

# OSHA Update

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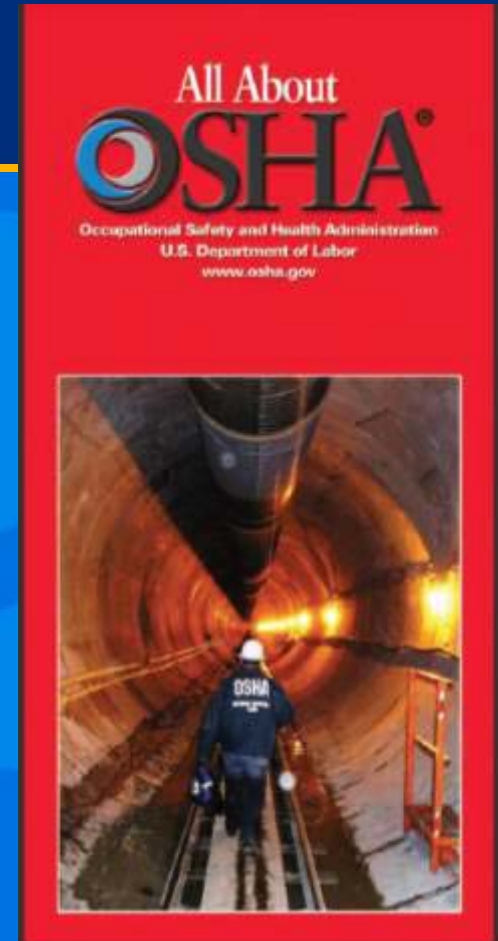
# New OSHA Standards and Regulations

- Cranes and Derricks in Construction
- Hazard Communication



# New Publications

- All About OSHA (revised Feb. 2012)
- Hazard Communication Standard
  - Fact Sheet (Mar. 2012)
  - Cards: Labels, Pictograms, SDSs (Mar. 2012)
- Fall Protection in Residential Construction: Fact Sheets (Jan. 2012)
- Heat Illness Prevention Fact Sheets and Posters (English and Spanish) (Apr. 2011)
- Protecting Yourself From Noise in Construction Pocket Guide (Jan. 2012)



Pictures of OSHA publication

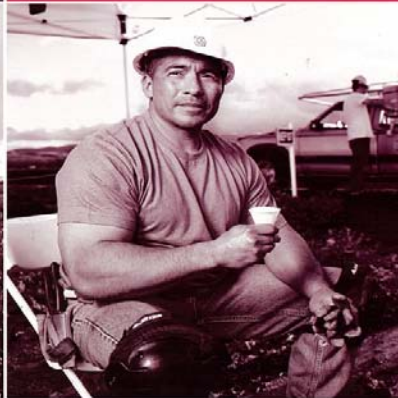


# Preventing Heat Illness in Outdoor Workers



**WATER.  
REST.  
SHADE.**

*The work can't get done without them.*



**A HEAT SAFETY FACT SHEET**

Drink water  
even if you aren't thirsty  
every 15 minutes

Rest in the shade to  
cool down



# Study: OSHA Inspections Reduce Injuries with No Job Loss

## Harvard & UC Berkeley researchers found:

- **9.4%** drop in injury claims in the 4 years after inspection
- **26%** average savings on workers' compensation costs
- **\$355,000** average savings for an employer (small or large) as a result of an OSHA Inspection

There was no evidence that these improvements came at the expense of employment, sales, credit ratings or firm survival



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Study co-author Michael Toffel estimates **\$6 billion** in savings to employers nationwide

**[T]hose who charge that OSHA regulations cost business money have it completely wrong. In fact, the regulations save money. The magnitude of the results surprised even Toffel and Levine...But the strength of the findings, they say, should persuade even skeptical antiregulatory critics.**

-Michael Blanding, Harvard Business School



# OSHA / AWEA Alliance Activities

- Fact Sheets: Fall Protection, Electrical and Crane Safety
- Fall Protection Training Module
- Two Webinars for OSHA Employees-Prior to onsite training
- Onsite climb safety and rescue
- Classroom training for OSHA-From the industry/Q&A Session
- AWEA will set up site visits for the various OSHA Regions
- Symposium of industry photos





# Questions?

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