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West Texas AGC News & Resources

Safety Tips - Scaffold Safety



In 2019 the standard was the third most violated OSHA standard with 2,813 violations cited. Created in 1971, the **scaffolding general requirement regulation** 1926.451, is one of OSHA's original standards.

Despite the age of this piece of legislation regulating public safety, the standard remains among the most cited standards at American workplaces.

The general requirement section of the scaffolding standard is broken into the sections of capacity, platform construction, supported scaffold criteria, suspended scaffold criteria, access requirements, fall protection and use. Use today's Toolbox Talk to review the basics of scaffold safety.

[Scaffold Safety Tool Box Talk](#)

2020 National AGC Safety Awards - NASA

All West Texas AGC members are encouraged to participate in the 2020 NASA program.

To begin, complete your OSHA form 300A "Summary of Work-Related Injuries and Illnesses" for 2020. From the completed OSHA 300A form, fill out the attached participant form and return to the West Texas AGC Chapter by February 9, 2021. West Texas Chapter AGC will submit your company entry to AGC of America along with other WTAGC Member entries to the 2020 NASA Safety Award Program.

Thank you for participating!

[NASA Participant Form](#)

Email changes - How it impact notifications!

As we prepare for 2021, please send company changes to abilene@wtagc.org. We are verifying our databases and records are current with accurate information for your company: **changes include added or removed employees, email, phone #, address change and point of contact for the chapter. This information also is updated in the online and printed directory!**

When adding employees to cProject or changing an email address, FIRST contact West Texas AGC at abilene@wtagc.org. Changes MUST be submitted through the West Texas AGC databases in order for the changes to be activated and a member to receive ITB's and access projects online.

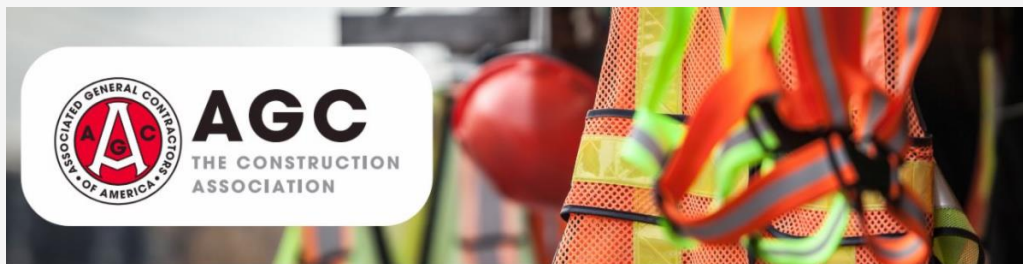
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CONSTRUCTION TRADE GROUP SUES TO BLOCK FED'S UNLAWFUL EFFORT TO CHANGE PAYCHECK PROTECTION PROGRAM (PPP) RULES

Small Business Administration and Office of Management and Budget Secretly Crafted Questionnaire that Asks about Everything Other Than the Economic Uncertainty that Congress Intended to Drive Program

The Associated General Contractors of America filed suit today to compel Small Business Administration (SBA) and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to revise the questionnaire being used to reassess whether companies were eligible for Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans. The construction association is also asking the federal courts to restrict use of the information that the questionnaire generates until the SBA makes it available to the public and revises it.

"The administration has every right, and obligation, to ensure businesses were eligible to apply for and receive the relief loans," said Stephen E. Sandherr, the association's chief executive officer. "But they do not have the right to use a secretly crafted form to gather unprecedented amounts of proprietary information that has little or nothing to do with the economic uncertainty that led businesses to apply for the loans in the first place."



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CDC Plan Puts Essential Workers Second in Line for COVID-19 Vaccine



As U.S. officials designate priority groups to receive vaccines, essential workers will likely come after healthcare and nursing home staff and residents, but before others who can work from home.

- But essential workers were presented as potential recipients in the next tier, Phase 1b, with examples that included workers in education, food and agriculture, utilities, firefighters, correction officers and transportation. ***While construction and construction workers have been considered essential in most parts of the country during the pandemic, the industry was not listed by name.***

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Three Recent Updates to Online Environmental Compliance Compendium

New Updates on the CICA Center include information on the Aerosol Can Universal Waste rule, the Lead Renovation, Repair and Painting program, and process water can be found on the CICA website.

CICA is your source for plain language explanations of environmental rules for the construction industry. This information is provided free of charge by the [National Center for Manufacturing Sciences](#). Funding for this project has been provided by the [U.S. Environmental Protection Agency](#). Inclusion of a resource and/or news item on CICA are provided for informational purposes only and do not imply an endorsement by NCMS or EPA.

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COVID-19 Testing Overview

- Coronavirus Self Checker
- Who should get tested
- What is a Viral Test
- What is an Anti-body Test

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- Who should get tested
- How to get tested

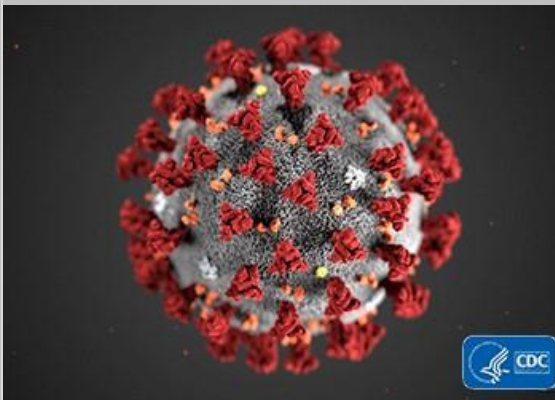
Crane Management in Construction Safety Training – Online Classes

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), from 2011 to 2015, the Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries (CFOI) reported 220 total crane-related deaths, an average of 44 per year over this 5-year period with 42% of the fatal work injuries taking place in the private construction industry. The data also shows that specialty contractors and heavy and civil engineering construction accounted for the most fatalities involving cranes in private construction.



AGC of America is offering this one-day training program based on OSHA standards and best practices to answer the need for quality training within the industry.

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COVID-19 Resources and Updates

West Texas AGC and AGC of America update their COVID Resource sites to provide you with current information as it is available. This covers job site guidelines, employees, legislative and other regulatory notices from CDC, OSHA, WHO, etc.

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