



Upcoming Events

October Low Country Chapter Meeting

Topic: Robotic Surgery: A New Return to Work Strategy for Hernia Repair Patients. This meeting will take place Tuesday, October 16th from 11:30AM-1PM at Trident Medical Center – Café B. Lunch is included. [Click here](#) for more details and to register.

Peak Safety Performance, LCC Offers Supervisor Safety Leadership Course

Peak Safety Performance, LLC is planning a Supervisor Safety Leadership class November 11th, 2018 in Charleston, SC. For their training schedule and registration, [click here](#).

IRMI Construction Risk Conference

The International Risk Management Institute's (IRMI's) Construction Risk Conference will take place in Houston, TX November 4-7, 2018. Your Low Country Chapter president will also be presenting at the conference. For more information, [click here](#).

ASSP's Seminarfest 2019 is Coming

ASSP's Seminarfest is a week-long, hands on learning opportunity involving safety-related coursework on a wide variety of topics. It will take place January 24-31, 2019 in Las Vegas, NV. [Click here](#) for more info and to download a brochure.



PRESENTER
David Ford, MD,
General Surgery
Tri-County

Robotic Surgery: A New Return to Work Strategy for Hernia Repair Patients

For Safety and Risk Management Professionals, Occupational Health Nurses, and Workers' Compensation Managers

Tuesday, October 16 | 11:30am - 1pm

TRIDENT MEDICAL CENTER CAFÉ B

PROGRAM FOCUS

Hernia repair is one of the most common surgeries with nearly one million performed in the U.S. each year. Lifting and repetitive strenuous activities are among the causes of hernias. For many employees robotic surgery provides shorter hospital stays and a quicker recovery. Learn more about the prevention and treatment options that can minimize time away from work. This free professional development program is offered in collaboration with the Lowcountry Chapter of the American Society of Safety Professionals (ASSP), as part of their monthly luncheon meeting.

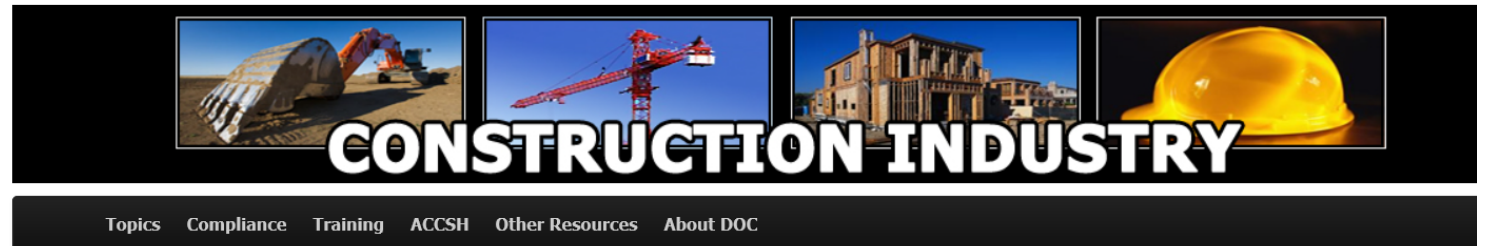
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According to [Charleston County's Economic Development Data Center](#), construction is one of the top 10 industry-sectors by employment in Charleston, employing approximately 11,000 workers. The larger industry employs over 7 million U.S. workers. It is also a dangerous industry with the highest number of fatal work injuries listed in the [Bureau of Labor Statistics' Fatal Injury Charts](#) for 2015. Safety, health and environmental professionals who work in the construction industry definitely have their work cut out for them. Even those who work in other fields may participate in risk assessments for construction projects or oversee construction contractors at their workplace. Whatever the case, here are some new construction safety resources and information you may find helpful:

The ASSP's Society Update News recently announced that the "U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) is seeking nominations for its Advisory Committee on Construction Safety and Health (ACCSH). By getting involved in a federal level committee that advises key government bodies, ASSP members can leverage their expertise to advance the practice of safety and health on a national scale." If you or someone you know is interested, email ASSP's Tim Fisher at tfisher@asse.org.

Low Country Chapter President Justin Reese recently published an article in [Construction Executive](#) about reducing injuries and fatalities associated with being "struck by" objects. The article presents information on a new ANSI standard addressing this hazard, one of the top four causes of work-related fatalities. With a growing construction industry and new workers being hired and trained, the number of work related injuries and fatalities could rise. Luckily, resources like this new consensus standard should help counteract that rise and save lives. [Click here](#) to read more.

ANSI and ASSP recently released a free guide to the A10 series of voluntary national consensus standards. The A10 series includes nearly 50 consensus standards intended to guide governmental authorities and employers on safe practices in construction and demolition operations. The A10 series includes standards on such topics as Pre-Project Safety and Health Planning, Scaffolding, Excavation, Demolition, Commercial Explosives and Blasting Agents, Hoists and Elevators, Roofing, Hot Mix Asphalt, and much more. The free guide provides a brief summary of each standard in the A10 series and explains how, when used in combination, they improve the safety and health of workers on these hazardous work sites. [Click here](#) to download your free guide and learn more about the A10 series of standards.

