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West Texas AGC News & Resources

Safety Tip: Fall Protection Best Practices



It's **FALL** weather; Daylight Saving Time concludes at 2 a.m. on **Sunday, Nov. 7, 2021**, when the clock will "FALL back" one hour.

It is also time to recall "FALL PROTECTION" Best Practices. **Fall** protection and **Fall** Prevention should be discussed often and thoroughly by the construction industry and at the top of your safety training. Click today's topics below for safety meeting handouts in english and spanish.

If you would like additional Tool Box Topics or Safety Training information for this topic, please contact West Texas AGC at 325.676.7447.

[Fall Protection Best Practices - Spanish](#)

[Fall Protection Best Practices - English](#)

FREE Online Trenching & Excavation Safety Training

AGC of America, supported by a Susan Harwood Federal Training Grant, is pleased to offer this one-day Trenching & Excavation Hazards in Construction safety training based on OSHA standards and best practices to answer the need for quality training within the industry. Classes will be delivered virtually via Zoom Meetings and attendees will have the opportunity to earn continuing education credits (0.8 IACET CEUs).

Courses are from November 10th through December 14th from 10M - 6PM ET.

Register Here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FCT7HPF>.

You will be emailed a Zoom Meeting link closer to the training date you select.

[Information, Dates & Registration](#)

COVID-19 Vaccination and Testing ETS

The ETS on Vaccination and Testing was officially filed in the

Find information on the **COVID-19 Healthcare ETS** or on Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19).

Today the U.S. Department of Labor's (DOL) Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) announced an Emergency Temporary Standard (ETS) to minimize the risk of COVID-19 transmission in the workplace. The ETS establishes binding requirements to protect employees of large employers (100 or more employees) from the risk of contracting COVID-19 in the workplace. A fact sheet describing the rule is attached and more information can be found by clicking below:

FACT SHEET

Every day is a good day to start a new project!



Safe Place breaks ground on Midland facility

By Michael Bauer - November 3, 2021

***Safe Place is being constructed by Cooper Construction - Midland, Texas
West Texas AGC General Contractor***

Even with the temperatures falling to the 40s along with a drizzle, a decent-sized crowd braved the conditions for the Safe Place of the Permian Basin's groundbreaking ceremony for its new facility Wednesday morning in Midland.

Located at 4629 Andrews Highway, the anticipated opening of the new Safe Place of the Permian Basin facility is scheduled for late summer 2023.

The rendering of the new Safe Place of the Permian Basin is on display Wednesday in Midland. The project is slated to be completed in 2023.

The new site will cover 9.84 acres with the facility square footage being 40,000 square feet. [Read more](#)

Tuesday, November 9 / 10:30 a.m. - noon (CST)

Join Texas Mutual for a free Work Safe, Texas Online Summit. During the online event, you'll have the chance to win one of two Amazon gift cards and ask panelists your safety questions. You'll hear from safety experts and members of the business community on safety trends in construction and working with the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA).

Panel 1: Safety Trends in the Construction Industry

Panel 2: Working with OSHA

Stick around until the conclusion of the event for a chance to win one of two \$250 Amazon gift cards!

[Registration & More Information](#)

Preparing for the OSHA COVID-19 Vaccine/Testing Mandate

3-Part Webinar Series

AGC Member Price: \$0 | Non-Member

Price: \$199

Part 1: OSHA COVID-19 Vaccine/Testing

Mandate: Leveraging Outside Solutions

to Meet the Mandate

- Monday, Nov. 8, 3:30 PM ET | 12:30 PM PT

Part 2: OSHA COVID-19 Vaccine/Testing Mandate: Practical Considerations for Construction Firms

- Wednesday, Nov. 10, 2:00 PM ET | 11:00 AM PT

Part 3: OSHA COVID-19 Vaccine/Testing Mandate: Contractual Considerations for Construction Firms

- Thursday, Nov. 11, 2:00 PM ET | 11:00 AM PT



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On October 27, Reps. Dusty Johnson (R-S.D.) and Carolyn Bourdeaux (D-Ga.) introduced the AGC - backed **legislation** ([link is external](#)) that would make several categories of infrastructure investments—including transportation projects—and disaster relief explicitly eligible for unspent COVID-19 relief dollars, eliminating ambiguity as to whether such projects could receive these funds. This legislation, **led by Senators John Cornyn (R-Texas) and Alex Padilla (D-Calif.)**, passed the Senate on October 19.



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AGC-Backed COVID Relief Flexibility Bill Advances - October 28, 2021
Would Eliminate Ambiguity Regarding Use for Transportation Projects



Texas has enacted a **\$3.3 billion bond** package that will fund construction and renovation for institutions of higher education statewide. The University of Texas system and Texas A&M University are the largest beneficiaries, with each receiving over 20% of the funds.

Article from Construction Dive

Report from Senator Perry ties to 3.3 Billion Funding Legislation (Federal and State Dollars Used)

SPECIAL SESSION FUNDING

- \$2 billion increase in border security funding
- \$7.2 billion to prevent Unemployment Taxes going up on businesses
- \$500 million for broadband expansion
- \$35 million for Texas state veteran's homes
- \$55 million for new mental health beds for West Texas
- \$75 million for rural hospital grants
- \$1 million for the rural veterinarian grant program
- \$50 million for Texas Tech University enhancements
- \$15.5 million for the South Orient Rail Line border security rail station

UNIVERSITY CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

- \$80 million for Texas Tech University
- \$79 million for Texas Tech University Health Science Center
- \$60 million for the Texas Tech University Health Science Center at El Paso (Dental School)
- \$36 million for Angelo State University
- \$45 million for Midwestern State University

Using a Culture of CARE to Create Inclusive Workplaces

November 17, 2021 1:00 PM CT

Companies across the country are examining their existing workplaces to identify ways they can be more inclusive for an ever-changing construction workforce. This webinar will walk you through the WHAT, the WHY, and the HOW AGC's Culture of CARE program can support your company culture building efforts.



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