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West Texas AGC News & Resources

SAFETY TIPS

Distracted Driving

The 2020 Work Zone Survey results included in today's newsletter indicates distracted driving as the cause of crashes and fatalities in work zones. A link to Texas results is provided. *Distracted Driving* is the case in other accidents that are not in work zones. Today's Safety Tip in English and Spanish provide "Distracted Driving" reminders beyond cell phone use. The West Texas Chapter has sample Cell Phone Use Policies and additional Distracted Driving safety training available. Contact us at 325.676.7447.

[Distracted Driving English](#)

[Distracted Driving Spanish](#)

2020 Work Zone Survey Results

Construction employment increased in 329 out of 358 metro areas between April and May as a new survey finds that two-thirds of highway construction firms had at least one crash in the past year at highway work zones they operate.

"As industry employment increases, it is safe to assume that more people are working in highway work zones that are typically close to moving traffic," said Ken Simonson, the association's chief economist. "And it is important to remember that any time your job site is just a few feet away from fast moving traffic, danger is never far away."

[Texas Work Zone Survey Results](#)

West Texas AGC offices closed Friday July 3rd for Independence Day



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 staff wishes everyone - members, family & friends a Happy Fourth of July!

The AGC offices will be closed Friday, July 3rd to celebrate Independence

Day***

We hope you each have a safe and memorable holiday!

AGC Keeping Workers Safe & Working



Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, AGC of America has provided excellent information on safe practices, PPP, the Cares Act, along with information and guidance to distribute and clarifications from OSHA, CDC, WHO and other agencies that impact the construction industry.

The coming months will be a challenge. You can count on your membership with West Texas AGC to receive information and breaking news to assist you. ***Click the sign above for a message from AGC of America.***

Assured Electrical Grounding Program

SAFETY FACTS

ASSURED ELECTRICAL
EQUIPMENT GROUNDING
CONDUCTOR PROGRAM

INSPECT - TEST - COLOR CODE
ALL ELECTRICAL TOOLS, EXTENSION CORDS, AND EQUIPMENT

THIRD QUARTER
JULY 1 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2020
COLOR CODE IS
RED

ENSURE ALL ELECTRICAL APPARATUS HAS BEEN SATISFACTORILY
TESTED AND COLOR-CODED PRIOR TO USE.

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Third Quarter 2020 - RED

Assured Electrical Equipment Grounding Conductor Program

Inspect | Test | Color Code

All electrical tools, extension cords and equipment.

Third Quarter RED

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

Will construction continue to be an essential business?

As states re-opened and restrictions were re-moved, cases have grown out of proportion. This includes cases reported on construction sites. In the state of Texas, considerations for State Agencies to test random construction sites is being discussed. If a significant number of tests are positive, the impact could be a decision on which types of construction are deemed 'essential'. AGAC of America and West Texas AGC is hard at work to ensure that our members and the commercial construction industry continues working as a healthy and viable industry in our country.

Therefore, it is critical for each company to utilize best practices and monitor jobs sites to assure no one enters a site who may be infected. Read articles and resources in this newsletter to assist with ideas for your company.

Slowing the spread of COVID-19 is for the health of your employees, all sub-contractors on each site and the families involved.

In summary, it is up to the industry if we want to continue to work.

Message from Cassie Hughes, Executive Director West Texas AGC

Social distancing strategies keep contractors productive

As many construction companies enter the post-COVID-19 environment, they have a challenging job ahead — to ensure their workers abide by social distancing guidelines and still remain productive.



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[Read Article from Construction Dive](#)

Health Check-In Apps Seen as Key Way to Limit Viral Outbreaks on Jobsites

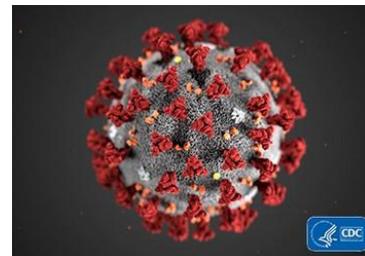
Health screening surveys accessible by scanning a QR code have been key to monitoring the health of workers and visitors on construction sites during the COVID-19 pandemic.

[Read article from ENR](#)

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.

[WTAGC Discount Programs](#)

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