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Safety Tips - Electrical Safety on the Job and 3rd Quarter Color Code



Of the OSHA “Fatal Four,” electrical shocks account for the [third-highest amount of fatalities](#). In fact, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor, [160 worker deaths](#) resulted from electrocution injuries in 2018.

8 Tips for Improving Electrical Safety In the Construction Industry

Electrical workers can be at risk of harmful shock, gruesome burns, and even deadly electrocutions. A job should never endanger its employees, regardless of whether you work in an office or at a construction site.

To avoid electrically-induced death or injury requires a well-thought-out electrical safety plan that takes into account the present risks and dangers of performing electrical work in the construction industry.

[8 Tips for Electrical Safety](#)



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

COLOR CODE IS

RED

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

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Third Quarter Color Code - **RED**

Tip #2 in the article above lists identifying electrical hazards. Initiating an Assured Electrical Equipment Grounding Conductor Program and training employees in ALL trades, not just electrical, with this program is an excellent safety initiative and accident prevention action.

If you would like information on the OSHA Focus Four that includes Electrical Shocks, contact West Texas AGC at 325.676.7447.

Remember - this is the RED quarter for electrical and it's HOT out there too. Print the poster below and use a safety meeting to discuss and train employees on **Heat Illness PREVENTION!**

Prevent Heat Illness at Work Poster - Print and Post - Click on picture below!



Prevent Heat Illness at Work

Outdoor and indoor heat exposure can be dangerous.

Ways to Protect Yourself and Others



Ease into Work

Nearly 3 out of 4 fatalities from heat illness happen during the first week of work.
✓ **New and returning workers** need to build tolerance to heat (acclimatize) and take frequent breaks.
✓ **Follow the 20% Rule.** On the first day, work no more than 20% of the shift's duration at full intensity in the heat. Increase the duration of time at full intensity by no more than 20% a day until workers are used to working in the heat.



Drink Cool Water

Drink cool water even if you are not thirsty — at least 1 cup every 20 minutes.



Take Rest Breaks

Take enough time to recover from heat given the temperature, humidity, and conditions.



Find Shade or a Cool Area

Take breaks in a designated shady or cool location.



Dress for the Heat

Wear a hat and light-colored, loose-fitting, and breathable clothing if possible.



Watch Out for Each Other

Monitor yourself and others for signs of heat illness.



If Wearing a Face Covering

Change your face covering if it gets wet or soiled. Verbally check on others frequently.

First Aid for Heat Illness

The following are signs of a medical emergency!



- Abnormal thinking or behavior
- Slurred speech
- Seizures
- Loss of consciousness

1 > CALL 911 IMMEDIATELY

2 > COOL THE WORKER RIGHT AWAY WITH WATER OR ICE

3 > STAY WITH THE WORKER UNTIL HELP ARRIVES



Watch for any other signs of heat illness and act quickly. When in doubt, call 911.

If a worker experiences:

- Headache or nausea
- Weakness or dizziness
- Heavy sweating or hot, dry skin
- Elevated body temperature
- Thirst
- Decreased urine output



Take these actions:

- > Give water to drink
- > Remove unnecessary clothing
- > Move to a cooler area
- > Cool with water, ice, or a fan
- > Do not leave alone
- > Seek medical care if needed



OSHA Occupational Safety and Health Administration

For more information: 1-800-321-OSHA (6742)
TTY 1-877-889-5627 www.osha.gov/heat

Federal law entitles you to a safe workplace. You have the right to speak up about hazards without fear of retaliation. See <http://www.osha-slc.gov/resources> for information about how to file a confidential complaint with OSHA and ask for an inspection.

AGC Releases Updated Construction Inflation Alert

Materials costs and supply chain issues remain top concerns for many contractors. To help contractors deliver the latest information to owners, officials and others, AGC of America has created the newly revised June edition of the Construction Inflation Alert. For more information, contact Ken Simonson.

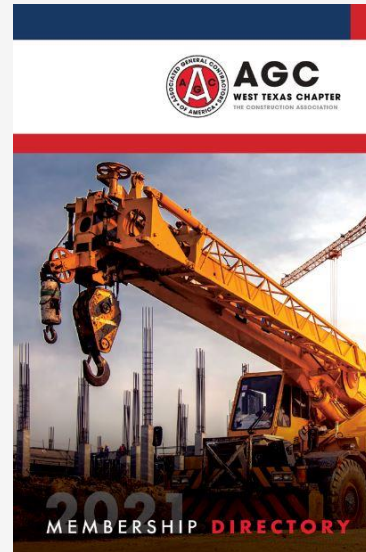
[June Construction Inflation Alert](#)

The image shows the cover of the AGC Construction Inflation Alert for June 2021. It features the AGC logo (The Construction Association) and the text 'June 2021 CONSTRUCTION INFLATION ALERT'. A small text box at the bottom states: 'In late March, the Associated General Contractors of America (AGC) posted the Construction Inflation Alert, a document to inform project owners, government officials, and the public about the extreme cost increases and supply-chain disruptions affecting construction. The current version is the second update of that Alert—a reflection of the continued'.

