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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

U.S. Supreme Court Will Hear Arguments Regarding OSHA ETS

The U.S. Supreme Court will hear arguments on litigation challenging the Occupational Safety and Health Administration's Emergency Temporary Standard that states employers with 100 or more employees must require their employees to be vaccinated or undergo weekly testing and mask wearing to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in the workplace. The Supreme Court hearing, along with another court challenge to a vaccine requirement for certain health care workers, will be held Jan. 7.

OSHA issued the ETS Nov. 4, 2021, but it was blocked from being implemented by an initial court decision shortly after being issued, and OSHA suspended implementation. However, a subsequent court decision by the 6th Circuit Court of Appeals Dec. 17, 2021, reversed the earlier court decision, allowing OSHA to move forward with implementation of the ETS. As a result of the Dec. 17, 2021, court ruling, OSHA posted the following notice on its website indicating the agency is resuming implementation of the ETS with new compliance deadlines of Jan. 10 (originally Dec. 5, 2021, for certain requirements) and Feb. 9 (originally Jan. 4 for the full vaccine/testing requirement):

"OSHA is gratified the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit dissolved the Fifth Circuit's stay of the Vaccination and Testing Emergency Temporary Standard. OSHA can now once again implement this vital workplace health standard, which will protect the health of workers by mitigating the spread of the unprecedented virus in the workplace."

"To account for any uncertainty created by the stay, OSHA is exercising enforcement discretion with respect to the compliance dates of the ETS. To provide employers with sufficient time to come into compliance, OSHA will not issue citations for noncompliance with any requirements of the ETS before January 10 and will not issue citations for noncompliance with the standard's testing requirements before February 9, so long as an employer is exercising reasonable, good faith efforts to come into compliance with the standard. OSHA will work closely with the regulated community to provide compliance assistance."

The notice above can be viewed on [OSHA's ETS website](#).

Until further action by the Supreme Court, the ETS is back in force with the new compliance deadlines as indicated in OSHA's notice. View [NRCA's summary of the ETS](#).

As it stands now, the ETS will remain in effect for six months, at which time the agency will replace it with a permanent rule that could be substantially modified; the agency is accepting comments until Jan. 17 regarding how the ETS should be modified for a permanent rule.

NRCA and its partner, the Construction Industry Safety Coalition, which represents about 50 construction industry stakeholders, each will be submitting comments arguing the ETS should not apply to the construction industry because of the proactive measures already taken to address COVID-19, including efforts to increase vaccinations among its workforce; lack of stakeholder involvement in OSHA's development of the ETS; low-risk nature of most construction industry work does not meet the definition of "grave danger" within the workplace and should not be included in the ETS; and additional concerns with the ETS.

NRCA will provide more information as it becomes available.

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2022 SMRCA Golf Outing

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2022 SMRCA Annual Golf Outing will be held at
Twin Lakes Golf Club
on
Monday, May 23, 2022



2022 MiRCA Convention

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2022 MiRCA Annual Convention
will be held at
Boyne Mountain Resort
July 28-31, 2022



February 16, 2022
Suburban Collection Showplace
Novi, MI

The Great Lakes Design and Construction Expo offers the latest in innovative products, technologies, services and solutions for the construction professionals who specify and source building products.

This one-day event will bring together residential and commercial contractors, home builders, suppliers and service providers and provide the tools you need to support your continued growth and success of Michigan's construction industry.

Show Hours:

Wednesday, February 16, 2022 9:00 am —4:00 pm

Stop by and see the SMRCA & Roofers Union Local 149 at booth 325.

To register online:
www.miconstructionexpo.com

OSHA is Accepting Comments for Proposed Heat Hazards Rule

Record-breaking heat in the U.S. during 2021 endangered millions of workers in indoor and outdoor work environments, according to [osha.gov](https://www.osha.gov).

On Oct. 27, 2021, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration published an Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking for Heat Injury and Illness Prevention in Outdoor and Indoor Work Settings.

