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## West Texas AGC News & Resources

### Safety Tips - Rigging for Safety

Start with planning. Before starting any lifting operations, hold a meeting with anyone involved and review the **“Lift Plan”**. A reminder about lift planning. The list is a boilerplate approach to load handling. The items listed below are the points of consideration for the decision maker. The load is at Point A and needs to be moved to Point B. A number of handling systems may be involved in its transition from take-off to placement. These might include cranes, jacks, rollers, hydraulic gantries, a slide system, heavy-haul transporters, strand jacks or other equipment. The purpose is to overcome gravity’s pull and create movement in a controlled manner. **[Items Essential to Lift Planning](#)**



What is a **“method statement”**. This includes the process, procedure, engineering data, costing, public and site impact, and preparation requirements. Review your planning. Overlooking one of these critical elements can certainly result in major setbacks. Share this conversation with your “crew”. ***It’s the professional approach which can easily be adopted for nearly any load moving activity.***

Rigging For Safe Lifts in both English and Spanish for Safety Meetings!

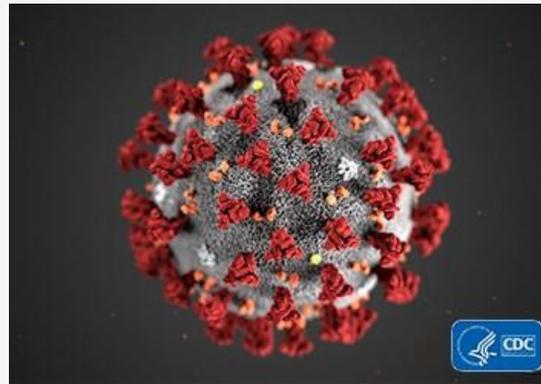
[Rigging for Safe Lifts Spanish](#)

[Rigging for Safe Lifts English](#)

## **Coronavirus -Help for the Construction Industry**

AGC of America and the West Texas AGC Chapter continue to pull together the resources you need for jobsite safety protocols, worker safety in the office and on jobsites, when to test, what to look for in contract negotiations, legislative and funding relief, etc.

Contact us for information or access information at the links provided.



[\*\*WTAGC - COVID Resources\*\*](#)

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**West Texas AGC Member Fletco begins the Dyess Air Force Base Visitor Center Expansion**



The longtime building used as the Security Access Control Center will remain but be expanded in a \$1.2 million project that includes additional parking at the main entrance to Dyess Air Force Based. Ground was broken on the project Monday, though prep already has begun. *Greg Jaklewicz/Reporter-News*

On Monday, Dyess and Abilene dignitaries gathered to make the work official with a ceremonial groundbreaking. FLETCO Construction, of Abilene, is leading the project. If schedules are maintained and work is done early, it could make for a wonderful sendoff present for current base commander Col. Jose "Ed" Sumangil, who is expected to leave the base in July after leading for two years.

It's a \$1.2 million project expanding what officially is called the Security Access Control Center, adding 22 parking spaces and offering visitors comforts not provided before.

### **Actions by President Biden this week that stand to have a major impact on employers across the U.S**

Three days into his term, President Biden signed executive orders and set forth plans for how employers should respond to issues during the COVID-19 pandemic. Actions by President Biden this week that stand to have a major impact on employers across the U.S.:

On January 21, 2021, President Biden signed the [Executive Order on Protecting Worker Health and Safety](#).

- Within two weeks of January 21, 2021, OSHA shall issue revised guidance to employers on workplace safety during the COVID-19 pandemic.

- OSHA must also consider whether any emergency temporary standards on COVID-19 are necessary, and if so, issue them by March 15, 2021. OSHA is to review standards regarding masks in the workplace.
- Review OSHA enforcement efforts and review what changes can be made to better protect workers and ensure “equity in enforcement.”
- Launch a national program focusing OSHA enforcement efforts for COVID-19 violations for the largest number of workers at serious risk.
- Launch multilingual outreach campaign to inform workers of their rights under applicable law.

[More on Executive Order](#)



### How Construction Will Be Affected Under The Biden Administration

Cancellation of the Keystone XL pipeline and an end to border-wall work are two examples of executive actions from President Joe Biden that affect the construction industry. Through executive orders, proclamations and other memoranda, Biden addressed issues such as COVID-19 mitigation, economic relief, combating climate change and advancing racial equity, many of which will have implications for U.S. contractors.

