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# West Texas AGC News & Resources



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**SAFETY  
 FACTS**

ASSURED ELECTRICAL  
 EQUIPMENT GROUNDING  
 CONDUCTOR PROGRAM

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

FOURTH QUARTER  
 OCTOBER 1 – DECEMBER 31  
 COLOR CODE IS

**ORANGE**

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

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## What is an Assured Grounding Program?

The attached Toolbox Talk provides a safety meeting question and answer with guidance on this program. The West Texas AGC provided safety policy manual also provides information on this essential program for every job site.

Click the flyer to print and post for the 4th Quarter.

[Toolbox Talk Electrical Safety Assured Grounding Program](#)

## Safety Spotlight: Why Do I Need a Written Safety Program?



The formal safety program is a set of written documents that describe a company's safety policies, priorities, and responsibilities. The program is designed to bring structure and consistency into a firm's accident-prevention efforts. Without a written document, you might as well have a construction crew without a blueprint, or a factory without a production plan.

West Texas Chapter AGC provides each member with a customized Safety Policy and Fleet Policy. Do you know where your company policy is and what great information is provided?

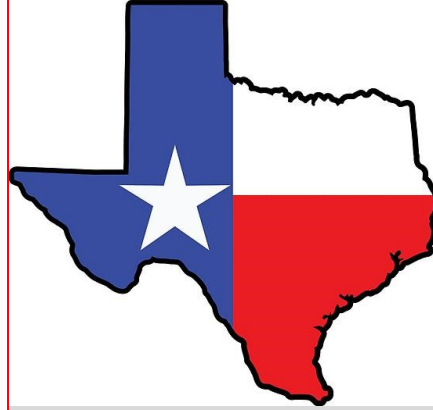
*Call WTAGC if you need an update at 325.676.7447*

[Safety Spotlight - Safety Programs](#)



## Texas Construction Inflation Survey

The AGC of America Construction Inflation Alert has been very helpful. To supplement it, the AGC building



chapters in Texas would like to provide a special statewide edition which will help owners, officials, and others understand what contractors are experiencing regarding materials costs, production lead times, and supply-chain bottlenecks.

Help Texas Contractors by taking this short survey. We will share the results with you quarterly.

**Click the button or the Texas Map to participate in a short Texas Edition Cost Inflation Alert Survey.**

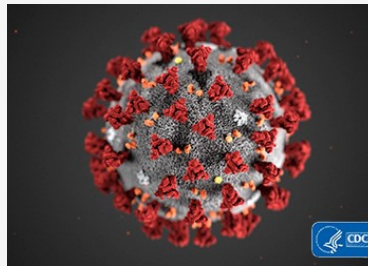
[Texas Edition - Cost Inflation Alert Survey](#)

## These 8 new laws will impact construction in Texas

Lawmakers in Texas have passed eight laws relating to the construction industry, including one law that will exempt contractors from liability for design defects. Another law modernized language in the state's lien statutes, while a different law instituted standards for construction of K-12 schools.

[Article from ConstructionDive](#)

## COVID - 19 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](#)

## CPRW Resources & Toolbox Talks in Spanish

CPWR's online resources for reducing injuries, illnesses and fatalities among construction workers extend beyond our two best-known websites, [cpwr.com](#) and [eLCOSH](#). We manage more than a dozen other sites focused on specific hazards and topics, such as [construction solutions](#), COVID-19, ergonomics, [falls](#), and safety culture. Although the sites range widely, their resources are all free, and they share the same goal: keeping construction workers safe on the job.

[ToolBox Talk Material Handling English](#)

[ToolBox Talk Material Handling Spanish](#)

## AGC is committed to understanding and improving the working relationship between its members and architects - Need Your Input!

To help us do this, we would value you sharing your perspective through this short survey. We have partnered with AIA (American Institute of Architects), who are surveying their members about working with GCs. The data will inform initiatives to build stronger working relationships, for the benefit of clients and the built environment. This survey should take you no more than 10 minutes to complete, and your response is confidential. Thank you in advance for sharing your perspective. Please click [here](#) to access the survey. If you have any additional questions, please contact Sarah Gallegos at [sarah.gallegos@agc.org](mailto:sarah.gallegos@agc.org).



Click [HERE](#) to Find the AGC COVID-19 Vaccine Toolkit

## The war for talent: How contractors battle for workers



The construction industry's inability to attract and retain talent, a major problem for more than a decade, has escalated into a full-blown crisis since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. With only 80% of the 1 million construction workers who lost their jobs at the start of lockdowns returning, according to CNN, Associated Builders and Contractors announced the industry needs to hire 430,000 workers this year and 1 million more over the next two years to keep pace with demand. Construction is competing for those workers with desperate companies from every other industry in a labor shortage Chamber of

Commerce CEO Suzanne Clark called "a national economic emergency."

Though exacerbated by the pandemic, the industry's talent drain started long before anyone had heard of COVID-19. As contractors have been forced into ever-more creative methods of finding and holding onto workers, industry leaders have formed collectives to study and address the problem. With an aging workforce (the median age of construction workers is 41) and a monthly turnover rate of 5.2% compared with 3.6% over all industries, construction has some hurdles to overcome.

[Read More](#)

## AGC Webinars & Educational Opportunities

Virtual Webinar | November 2, 2021 - 2:00 P.M.  
Take Control of Projects Costs with Collaborative, Real-Time Cost Management  
Sponsored by ProCore  
Information & Registration [HERE](#)

## AGC PROGRAMS

### Advanced Management Program

October 31 - November 5, 2021

Dallas, TX

Member - \$5,795

[Registration & Information](#)

### Safety Management Training Course

October 25-27, 2021

Member/Non-Member Price: \$995

[Registration & Information](#)



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