

RJR Safety Inc

"Working Safe, Preventing Injuries, & Protecting Profits"

Safety Newsletter

May 2016

In This Issue

SafeLand Schedule

RJR Safety Inc. verified as a
Veteran Owned Small Business
(VOSB)

OSHA's final rule to 'nudge'
employers to prevent
workplace injuries, illnesses

Facing time: Will criminal
prosecutions under the OSH
Act become more common?

Open & Public Course Schedule for 2016



SafeLand USA
upcoming dates:

Jun. 14 - Bridgeport, WV
Jul. 26 - Cambridge, OH
Aug. 4 - Washington, PA
Sept. 13 - Bridgeport, WV
Oct. 25 - Cambridge, OH
Nov 10 - Washington, PA
Dec. 13 - Bridgeport, WV

RJR Safety Inc. verified as a Veteran Owned Small Business (VOSB)

RJR Safety Inc. is verified as a Veteran Owned Small Business (VOSB) by the US Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), Center for Veterans Enterprise (CVE). Our link on VetBiz.gov is:
<https://www.vip.vetbiz.gov/Public/Search/ViewSearchResults.aspx?SCID=3000150>

To earn the VOSB designation, RJR Safety Inc. met the following requirements:

- The company is owned, at least, 51% by a Veteran,
- The Veteran holds the highest company officer position
- The Veteran owner manages the company on both strategic policy and day-to-day basis with full decision making authority/responsibilities
- The business must also meet a comprehensive list of additional specifications to show it is a legitimate small business

With the designation as VOSB, RJR Safety Inc. is eligible to participate in Veterans First Contracting Program opportunities with the Veterans Administration and in VOSB Federal set-asides. We are eligible to participate in state and local projects in Teaming arrangements, as subcontractors to Prime Contractors, and as Prime Contractors.

More information...

OSHA's final rule to 'nudge' employers to prevent workplace injuries, illnesses

*New federal requirements take effect August 10,
2016*

WASHINGTON - The U.S. Department of Labor's [Occupational Safety and Health Administration](#) today issued a [final rule](#) to modernize injury data collection to better inform workers, employers, the public and OSHA about workplace hazards. With this new rule, OSHA is applying the insights of behavioral economics to improve

Online Registration and Payment is available at www.rjrsafety.com by selecting "Training" then "Open Enrollment" then the class and then "Click to Register" in the last column on the right.

Quick Links

[Our Website](#)

[Join Our Mailing List!](#)

Upcoming Events

Come out and see the members of RJR Safety Inc. at the following events:

May 20, 2016
OSHA VPP Best Practices Workshop

GE Transportation Customer Innovation Center; Erie, PA

June 22 & 23, 2016
SMC Breakfast Training: OSHA 10 Hour for General Industry

SMC Business Council Cranberry Twp., PA

November 1, 2016
Western PA ASSE Professional Development Conference

Slippery Rock University Smith Student Center

workplace safety and prevent injuries and illnesses. OSHA requires many employers to keep a [record](#)* of injuries and illnesses to help these employers and their employees identify hazards, fix problems and prevent additional injuries and illnesses. The Bureau of Labor Statistics reports more than three million workers suffer a workplace injury or illness every year. Currently, little or no information about worker injuries and illnesses at individual employers is made public or available to OSHA. Under the new rule, employers in high-hazard industries will send OSHA injury and illness data that the employers are already [required to collect](#), for posting on the agency's website.

Just as public disclosure of their kitchens' sanitary conditions encourages restaurant owners to improve food safety, OSHA expects that public disclosure of work injury data will encourage employers to increase their efforts to prevent work-related injuries and illnesses.

"Since high injury rates are a sign of poor management, no employer wants to be seen publicly as operating a dangerous workplace," said [Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health Dr. David Michaels](#). "Our new reporting requirements will 'nudge' employers to prevent worker injuries and illnesses to demonstrate to investors, job seekers, customers and the public that they operate safe and well-managed facilities. Access to injury data will also help OSHA better target our compliance assistance and enforcement resources at establishments where workers are at greatest risk, and enable 'big data' researchers to apply their skills to making workplaces safer."

[Read More...](#)

Facing time: Will criminal prosecutions under the OSH Act become more common?

When a roofer at a Philadelphia construction site fell to his death in 2013, his employer did everything possible ... to avoid responsibility. First and foremost, the employer - roofing company owner James J. McCullagh - failed to provide his workers with fall protection equipment.

He also lied about it. When questioned by OSHA investigators, McCullagh lied on four occasions, claiming he had provided employees with the appropriate safety gear. He told compliance officers he had seen his employees prior to the fatal fall wearing safety harnesses that were tied off to an anchor point. He also tried to convince his other workers to tell OSHA that they wore fall protection on the day of the incident.

McCullagh was indicted for lying, obstruction of justice and willfully violating an OSHA standard. Facing a maximum sentence of 25 years in prison, he pleaded guilty in December and was sentenced to 10 months.

Convictions for crimes related to OSHA violations are rare. But McCullagh is one of a slowly growing number of employers who have been prosecuted for breaking laws in association with the federal Occupational Safety and Health Act.

[Read More...](#)

