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Advance Your Career



Expand Your Network



Grow Your Knowledge

In February, we hosted about 46 ASSP Greater Chicago members for Michael Lies, NFPA 70E technical speaking event! This is a chapter milestone and we are so grateful for your participation and attendance!

Let's keep the momentum going! Please join us again on March 22nd, 2024 for Dave Malcomson's Fall Protection update presentation at Park Tavern, Chicago!

****Please note, parking is validate for \$6 during the event**

If you are interested in becoming a chapter sponsor, please reach out to updates@chicago.assp.org!

Upcoming Chapter Events

ASSP Greater Chicago Technical Event

"Fall Protection Update: ANSI/ASSE Standards for Lanyards and Anchor Points

– Dave Malcomson 3M

Park Tavern, Chicago

March 22nd, 2024

ASSP Greater Chicago will host a technical speaking event on March 22nd from 11:30am – 1pm CST



NFPA 70E: A Practical Approach to Developing & Implementing an ESP
Presented by Michael Lies, MS, CIH, CSP
Feb. 16th, 2024

ASSP-Greater Chicago Chapter February Technical Speaker Event



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A Message from the ASSP Greater Chicago President, Mike Lawler

It's March, and time to celebrate ladder safety month! This month-long initiative is dedicated to raising awareness about the critical role of ladder safety in preventing workplace accidents and promoting a culture of safety within our communities.

Ladders are among the most commonly used tools across various industries, from construction and maintenance to manufacturing and beyond. While ladders serve as indispensable tools for accessing heights, they also pose significant risks if not used properly. According to the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), falls from ladders are one of the leading causes of workplace injuries and fatalities.

As advocates for workplace safety, it is our responsibility to ensure that every individual who utilizes a ladder is equipped with the knowledge and resources necessary to do so safely. Ladder Safety Month provides us with an opportunity to reinforce best practices, educate our workforce, and implement proactive measures to mitigate the risks associated with ladder use.

The American Ladder Institute offers a website, www.laddersafetytraining.org, that recommends educational resources that assist in distribution of informational materials, and pre-operational planning.

I encourage your organization to join us in observing Ladder Safety Month by prioritizing ladder safety within your workplace. Here are a few actionable steps you can take:

- Conduct comprehensive ladder safety training for employees who use ladders as part of their job duties.
- Regularly inspect ladders for any signs of damage or wear and tear, and promptly remove defective ladders from service.
- Provide proper instruction on ladder selection, setup, and usage, emphasizing the importance of maintaining three points of contact at all times.
- Implement a ladder safety policy that outlines clear guidelines and procedures for ladder use, storage, and maintenance.
- Encourage a culture of safety by promoting open communication, reporting of hazards, and peer-to-peer accountability.
- By prioritizing ladder safety, we can significantly reduce the number of ladder-related accidents and injuries in the workplace, ultimately saving lives and preventing unnecessary suffering.
- Thank you for your commitment to workplace safety and your continued involvement in ASSP. Together, we can make a difference and ensure that every worker returns home safely at the end of the day.

Sincerely,

Mike Lawler



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Upcoming Industry Events:

Voting for Our 2024 National Elections Opens March 1

All qualified members will receive a ballot for our 2024 elections via email on Friday, March 1. Please be sure to review all candidate information, including biographies and platform statements, then submit your vote. [View Elections Webpage](#)



OSHA is hosting a free **March 5** webinar, during [Women in Construction Week](#), on best practices for participating in and working safely during federal construction projects. [Register now](#) to learn about:

- Affirmative action on federal contracts
- Best practices for retaining women on construction projects
- Chemical hazards to fetal and reproductive health
- Ergonomics for women



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Society News:



ASSP Publishes First-Ever Consensus Standard on Heat Stress in Construction

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To help employers address growing concerns about hazards related to heat, ASSP has published ANSI/ASSP A10.50-2024, “Standard for Heat Stress Management in Construction and Demolition Operations,” the only national voluntary consensus standard addressing the adverse occupational health effects caused by exposure to heat. Understand best practices for protecting workers from heat exposures, acclimating workers to high heat conditions, and training both employees and supervisors.



Share your knowledge!

CSHEC is looking for excellent speakers for the 2024 Conference!

More information can be found on our website, www.chisafetyconf.org. Click on the “speakers” tab for a list of topics we’re targeting.

You can also use [this link](#) to submit your topic.



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Local Job Postings:



HSE Specialist for Transportation Division

Chicago, IL

Walsh is currently seeking an HSE Specialist for our Transportation Division in Chicago, IL.

Job Summary

HSE Specialist coordinates, implements and monitors all aspects of the health, safety and environmental (EHS) processes at various project locations. As a fourth-generation, family-owned business, Walsh recruits individuals who are seeking a small company feel with a large company backing. Walsh is a successful fast-growing company at the forefront of technology and is committed to being the employer of choice to our employees and the builder of choice to our customers. There are many compelling reasons why exceptional people should consider a career with our company: - Challenging, complex work - Creative and innovative problem-solving environment - Supportive, communicative managers who reward hard work - Opportunities for growth, training, and development - Flexibility in career path & progression - Opportunities to work and live all over the United States. Please go to www.walshgroup.com

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