Currently, OSHA does not have a specific standard for hazardous heat conditions; however, some OSHA state-plan states, such as California, already have heat-related illness standards in place. This action began the process to consider a national heat-specific workplace rule. Once published, OSHA state-plan states will have to ensure their rules are at least as effective as the new federal rule.

The Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking initiated a comment period to gather perspectives regarding topics such as heat-stress thresholds, heat-acclimatization planning and exposure monitoring. Comments can be submitted at [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov). Comments must refer to Docket No. OSHA-2021-0009, and all comments must be submitted by Jan. 26.



[NRCA](#) will submit comments on behalf of its members.

JATC Training Center

The term for all Detroit Apprentices will be as follows:

Apprentice Two & Single Ply One Mon., January 17, 2022

Apprentice One & Single Ply Two Tues., January 18, 2022

BUR One & Steep Slope 1 Wed., January 19, 2022

BUR Two & Steep Slope 2 Thurs., January 20, 2022

Apprentice 7 & 8 Hands On + Safety & Health Thurs., January 20, 2022

All classes begin at 6:30 pm.

Journeyworkers Upgrade Classes to improve your skills are available at no cost to all Detroit 149 members. Dues must be current in order to enter the Training Center.

If you are interested in any of these classes or have questions, contact the Training Center at 248-543-3847 or tjaranowski@Detroitroofers.org

Deepest Sympathy



Our deepest sympathy's are extended to the family and friends of:

Kenneth Thornell
Environmental Industrial Services, Inc.

Birthday Wishes



Dan Casey - T.F. Beck Company
January 7

Chuck Rosa - Lifetime Member
February 16

Jim Bieszki - Architectural Building Specialties Inc.
March 6

Bill Borgiel - Lutz Roofing Company
April 25

Jim Markiewicz - GAF Materials Corporation
April 29

US Department of Labor Reminds Specific Employers to Submit Required 2021 Injury, Illness Data by March 2, 2022

WASHINGTON – The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration reminds employers that the agency began collecting calendar year 2021 Form 300A data on Jan. 2, 2022. Employers must submit the form electronically by March 2, 2022.

Electronic submissions are required by establishments with 250 or more employees currently required to keep OSHA injury and illness records, and establishments with 20-249 employees classified in [specific industries](#) with historically high rates of occupational injuries and illnesses.

Visit the [Injury Tracking Application Electronic Submission of Injury and Illness Records to OSHA](#) for more information and a link to the Injury Tracking Application.

[Learn more about OSHA.](#)

Upcoming Industry Trade Shows 2022

Mar. 1-3	NERCA 94th Annual Convention & Trade Show Atlantic City, NJ www.nerca.org
Mar. 17-22	2022 IIBEC International Convention and Trade Show Orlando, FL www.iibec.org
Feb. 16	Great Lakes Design and Construction Expo Novi, MI www.miconstructionexpo.com
Feb. 1 -3	International Roofing Expo (IRE) New Orleans, LA www.theroofingexpo.com

ROOFING DAY IN D.C.

April 5-6, 2022

Online registration is open for Roofing Day in D.C. 2022, which will be held in person April 5-6; the purpose of the event is to bring the roofing industry together to meet with members of Congress and their staffs and deliver the industry's message with one voice.

Professionals from all segments of the roofing industry will come to Washington, D.C., to advocate for the roofing industry; information about 2022 advocacy issues will be available soon.

Although not all Congress members will be available to meet in person because of the COVID-19 pandemic, in-person meetings will be scheduled for many participants. Please note one or more of the meetings may be virtual.

Event highlights include:

- Opening cocktail reception
- Advocacy training and issues briefing
- Presentations from members of Congress
- Administration speakers who will address supply chain issues or Occupational Safety and Health Administration policies
- Best practices for Capitol Hill meetings presented by a Congressional Chief of Staff panel
- Capitol Hill meetings with congressional representatives (in-person and virtual)
- Wrap-up Reception at the Top of The Hill Banquet Center

Roofing contractors are encouraged to bring one or more standout crew members to help share the industry's story. Registration for Roofing Day in D.C. 2022 is \$95 for company representatives and \$35 for field workers, students and spouses.

