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West Texas AGC News & Resources

Safety Tips - Trench Safety for everyone on the job site



OSHA ALERT

Keep Trenches Safe for Workers

Trench collapses and cave-ins are a serious threat to workers, but they can be prevented. OSHA reminds employers that worker safety is a priority, and the agency has resources available to protect workers.

The following safe work practices will help keep trenches safe for workers:

- **PREPARE** a *safe trench*.
 - Provide safe entry and exit before starting work.
 - Keep materials at least 2 feet away from the edge.
- **PROTECT** workers from a cave-in by using *protective systems*.
 - Sloping or benching trench walls, or
 - Shoring trench wall with supports, or
 - Shielding trench walls with trench boxes.
- **INSPECT** the trench for *hazards*.
 - Look for standing water and other environmental hazards.
 - Never enter a trench unless it has been inspected and approved by the competent person.



Trench Safety



For more information on common hazards, visit OSHA's [Trenching and Excavation](#) page.

Employers can also take advantage of OSHA's [On-Site Consultation Program](#), which offers no-cost and confidential occupational safety and health services to small- and medium-sized businesses. Consultation services are separate from enforcement, and do not result in penalties or citations. Contact the [local OSHA area office](#) for assistance.

OSHA alerts are issued on occasion to draw attention to worker safety and health issues and solutions.

OSHA Department of Labor and Health Administration • [osha.gov/trenching](https://www.osha.gov/trenching) • 800-321-OSHA (6742) • [@OSHA_DOL](https://twitter.com/OSHA_DOL)

Click the OSHA Alert to print and post at job sites and in break rooms.

Use the Safety Tips in both English and Spanish for a safety meeting to :

- **Prepare**
- **Protect, and**
- **Inspect... trenches on a site.**

[Open Trenches - English](#)

[Open Trenches - Spanish](#)

If you have a specific safety topic need for training or information for weekly meetings, contact West Texas AGC for ToolBox Talks, handouts and other safety information.
chughes@wtagc.org or call 325.676.7447.



THE COMPANIES THAT COMMIT TO A CULTURE OF CARE AREN'T PASSIVELY THINKING ABOUT THEIR COMPANY CULTURE

They are actively working to ensure that every employee — from the CEO to the laborer — has the opportunity to feel valued, respected, and heard.

[Build a Culture of Care - Read More](#)



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The 'Midland' West Texas AGC office air conditioning has been repaired allowing our staff to work in the office rather than remotely.

*All West Texas AGC offices are open with regular business hours & services.
Thank You for your patience!*

Construction Industry Related Bills Signed by Governor Abbot



The 87th Texas Legislative Session ended with 6,927 bills filed;
1,168 new laws;
1,041 bills were signed;

If you would like to support the West Texas AGC Chapter PAC, reach out to Chad Henthorn, chapter TBB Representative at chad@teinert.com or Cassie Hughes, WTAGC Executive Director at chughes@wtagc.org to find out more.

The work continues with an aggressive election year ahead and other bills that did not make it through the process that be carried over to the next Session.

Special Session has been called and can last no longer than 30 days. Topics may include: (1) election reform and (2) reinstating the Legislature's funding for the next two years. Several items that died late in the regular session could be added to this list.

127 bills became law without the Governor's signature.
Read the attached Legislative Stats for 10 bills worked intensively this session by the AGC-TBB, Texas Building Branch on behalf of ALL West Texas Chapter and Texas AGC members.

The Governor also will be calling another special session this Fall to do redistricting and other items.

[Final Bill Stats](#)

West Texas AGC Members - Attend Summer TBB Event!

AGC-TBB LEGISLATIVE UPDATE EVENT & SUMMER GATHERING
July 27th – 29th
JW San Antonio Hill Country Resort and Spa
San Antonio, Texas
Deadline to Register for rooms July 6th

[Flyer & Registration](#)

Contractor's and their HR should read - Updates from EEOC



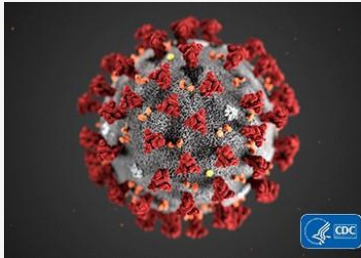
EEOC Updates COVID-19 Vaccination-Related Guidance

The U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) posted updated and expanded technical assistance (link is external) related to the COVID-19 pandemic, addressing questions arising under the federal equal employment opportunity (EEO) laws.

For links and guidance click below:

[Read More](#)

Coronavirus - Resources 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.

[Visit WTAGC COVID](#)

[Visit AGC COVID](#)

Registration Now Open for the 2021 AGC Annual Convention September 21-23 in Orlando



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The AGC Annual Convention provides contractors of all sizes the opportunity to gain business-critical insights into the issues most affecting their operations.

From risk management to safety on the jobsite to the latest in project management solutions, AGC brings together experts from across the

industry to share their knowledge and help prepare contractors to meet the challenges of today and tomorrow.

Book your hotel rooms at the Orlando World Trade Center Marriott with discounted AGC rates - [book your room using this link](#).

[Information & Registration](#)

Texas Mutual invites all Texas Business to the Work Safe - Texas Online Summit

Date: Wednesday, June 30, 2021
Time: 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 PM CDT

Hear from safety experts and members of the business community on safety trends in workforce education and disaster preparedness and response. The free virtual event is open to all businesses. You'll have the chance to win one of two Amazon gift cards and ask panelists your safety questions during the live Q&A.

Session 1 - Safety Trends - Educating Your Workforce
Session 2 - Be Ready Texas - Disaster Preparedness and Response



[Registration](#)

U. S. Construction Outlook 2021

All of the following are put together for the period February 2020 through May 2021 by Ken Simonson, AGC Chief Economist, providing an understanding of the construction industry's economic outlook you need to know about for Texas and the U.S.

- Pandemic Impacts
- Policy Initiatives
- Project Implications

[U.S. Construction Outlook 2021](#)

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