Showcase Your Company in the Chapter Directory

West Texas AGC is partnering again with E&M Consulting, Inc. to produce our **2022 Membership Directory**. The publication will be available in both print and digital formats. E&M will be managing the project, including advertising sales and layout/graphic design. They are extremely professional and produce a high-quality publication, and we ask that you give them a moment of your time.

E&M will be contacting all members about the advertising opportunities available. The publication is mailed to every member each year – a great opportunity to promote and give your company additional exposure. If you have any questions or would like to advertise, please contact an E&M sales associate at 800-572-0011 ext.1005 or advertising@emconsultinginc.com. As always, your support is greatly appreciated!
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Learn what the EEOC says about mandatory vaccination policies

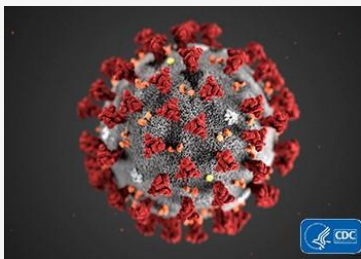
In the updated guidance, the EEOC reaffirms that employers can require that employees receive the COVID-19 vaccine as a condition of accessing the workplace.

On May 28, 2021, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) issued updated and expanded guidance for employers regarding COVID-19 vaccinations. The new guidance is in addition to previous guidance provided by the EEOC and addresses four topics as follows:

- (1) mandatory vaccination policies;
- (2) accommodations;
- (3) information about employee vaccination status; and
- (4) vaccination incentives.

[Learn 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](#)

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AGC needs your help - Take the 2021 Autodesk and AGC of America Workforce Survey

Help measure the scope of construction labor shortages by taking a quick survey
The survey will close on August 13th.

The construction industry has experienced some very significant and sudden changes during the past few months that have led to dramatic changes in demand for work and the need for new workers. We need to understand exactly how those changes are impacting the industry's current workforce needs to better be able to advocate for measures to help the industry's labor needs in both the short- and long-term. That is why we are asking you to take a few minutes to complete the following workforce survey that we and our partners at Autodesk have prepared. The more people understand the scope, and consequences, of current labor market conditions, the more likely they are to enact measures to help meet the industry's needs. ***The more members who take the survey, the better able we all will be to describe labor market conditions where you operate.***

[Take the Workforce Survey](#)

Three Part Webinar Series: Claims, Change, Scheduling, Close Out - OH MY!

Member Price: \$129

AGC Specialty Contractors Council (SCC)'s 2021 Webinar Series[in conjunction with AGC Service & Supply Council (S&SC)]

Wednesday, July 21, 2021 | 2:00pm - 3:00pm EDT | Part One: Change Orders & Claims

Wednesday, August 18, 2021 | 1:00pm - 2:00pm EDT | Part Two: Scheduling

Tuesday, September 14, 2021 | 2:00pm - 3:00pm EDT | Part Three: Project Close-Out/Backcharges

[Registration & Detail Information of 3 Part Webinar](#)

Upcoming Webinars, Conferences and Educational Programs by AGC

View the full calendar with dates, times, speakers and program descriptions. Most webinars are free to members. Use your West Texas AGC Chapter and AGC of America

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[AGC Webinars & Events](#)

Financial Wellness Series Webinar - Investor Psychology

The AGC Southwest Chapters 401(k) Financial Wellness Series will host the next webinar on July 29, 2021 at 10am- CST, titled “Investor Psychology” | Michael Antonelli

Michael Antonelli, Baird’s PWM Market Strategist and author of the popular [Bull and Baird blog](#), will provide his views on the current state of the economy and stock market. He will highlight the key indicators he pays attention to when examining the market and why, along with some quick notes on what matters and what doesn’t.

A company or the employee does not have to be a participant of the AGC Southwest Chapters 401 (k) Program to register or attend this webinar. The Financial Wellness Series is provided as a benefit from RW Baird as a benefit to AGC members of Texas and Louisiana.

[Flyer & Registration](#)

The flyer features a central image of a red toolbox filled with various tools, with the AGC logo on the front. Above the toolbox, the text reads "GENERAL MOTORS FLEET" and "GMC". Below the toolbox, the text reads "Add AGC Member Discount Programs to Your Toolbox!". Surrounding the toolbox are logos for various partner companies:

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- CrisisDriver Incident Response Solution
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[AGC Discounts](#)

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