Register today at nrca.net/roofingday

For more information contact NRCA's Washington, D.C. office at 800-338-5765 or visit www.nrca.net/advocacy/roofingday

Cold Related Illnesses

HYPOTHERMIA

When exposed to cold temperature, your body begins to lose heat faster than it can be produced. Prolonged exposure to cold will eventually use up your body's stored energy. The result is hypothermia, or abnormally low body temperature. A body temperature that is too low affects the brain, making the victim unable to think clearly or move well. This makes hypothermia particularly dangerous because a person may not know it is happening and will not be able to do anything about it.

Symptoms of hypothermia can vary depending on how long you have been exposed to the cold temperatures.

Early Symptoms

- Shivering
- Fatigue
- Loss of coordination
- Confusion and disorientation

Late Symptoms

- No shivering
- Blue skin
- Dilated pupils
- Slowed pulse and breathing
- Loss of consciousness

Take the following steps to treat a worker with hypothermia:

- Alert the supervisor and request medical assistance.
- Move the victim into a warm room or shelter.
- Remove their wet clothing.
- Warm the center of their body first—chest, neck, head, and groin—using an electric blanket, if available; or use skin-to-skin contact under loose, dry layers of blankets, clothing, towels, or sheet.
- Warm beverages may help increase the body temperatures, but do not give alcoholic beverages. Do not try to give beverages to an unconscious person.
- After their body temperature has increased, keep the victim dry and wrapped in a warm blanket, including the head and neck.
- If victim has no pulse, begin CPR.

FROSTBITE

Frostbite is an injury to the body that is caused by freezing. Frostbite causes a loss of feeling and color in the affected areas. It most often affects the nose, ears, cheeks, chin, fingers, or toes. Frostbite can permanently damage body tissues, and severe cases can lead to amputation. In extremely cold temperatures, the risk of frostbite is increased in workers with reduced blood circulation and among workers who are not dressed properly.

Symptoms of frostbite include:

- Reduced blood flow to hands and feet (fingers or toes can freeze)
- Numbness
- Tingling or stinging
- Aching
- Bluish or pail, waxy skin

Workers suffering from frostbite should:

- Get into a warm room as soon as possible.
- Unless absolutely necessary, do not walk on frostbitten feet or toes—this increases the damage.
- Immerse the affected area in warm-hot-water (the temperature should be comfortable to the touch for unaffected parts of the body).
- Warm the affected area using body heat; for example, the heat of an armpit can be used to warm frostbitten fingers.
- Do not rub or massage the frostbitten area; doing so may cause more damage.
- Do not use a heating pad, heat lamp, or the heat of a stove, fireplace, or radiator for warming. Affected areas are numb and can be easily burned.

TRENCH FOOT

Trench foot, also known as immersion foot, is an injury of the feet resulting from prolonged exposure to wet and cold conditions. Trench foot can occur at temperatures as high as 60°F if the feet are constantly wet. Injury occurs because wet

feet lose heat 25-times faster than dry feet. Therefore, to prevent heat loss, the body constricts blood vessels to shut down circulation in the feet. Skin tissue begins to die because of lack of oxygen and nutrients and due to the buildup of toxic products.

Symptoms of trench foot include:

- Reddening of the skin
- Numbness
- Leg cramps
- Swelling
- Tingling pain
- Blisters or ulcers
- Bleeding under the skin
- Gangrene (the foot may turn dark purple, blue or gray)

Workers suffering from trench foot should:

- Remove shoes/boots and wet socks.
- Dry their feet.
- Avoid walking on feet, as this may cause tissue damage.

CHILBLAINS

Chilblains are caused by the repeated exposure of skin to temperatures just above freezing to as high as 60°F. The cold exposure causes damage to the capillary beds (groups of small blood vessels) in the skin. This damage is permanent and the redness and itching will return with additional exposure. The redness and itching typically occurs on cheeks, ears, fingers, and toes.