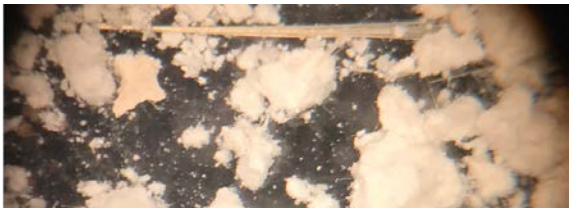
And last, but not least, ASSP's Industrial Hygiene Practice Specialty recently published a Silica Resource Guide. ASSP's website states that the guide includes FAQs on compliance with the updated OSHA Silica standard, including topics like "air sampling, the use and sources of objective data [for estimating exposure levels without sampling], medical surveillance, respirator use and exposure control plans. [Click here](#) to download the guide.



SC DHEC Guidance on Managing Asbestos Abatement and Renovation/Demo Projects

According to a [SC DHEC pamphlet](#) summarizing the requirements of [Regulation 61-86.1, Standards of Performance for Asbestos Projects](#), “It is still possible to purchase new products that contain asbestos. Before beginning a building project that could disturb asbestos-containing materials [e.g. insulation, ceiling tiles, vinyl flooring, shingles, plaster or joint compound] property owners need to know how to spot asbestos and ensure the safety of those working nearby... [The regulation] states that prior to any demolition or renovation at a regulated facility, a thorough inspection must be done to detect any asbestos-containing materials. The inspection must be carried out by a person licensed by DHEC’s Asbestos Section as an asbestos building inspector... Each owner/operator must notify DHEC’s Asbestos Section in writing before beginning any demolition of a regulated facility/structure regardless of the amount of asbestos present (and even when no asbestos is present).” For more information, click the links above or the image on the right, or you can contact DHEC’s Asbestos Section for related questions and forms:

S.C. DHEC Asbestos Section
2600 Bull Street
Columbia, SC 29201
(803) 898-4289
www.scdhec.gov/asbestos



Hurricane Preparedness and Response

Although Hurricane Florence has passed, the response and recovery work is just starting. And hurricane season is not over yet. SC OSHA has not yet announced plans for our state, but Federal OSHA has a good webpage covering preparedness, response and recovery. It includes links to resources on relevant safety and health topics like Demolition Safety and Cleanup Hazards. [Click here](#) for more information.

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OSHA Resources

OSHA QuickCards™

- Aerial Lifts | Spanish
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- Construction PPE | Spanish
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- Demolition Safety | Spanish | Portuguese
- Electrical Safety | Spanish
- Filling, Moving and Placing Sandbags
- Hand Hygiene and Gloves | Spanish | Portuguese
- Heat | [More...]
- Sun | Spanish
- Hydrogen Sulfide | Spanish
- Lead in Construction | Spanish
- Mold | Spanish | Portuguese

OSHA Fact Sheets

- Aerial Lifts
- Atmospheric Testing in Confined Spaces
- Asbestos Hazards | Asbestos Fact Sheet | [More...]
- Black Widow Spider
- Brown Recluse Spider
- Chain Saw Safety | Spanish
- Cleanup Hazards | Spanish | Portuguese
- General Decontamination
- Demolition and Cleanup
- Downed Electrical Wires
- Working Safely with Electricity | Spanish
- Falls
- Filling, Moving and Placing Sandbags
- Fire Ants
- Fluoridation

OSHA FactSheet

Cleanup Hazards

Demolition Safety

New OSHA Occupational Chemical Database

OSHA’s new Occupational Chemical Database is their “premier one-stop shop for occupational chemical information”, consolidating information from multiple government organizations into one user-friendly site. You can search by chemical name or CAS number, or select from an alphabetical list. The chemical information page lists the chemical identifiers, physical properties, monitoring methods, exposure limits and links to additional resources and literature references. The database is available at: <https://www.osha.gov/chemicaldata/chemResult.html?RecNo=605>.

Support Your Local Chapter Officers

Not one, but two Low Country ASSP Chapter Officers are nominated for positions as Practice Specialty Assistant Administrators in 2019. Justin Reese - President - is running for Assistant Administrator of Risk Management/Insurance Practice Specialty, and George Bower – President-Elect – is running for Assistant Administrator of Consultants Practice Specialty. More information soon; be sure and cast your vote this fall!

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ASSP Low Country Chapter Jobline

For those who would like to receive a *confidential* email when current HSE positions are posted, please email jane.lyons@cummins.com and you will be added to the bcc email list. For those who would like to post a job, contact jayne.m.carswell@boeing.com.

ASSP Launches New Safety Podcast

Want to hear all about safety standards and technical publications that will help you in your career? Listen to ASSP’s new podcast covering topics such as safety leadership, consensus standards, and managing hazardous energy. [Click here](#) for more information and to start listening.