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West Texas AGC News & Resources

SAFETY TIPS

June is National Safety Month & Hosting a Safety Stand Down
Safety Focus for June - Fall Prevention and Protection



Safety Stand Down

Did your company host a Safety Stand Down? Safety Stand Downs can be held at any time. Plan to have one in the future if circumstances prevented it this past month.

Contact the West Texas Chapter and let us know about your event! Send information to chughes@wtagc.org.

Fall Protection

The month of June has been dedicated to Fall Prevention and Fall Protection. OSHA Guide 3146 is a comprehensive booklet with the various means and methods to train and work safely by providing fall protection.

[One Stop Shop - Stand Down](#)

[Fall Protection in Construction - OSHA Guide 3146](#)



[You Tube Falls in Construction](#)

West Texas AGC offices Summer Days 'Away'

Friday, June 26th through Tuesday, June 30th, the Wichita Falls AGC office, will be closed and unable to provide services to walk in customers. The daily update and notifications on projects will be processed normally; email and phone communications will be responded to by chapter staff. Do not hesitate to call 325.676.7447 with questions or for assistance.

Thank you for your cooperation!



July 4th 2020 celebrates the 244th birthday of the Declaration of Independence of the United States of America from Great Britain.

The West Texas AGC offices will close Friday, July 3rd along with many of our members and businesses who will enjoy a long week-end.

**Be safe...Be wise...Maintain social distancing...Wash hands often...
Then back to work on Monday!**

The Impact of COVID-19 on the General Contractor and Specialty Contractor Relationship

June 30, 2020; 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. (ET)

Price: AGC Member: FREE

Non-Member: \$69

This **townhall style webinar** brings together specialty contractors and general contractors to discuss the specialty contractor's perspective on how the GC is communicating about safety and health protocols related to COVID-19. The webinar will cover the development of a COVID-19 Safety Plan & Policy; the response to a positive or potential positive COVID-19 test; long-term implications and the impact on productivity. Join us to gain insight from the GC and the specialty contractor on safety and health protocols, intended to protect workers from COVID-19, and the impact on the jobsite.

[**Register**](#)

Trump shuts off work visas

President Donald Trump is suspending several visas for foreign workers, citing the surge in unemployed Americans during the coronavirus pandemic. The executive order lasts until year-end and affects guest worker and academic programs.

(AGC of America will be following this and the impact on construction)

[Full Story: Engineering News-Record](#)

West Texas AGC Chapter Job Board

WEST TEXAS AGC MEMBERS – POST JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Unemployment has skyrocketed, yet construction continues to have a shortage of workers. A 'Career Center' for Job Postings has been established on the West Texas AGC Chapter website as a NEW benefit to WTAGC members to post your jobs for public access.

Through July 31, 2020, a member may post unlimited job postings FREE. Beginning August 1st, fees will be a reasonable \$49.99 per job posting per month for members and \$750.00 for non-members.

To start the process:

- In your web browser open the West Texas AGC Chapter | wtagc.org
- At the top tabs, select **RESOURCES**, find drop downs
- Select [CAREER CENTER | JOB POSTING](#)
- Follow directions on the Career Center page – SIMPLE!
- Questions call 325.676.7447

Face-Covering Policy Remains Flexible As Hoar Construction Confronts Two Virus-Troubled Projects

This spring, Hoar Construction has found itself on both sides of the face-covering challenge as "Dozens Test Positive".

As guidance on virus protections for workers evolved during the spring, contractors in many parts of the U.S. chose or were compelled by state or local rules or unions to go beyond federal guidance and require workers to use a face covering of some kind on the jobsite.

In other areas the face coverings were recommended but not required.

Hoar, a major Birmingham-based contractor, has found itself working across the south and southwest under different local rules. At two of its jobsites where masks were not required, significant numbers of workers tested positive for the virus. But at one of those jobsites, wearing a face covering remains an individual worker's decision—even though Hoar strongly recommends it.

These two jobsites are a microcosm of the broader and continually evolving debate in the U.S. over the necessity and benefit of face coverings.

[Read More](#)

[7 Steps to Wear a Respirator at Work English](#)

[7 Steps to Wear a Respirator at Work Spanish](#)

2020 AGC-TBB PAC Fund Campaign

West Texas Chapter AGC along with 9 Texas AGC Building Chapters combine together to support the AGC-TBB, Texas Building Branch, as the legislative arm and voice for the commercial construction industry of Texas. The 2019, 86th Legislative Session, was extremely active and successful in part to AGC-TBB and on behalf of our industry. AGC-TBB works to build relationships with our legislators and the use of PAC donations is a contributor. This can only be accomplished through your donations.

To donate to the campaign, ***please send a personal check***, (company checks are not permitted), payable to AGC-TBB PAC Fund, c/o West Texas Chapter AGC at 3125 S. 27th St., Suite A, Abilene, TX 79605. Please contact Chad Henthorn, WTAGC TBB Representative, at chad@teinert.com or Cassie Hughes, Chapter Director, at chughes@wtagc.org with any questions.

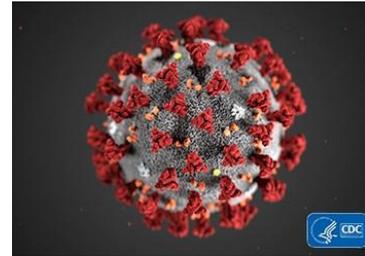
[AGC-TBB Legislative Summary](#)

Construction work tasks associated with exposure risk levels

Conducting a job hazard analysis can help you to determine whether work activities require close contact (within 6 feet) between workers and customers, visitors, or other members of the public.

When a job hazard analysis identifies activities with higher exposure risks, and those activities are not essential, consider delaying them until they can be performed safely.

Find additional resources for COVID 19 at wtagc.org and agc.org



Click the button directly to the OSHA site providing definitions for types of construction: Lower, Medium, Higher and Very High Risks. Analysis includes Construction Work Tasks; Engineering Controls; Administrative Controls; Safe Work Activities and PPE's.

[OSHA COVID 19 - Construction Work](#)

Your membership pays in dividends and savings!

Creating programs and monitoring a business with the bottom line edging out the competition is time consuming. This requires investment in professional programs that grow employees for retention and quality, insurance programs for solid business security and protection, and savings programs specifically for the construction industry.

At West Texas AGC we are pleased to offer opportunities such as these to our members. Please contact us with your needs and questions at 325.676.7447.

Check out a few examples of member opportunities!

[WTAGC Savings Programs](#)

[Southwest AGC 401 \(k\) Program](#)

[CompGroup AGC Workers Comp](#)

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