Symptoms of chilblains include:

- Redness
- Itching
- Possible blistering
- Inflammation
- Possible ulceration in severe cases

Workers suffering from chilblains should:

- Avoid scratching
- Slowly warm the skin
- Use corticosteroid creams to relieve itching and swelling
- Keep blisters and ulcers clean and covered

The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH)



NRCA Announces CEO Reid Ribble's Retirement

NRCA has announced its current CEO, Reid Ribble, will be retiring May 31. Ribble has led the association for five years.

A second-generation roofing contractor, former U.S. congressman and the first roofing contractor to lead NRCA as CEO, Ribble has brought a unique perspective and leadership approach to the job from day one. His first priority was to determine where the roofing industry believed the organization should focus its efforts. After discussions with NRCA's Executive Committee, board of directors, members and other industry stakeholders, a new vision statement was created—one that emphasizes the recognition of members as professionals and seeks to unite the industry to that purpose.

Since then, Ribble has worked diligently with NRCA's board of directors and volunteers regarding the implementation of NRCA's overall vision. Whether NRCA's One Voice Initiative, NRCA ProCertification® or Training for Roof Application Careers, Ribble has been highly engaged in instituting the strategy and direction of NRCA's Executive Committee, chairman of the board and board of directors on behalf of NRCA members and the roofing industry.

In addition, Ribble has lent his political expertise to the development and implementation of Roofing Day in D.C. and launched a podcast series that celebrates roofing professionals' meaningful experiences and stories of inspiration and generosity in the industry. He continues to lead the association and the industry through the COVID-19 pandemic and ongoing supply chain crisis, hosting several telephone town halls to connect with members and ensuring NRCA's website is current with the latest relevant information.

"Reid has led NRCA with unwavering commitment, passion and dedication during his time as CEO," says Rod Petrick, president of Ridgeworth Roofing Co. Inc., Frankfort, Ill., and NRCA's chairman of the board. "The roofing industry has benefited from his efforts to enhance the industry's professionalism, tackle ongoing challenges and unite all segments of the industry, and I have enjoyed working alongside him."

"It's been a joy to work with my friends and colleagues at NRCA for these past five years," Ribble says. "I have been impressed by the commitment to the industry by our members and industry partners. On May 31, I will retire as interim CEO of NRCA. I am looking forward to spending more time with my wife of 47 years, my children and especially my six grandsons."

NRCA COO McKay Daniels will succeed Ribble as CEO June 1. Daniels has served NRCA for three years, managing the association's daily operations and staff and overseeing member-driven initiatives. He has more than 20 years of experience in nonprofits, government and the private sector.



National Suicide Prevention Lifeline to Become a Three-Digit Number

Rockville, MD—The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration is helping to transition the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline to a three-digit number—988.

According to a press release, Congress designated the updated dialing code in 2020 and the Department of Health and Human Services, through SAMHSA, is investing \$282 million for the transition. That funding comes from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 and the Biden administration's fiscal year 2022 budget.

The 988 number is scheduled to be available for calling, texting or chatting nationwide beginning in July.

"Converting to this easy-to-remember, three-digit number will strengthen and expand the existing Lifeline network, providing the public with easier access to lifesaving services," the release states. "The Lifeline currently helps thousands of people overcome crisis situations every day."

Citing data from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, SAMHSA notes that suicide was the 10th leading cause of death nationally in 2019. It was also the second leading cause of death among young people that year.

A CDC analysis published in 2020 and using 2016 data found that men in mining, quarrying, and oil and gas extraction had a suicide rate of 54.2 per 100,000 workers. The overall average rate for men was 27.4. In addition, men and women in construction and extraction had suicide rates of 49.4 and 25.5, respectively.

The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline is available 24/7 year-round at (800) 273-TALK (8255).

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IRS Issues Standard Mileage Rate for 2022

Beginning on January 1, 2022, the standard mileage rates for the use of a car, van, pickup or panel truck will be: 58.5 cents per mile for business miles driven and 18 cents per mile driven for medical or moving purposes.

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