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WHAT'S HAPPENING

MIWISH Grant Update

The MIOSHA Workplace Improvement to Safety and Health (MIWISH) Program awards employers in the state of Michigan a dollar-for-dollar match – up to \$5,000 – to qualifying employers for projects designed to reduce the risk of injury and illness to their workers, based on safety and health site-specific hazard surveys. The MIWISH Grant Program has approved 13 applications with another four under review. The approved funding roughly totals \$32,500. Below is a list of FY20 grantees and a brief description of their projects.

MIWISH Marble's Gun Sights plans to purchase two electric lift tables to reduce back strain and eliminate the use of small ladders and stepstools.

MIWISH Delta Wheel Truing Solutions plans to purchase four surveillance cameras that will be installed in a paint booth and surrounding work area. The work area is in a separate building, the cameras will allow staff in main office to confirm that there are no safety issues.

MIWISH Carbon Green BioEnergy purchased full-faced air purifying respirators, HEPA, and chemical cartridges to protect employees from chemical vapors and dust exposure while working.

MIWISH NTH Consultants plans to purchase a modern man winch that will be used to safely raise and lower personnel during confined space entry operations along with the drill used to operate the winch.

MIWISH Suburban Bolt & Supply plans to purchase four ladders to be installed permanently on newly installed shelving for safe access.

MIWISH Lounsbury Excavating plans to purchase a portable manhole guard with winch bracket pulley assembly self-lock carabiner, self-retracting lifeline mounting bracket, stainless steel pulley, carry bag, and ventilator with hose. This equipment will be used to comply with regulatory requirements when performing confined space activities as well as for internal training.

MIWISH Ervin Industries Inc – Amasteel Division plans to purchase respirators with welding visor attachments. These respirators will offer hazard control for the employees' health and well-being while working on the job.

MIWISH Adrian Township Fire Department plans to purchase two headsets for lead response engine to increase communications and provide hearing protection.

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MIWISH Mid-Michigan Industries plans to purchase two lifts to help lift patients while assisting them with personal needs reducing the risk of injury to staff.

MIWISH Allen Roofing Inc plans to purchase two fall protection harnesses that will be worn by employees who are conducting roofing, siding, and soffit/fascia work.

MIWISH Mistequay Group plans to purchase lockout/tagout kits, manlift, and eye wash stations. The manlift will be used for building maintenance and renovations that a ladder will not reach. The eye wash stations will replace squeeze bottle eyewash stations and the lockout/tagout kits will provide lockouts for every possible circumstance.

MIWISH Autodie LLC plans to purchase D-ring anchor plates, retractable 60 ft. long horizontal lifeline, and 20 ft. long retractable lanyards used by employees to tie off before entering a hazardous working area.

MIWISH Visscher Construction & Landscaping plans to purchase full body harnesses, retractable cables, HEPA filtration systems and roofing boots. This equipment will reduce hazards during framing and roofing work.

With the \$32,500 committed, that leaves MIOsha with \$217,500 left to distribute. For more information, visit our website for the [MIWISH Grant application](#) and follow the instructions to apply.

MIOsha Outreach 2020

We have the data that tells us which industries in Michigan are the most hazardous and why, however, reaching all these hazardous industries for an on-site visit can be a challenge. Outreach helps leverage our resources and MIOsha relies on the power of social networking to reach employers and employees. Outreach is an important part of our strategic plan to reduce worker injury and illness in high-hazard industries.

Did you know that MIOsha provides outreach to a variety of groups free of charge? These groups include small businesses, trade and professional associations, union locals and community groups. A typical outreach activity provides general information about MIOsha's resources and how to comply with MIOsha standards.

Did you know that MIOsha is available for conferences, expos and speaking events? Each year MIOsha participates in 20-30 expos where we staff an exhibitor's booth to answer questions and provide MIOsha materials. In many cases, these interactions are the first time attendees have had a face-to-face discussion with MIOsha staff.

During outreach events, MIOsha also promotes cooperative programs which include the [Michigan Voluntary Protection Program](#), the [Partnership Program](#) and the [Alliance Program](#). Through the Alliance Program, MIOsha works with groups committed to worker safety and health to prevent workplace fatalities, injuries and illnesses. MIOsha and the groups work together to develop compliance assistance tools and resources, share information with workers and employers, and educate workers and employers about their rights and responsibilities. Currently [MIOsha has 16 active alliances](#). Interested in an alliance with MIOsha? Call us today at 517-284-7720!

Injury and Illness Reporting Reminder

Mar. 2, 2020, is the deadline for electronically reporting [OSHA Form 300A](#) data for calendar year 2019. Data collection will begin Jan. 2, 2020.

The collection of CY 2019 data and beyond includes the establishments' Employer Identification Numbers (EIN).

Not all establishments need to submit their OSHA 300A data. Visit [OSHA's website](#) for more information on the reporting criteria.

Need help understanding the reporting and recording requirement? There is still time to register for "MIOsha Recordkeeping and Cost of Injuries" courses in [Midland on Jan. 28th](#) and



in [Houghton on Jan. 29th](#). All [MIOSHA Training Institute \(MTI\) courses can be found on our website](#).

Michigan Worker Deaths of 2019

There have been 35 work-related fatalities reported to MIOSHA in 2019. The information below shares **preliminary details** about the most recent fatalities reported to MIOSHA which are believed to be covered by the [MIOASH Act](#). The description reflects information provided to MIOSHA at the initial report of the incident and is not the result of the official MIOSHA investigation.

Preliminary summary of incidents:

On Nov. 26 at approximately 7:46 p.m., a 68-year-old farmer/co-owner accessed the roof of a barn to repair a damaged section. Once he made it to the area of the roof to be repaired, a section of the roof gave way and he fell approximately 20 feet to the ground below.

On Nov. 26 at approximately 11:30 a.m., a 65-year-old rig supervisor and another employee were performing a mechanical integrity test on the well casing when a flash fire occurred. The two employees suffered burns and were taken to a local hospital for treatment. The rig supervisor passed away as a result of his injuries on Dec. 4.

On Dec. 11 at approximately 7 p.m., a 69-year-old farmer was found on the ground near the rear tires of his tractor. He was tilling a field near his residence. Preliminary information indicates that the farmer was runover by the tractor.

On Dec. 18 at approximately 11:30 p.m., a 59-year-old cashier was placing a box on a mezzanine while approximately 6-foot high on an 8-foot step ladder. The box started to fall and was going to land on a coworker, so the cashier reached for it and fell backwards off the ladder to the cement floor.

There were 38 MIOSHA-covered deaths in 2018. 2009 saw the lowest number with 24. Every life is precious. **Our mutual goal must be that every employee goes home at the end of every shift unharmed.**

If you need help or assistance in ensuring your workplace is safe, MIOSHA is here with resources to help. The Consultation Education and Training (CET) Division provides workplace safety and health training and consultations to employers and employees throughout Michigan, **free of charge**. Contact CET today at 800-866-4674 or [request CET services online](#).

AGENCY INSTRUCTIONS ISSUED

Dec. 26 - [Tuberculosis](#)

Dec. 2 - [Ergonomics](#)

Nov. 12 – [Amputations – National Emphasis Program \(NEP\)](#)

VARIANCES

Variations from MIOSHA standards must be made available to the public in accordance with Part 12, Variations (R408.22201 to 408.22251). MIOSHA variations are published online at www.michigan.gov/mioshavariances.

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