **NFPA and OSHA standards**.



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A Message from the ASSP Greater Chicago President, Mike Lawler

Dear ASSP Chicago Chapter,

As we embrace the winter season, it is crucial to plan for our safety and well-being in the face of colder temperatures. Below are some valuable cold weather safety tips to help you navigate the winter months safely.

- 1. Layer Up: Dressing in layers helps trap body heat, providing insulation against the cold. Ensure you have a good-quality winter coat, gloves, a hat, and insulated footwear.*
- 2. Stay Informed: Keep an eye on weather forecasts and plan your activities accordingly. Be aware of any extreme weather conditions and avoid unnecessary travel during severe winter storms.*
- 3. Proper Footwear: Choose footwear with good traction to prevent slips and falls on icy surfaces. Consider using ice cleats or traction aids for added stability.*
- 4. Home Heating Safety: If using space heaters, ensure they are placed away from flammable materials and turned off when not in use. Keep chimneys and vents clear to prevent carbon monoxide buildup.*
- 5. Safe Driving Practices: Before hitting the road, check your vehicle's tires, brakes, and fluids. Keep an emergency kit in your car, including blankets, water, snacks, and a flashlight.*
- 6. Mindful Shoveling: If shoveling snow, take frequent breaks to avoid overexertion, and use proper lifting techniques to prevent back injuries. Consider investing in a snow blower for larger areas.*
- 7. Hydration Matters: Stay hydrated, even in cold weather. Drink plenty of water to maintain good health, as dehydration can still occur in winter.*
- 8. Check on Neighbors: Look out for one another. Ensure that neighbors, especially the elderly or those with mobility challenges, are safe and have the support they need during extreme weather conditions.*
- 9. By following these cold weather safety tips, we can collectively create a safer and more secure environment for everyone.*

Stay warm and stay safe!

Sincerely,

Michael P. Lawler

ASSP Chicago Chapter President



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Upcoming Industry Events:



SafetyFOCUS
Immersive Education for Safety Professionals

SafetyFOCUS Registration Rates Increase This Week

This is your last chance to save on SafetyFOCUS. Registration rates increase \$100 per course after Jan. 11. Don't wait any longer! [Register now](#)

Driving Safety Success Via Community & Connection

Complimentary Education | Thursday, Jan. 18 | 11 a.m. CT | 0.1 CEUs

Organizations with best-in-class safety performance have unique recipes for success because they've built a culture based on community and connection. Experts from Ideagen will help you examine your organization's culture, assess its appetite for safety change, explore ways to leverage current momentum and identify ways to use your influence to impact workers' experience.

[Register today](#)

NFPA 70E Policies, Procedures and Programs for Electrical and Mechanical

Contractors

Feb. 21 | [Online](#) | Earn 0.4 CEUs

Review key aspects of NFPA 70E and discuss relevant OSHA regulations and consensus standards to help you navigate the complex landscape of electrical safety and better protect team members who perform electrical work.



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Society News:



CEO [Jennifer McNelly](#) recently joined the [National Electrical Contractors Association \(NECA\)](#)'s Safety Round Up podcast to discuss the importance of organizational governance, culture and community in improving workplace safety and health

Your regional safety Leaders doing amazing work for our industry!

New Member Highlights!

- **Glen R. Eckberg (Chicago)**
- **Juan Marval (Downers Grove)**





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Local Job Postings:



Environmental Health and Safety Manager;

Chicago, IL

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