

Newsletter

Spotlight on Safety

National Safety Council

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About the National Safety Council:

The National Safety Council saves lives by preventing injuries and deaths at work, in homes and communities, and on the roads through leadership, research, education and advocacy. Visit us at nsc.org for up-to-date industry news, information and tools to take your safety program to the next level.



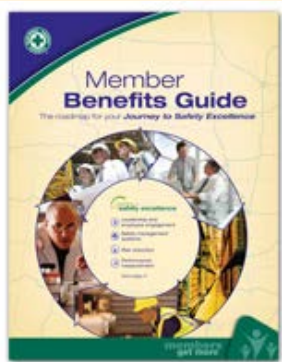
NSC Safety Awards

Employee engagement is key to a successful safety program! An award from the National Safety Council shows them you appreciate their efforts.

Safety awards from NSC instill employee pride; earn respect from your customers, community and peers; and place you one step ahead of your competition. [Learn more.](#)

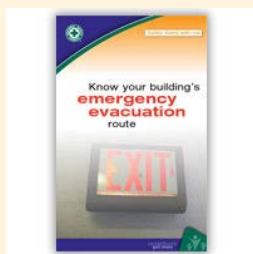


Learn about all the benefits available to you in our new Member Benefits Guide



[See the benefits that are available to you and ALL your employees](#)

Featured Safety Poster:



Make sure employees are always ready in case of an emergency with this [downloadable poster](#).

Welcome to *Spotlight on Safety*, an e-newsletter brought to you by the Department of the Interior Office of Occupational Safety and Health in partnership with the National Safety Council. We hope you will find this service of value. Send feedback or ideas on topics you would like to see to membershipinfo@nsc.org. Please put "Department of the Interior feedback" in the subject line.

Facts: What you need to know about Emergency Preparedness



An emergency can occur at any place or any time and the best way to be prepared is to have a plan. Your workplace should have an emergency plan and you can do your part by educating yourself on the plan and taking safety training and

drills seriously.

Here are just a few things you need to know:

- The threats or hazards your organization could potentially face:
 - Natural disasters - tornados, earthquakes, floods etc.
 - Fires, chemical spills, explosions etc.
 - Medical emergencies - heart attacks, broken bones etc.
 - Acts of violence or terrorism
- What your organization's emergency plan is - for organizations with 10 or more employees, your organization must have a written plan otherwise the plan may be communicated orally
- The signs and signals of different emergencies - sirens, whistles, bells etc.

An effective response during an emergency depends on the quality of planning and training that occurs before a situation arises. [Click here](#) for the full fact sheet.

Emergency Preparedness: Plan ahead for you and your family

Your home or work routines can be disrupted with little or no warning by natural disasters, fires or other catastrophic events. It's important that you and your family are prepared as help may not always be available. During large community wide emergencies, first responders - police, fire and emergency medical services may be overwhelmed with numerous calls for help or even physically unable to reach your location due to blocked roads.



Man-made and natural hazards occur routinely in the United States. On average, nearly 70 Federal disaster declarations are issued annually. It is important to identify and learn about the hazards most likely to occur in your community. Make a plan and share this information with your loved ones to prevent needless confusion and worry.

Tips for planning ahead:

- Determine the safest course of action for you and your family for each hazard.
- Stay informed.
- Plan for your family's comfort during disasters.
- Practice with your family what to do in an emergency.
- Know how to keep in touch.

To read more detail in preparing for unexpected emergencies, [click here](#).

Test your knowledge!

Click on the links below to download a safety scramble and a crossword puzzle to test your knowledge about Emergency Preparedness.



[Crossword puzzle](#)
[Crossword puzzle key](#)
[Safety scramble](#)

Webinar: OSHA Compliance

Click [here](#) to view this month's featured webinar: "OSHA Compliance for Exit Routes, Emergency Action and Fire Prevention Plans"



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