[Read More](#)

## WEBINARS & SEMINARS for WTAGC Members

### Lien and Bond Claims - Virtual Seminar

February 11, 2021 | 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Back by popular demand and need, presented by **construction attorneys** who understand the industry, a virtual seminar with topics that will include:

- The basics of Texas Law Mechanic's Liens and Payment Bonds
- Identifying who is protected by statutory liens and bonds

- Knowing when and how to file statutory notices to protect payment rights
- Understanding the remedies available on both private and public projects
- Finding out how contractors, subcontractors and suppliers can protect their payment rights
- Understanding how the Texas Prompt Payment Acts for both public and private construction projects
- practical tips for enforcing payment obligations

*\*\*No cost to West Texas AGC Members - compliments of Harrison Steck, P.C.*

**Presented by attorneys of Harrison Steck, P.C.**

**Registration & Additional Information**

## AGC Construction Supervision Fundamentals – On line Course

**Tuesdays & Thursdays | February 11th – March 11th**  
**1:00 PM – 4:00 PM MT**

AGC Colorado is offering Construction Supervision Fundamentals to West Texas AGC. This is a live course interactive course with knowledgeable instructors. This course is designed for aspiring front line leaders who are looking to learn entry level management skills to lead construction activities. A course well suited for craft workers, foreman, project engineers, or assistant project managers.

AGC Chapter Members \$650 (Registration fees includes participant manual.)  
To register contact Cassie Hughes at West Texas AGC, [chughes@wtagc.org](mailto:chughes@wtagc.org) or call 325.676.7447

**Construction Supervision Fundamentals Flyer**



## AGC-PROCORE Project Manager Development Program Course

*Hosted by **Austin AGC**  
**West Texas AGC** members invited to  
participate at **AGC Austin** member rates  
Register Today!*

AGC's PMDP course is designed to specifically meet the needs of the construction industry. The 40 hour in seat classroom training will follow five essential units for Project Managers taking them through the lifecycle of a construction project.

Meetings will be conducted by Zoom video conferencing

**Commencement Date: March 23, 2021 | Tues & Thurs | 8 AM - 12PM**

Fees, registration and additional Information available at Register [HERE](#).

[AGC - PMDP - Register HERE](#)

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## **AGC Southwest Chapters 401(k) Financial Wellness Series Retirement Plan Essentials**

**January 28, 2021 | 10:00AM CST**

Join us for a free Zoom webinar highlighting the features and benefits of your workplace retirement plan, so you can feel more confident about the steps you're taking towards a secure financial future.

- Plan Features
- Investment Options
- Your Retirement Outlook

[Retirement Plan Essentials Registration](#)

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## **Future proof your safety culture: Create a plan**

**February 17, 2021 | Virtual**

Join us for part one of this two-part safety series on preventing injuries in your workplace. Learn how to implement general safety programs and protect your employees. We'll share tips for on-the-job training, including new employee orientation, ongoing training and remedial training. We'll explore the important role that inspections play in injury prevention and how you can conduct on-the-job inspections. You'll also see how to download resources from Texas Mutual's safety resource catalog to help educate your employees and enhance your safety programs. Part two of this series will cover what to do after an injury occurs and is offered on March 17.

[Register HERE](#)

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**7 Legal, Other Trends Influencing Construction in 2021**

Court closures, payment disputes and small business bankruptcies are a few of the factors that will influence commercial construction this year, according to two industry experts.

2021 will certainly be an interesting year in commercial construction as trends that had been on the horizon meet the impact of the pandemic.

That also means it will be even more important for architects, contractors, engineers and owners to frequently revisit plans as the industry adapts to ongoing changes so that they can better reduce their likelihood of facing litigation.

The following trends and topics are some that we believe will have the greatest impact on commercial construction in 2021.

[Read Here - 7 Legal and Other Trends](#)

## OSHA raises penalty maximums, establishes new debt collection procedures



OSHA has raised its maximum civil penalty amounts for 2021 according to the rate of inflation. The new penalties go into effect Jan. 16.

If an establishment fails to make payment and does not have an affordable payment plan in place, OSHA will put that establishment on a priority list for more

inspections. In addition, OSHA compliance safety and health officers will collect employer identification numbers as part of the pre-inspection process.

[Read Article](#)

## ConstructorCast: COVID-19 Is Transforming Construction Jobsites

This episode highlights some of the more unique and innovative aspects of how construction firms have adapted their operations and established new work routines to mitigate against the spread of the virus – so they can continue to work in a SAFE and ESSENTIAL manner. Learn from your peers as you hear Frank Baxter (Skanska USA Building), Mayone Sallows (Butz Family of Companies) and Felipe Serrano (The Beck Group) share how they are making use of technology advancements as well as some rudimentary systems to shift behaviors and change practices during the COVID-19 pandemic [Learn More...](#)

COVID-19 Is Transforming Construction Jobsites



## Safety Training - Midland College RMI offers courses by Safety Grant from Texas Mutual

The Risk Management Institute at Midland College, Midland, Texas offers a variety of safety courses. All courses are \$25.00 and on a first registered basis until courses fill.

On line courses include OSHA 10, OSHA 30, Confined Spaces, Excavation, HAZCom, and more. In person classes include CPR and First Aid and others. Registration contact is Leticia Ramos, (432) 681-6335, lramos@midland.edu. For a complete schedule of course offerings, dates and times click below.

[Risk Management Institute](#)

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