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*Working Hard to Protect, Promote & Educate our Profession*



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April is Distracted Driving Awareness Month. Working in the HVACR industry, and having employees using company vehicles, this is the time to review your distracted driving policy. If you do not have a policy, please take a look at this [sample policy template here](#). Be sure that your employees have signed the policy and hold regular team meetings to discuss the seriousness of distracted driving. Please review the information located in this newsletter, providing you with distracted driving awareness resources and information.

As membership renewal notices head your way, we thank you for your support last year and encourage you to stay involved in MIACCA. If you are interested on serving on a committee or the board, please contact [mjdsmith@miacca.org](mailto:mjdsmith@miacca.org)

## MIACCA Website Update



MIACCA's [Website](#) has a fresh new look! Executive Director, M.J. D'Smith has revamped the site with new images, color scheme, content and streamlined easy to navigate menu items. She has also added a new [webinar page](#) that offers free video training.

Please review our [Contractor Directory](#). As a member benefit, you are entitled to free advertising on our website. This is utilized by the public seeking Professional HVAC Contractor Services. If you need to update or add your company logo, please email it to [mjdsmith@miacca.org](mailto:mjdsmith@miacca.org) for addition to your listing.

Don't see your company advertised? No problem, click the Become a Member button below and join MIACCA today for this and many other [member benefits](#) when you join.



## MIACCA Submits Written Comments on Proposed Michigan Uniform Energy Code

On March 16th, MIACCA submitted written comments on the proposed Michigan Uniform Energy Code. The proposed changes will incorporate the new ICC 2021 code that will now require testing of ducts inside conditioned space. MIACCA's submissions below, provide reasoning to eliminate these requirements.

[MIACCA - 2021 MEC R403.3.4 w docs.pdf](#)

[MIACCA 2021 MEC R403.3.5.pdf](#)

[MIACCA 2021 MEC R403.3.7.pdf](#)

This is just another example of how MIACCA is advocating for our Michigan Contractors

## HB-4705 Reports Favorably through Senate Oversight Committee

On 3-16-2022 [HB-4705](#) passed the Senate Oversight Committee without amendment. MIACCA President, Phil Forner, provided testimony of support. This bill will require every state public body that is a licensing board, commission panel and rule-making board to record meetings, unless in closed session.

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The next step for the bill is to pass the Senate body. We will keep you posted on its progress. This is just another way that MIACCA is working hard for our members.

## Upcoming BCC Meetings

**April 5, 2022 - Board of Boiler Rules**

**April 13, 2022 - Construction Codes Commission**

**May 25, 2022 - Board of Mechanical Rules**

Submission deadline is April 20th. If you would like MIACCA to submit on your behalf, please provide to M.J. D'smith at [mjdsmith@miacca.com](mailto:mjdsmith@miacca.com) by April 16th.



**APRIL IS  
DISTRACTED DRIVING  
AWARENESS MONTH**

## April is Distracted Driving Awareness Month

During April, several organizations unite under the same mission to encourage everyone to drive with focus and reach their destination safely. Distracted Driving Awareness Month puts safety first and text messages, arriving on time, and friends under the influence in the back seat.

According to 2016 statistics, the National Safety Council estimates as many as 40,000 people died on U.S. roadways. That's a 6% increase over 2015 statistics and 14% over 2014. The NDC says that's the most dramatic two-year increase in 53 years.

What can you do? Turn off your phone. Designate a sober driver. Reduce your speed. Crying children can wait until you can pull over safely. Wear your seat belt.

### **HOW TO OBSERVE #DistractedDrivingAwarenessMonth**

- Take the pledge to stay focused and end distracted driving.
- The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, National Safety Council, state, county, and local law enforcement support campaigns increasing awareness to end distracted driving.
- Throughout April, visit [www.nsc.org](http://www.nsc.org) or [www.nhtsa.gov](http://www.nhtsa.gov) to learn more about what's causing crashes, how to prevent them, and what else you can do. Use #DistractedDrivingAwarenessMonth to share on social media.



## UV Lighting for HVAC Systems

UV lighting for HVAC systems cost-effectively eliminates 90% or more of organic growth to

significantly [improve airflow and heat-exchange efficiency](#), which not only reduces energy use, but also decreases system maintenance costs while providing cleaner indoor air quality.

#### UV Benefits:

- Saves 10-25% in energy
- Destroys surface and airborne microorganisms
- Restores airflow levels to original specifications
- Improves indoor air quality
- Increases HVAC/R equipment life
- Reduces maintenance

#### Product Solutions:

- Stationary Air Handlers
- Rooftop HVAC/R units
- Fan Coil Units
- Infection Control



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## Reviewing the OSHA Top 10

Safety violations can occur in any number of ways, but there are plenty of opportunities to help create safer work environments. One way is to become familiar with the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Top 10 list, which accounts for the most frequently cited standards following inspections of businesses and worksites by federal OSHA. <sup>1</sup>This helpful list can be used as a guide to learning what common risks to watch out for, and accessing vital information to help avoid devastating — and costly — worker injuries or fatalities.

Each year, OSHA posts their Top 10 violations after the month of April to allow the prior fiscal year's inspection data to finalize. <sup>1</sup> For the 2020 fiscal year, the Top 10 consisted of:

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| 1. Fall Protection <sup>(C)</sup> | 6. Lockout/Tagout                                       |
| 2. Hazard Communication           | 7. Powered Industrial Trucks                            |
| 3. Respiratory Protection         | 8. Fall Protection Training Requirements <sup>(C)</sup> |
| 4. Scaffolding <sup>(C)</sup>     | 9. Eye and Face Protection                              |
| 5. Ladders <sup>(C)</sup>         | 10. Machinery and Machine Guarding                      |

OSHA inspections across the nation are completed at both the state and federal levels. In 2021, over 60,000 OSHA inspections occurred, resulting in more than 89,000 violations.<sup>2</sup> Knowing that these risks exist — and that there are plenty of resources to help mitigate them — what will you do for your business to avoid becoming a part of this statistic?

Consider your specific business and workplace. Depending on the type of work that is done there, one or more of these safety risks may be present. Have you read the applicable standards? Written safety programs and regular training are great ways to help engage your employees in safer work habits. Post clear signage with workplace safety reminders, and verify that all employees are using the proper equipment and attire for their jobs. This includes ensuring that employees have access to Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), maintaining equipment and machinery, and verifying that your workplace is operating at a high standard of safety and functionality so your employees are comfortable and confident in their ability to complete their work.

Federated Insurance provides OSHA Top 10 information on [mySHIELD®](#), and offers access to additional resources, such as sample safety programs and training content to help identify and mitigate worksite health and safety hazards.

- <https://www.osha.gov/top10citedstandards> Accessed 2/1/22.
  - <https://enforcedata.dol.gov/views/oshalab.php>. Accessed 2/1/22.
  - Federated OSHA Top 10 Frequently Cited Standards. 2020-2021.
- (C) Construction Standard instead of General Industry (according to OSHA)

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