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Message from President Phil Forner

As we continue into these busy days of summer, keeping our customers cool and comfortable, it is important to remember to practice safety in the workplace. This encompasses our shops, our vehicles and informing our techs of staying safe. It is also a good time to review your first aid kits in your facility and vehicles to ensure that they are OSHA compliant. This is what OSHA requires in your kits:

1. Gauze pads (at least 4 x 4 inches).
2. Two large gauze pads (at least 8 x 10 inches).
3. Box adhesive bandages (band-aids).
4. One package gauze roller bandage at least 2 inches wide.
5. Two triangular bandages.
6. Wound cleaning agent such as sealed moistened towelettes.

7. Scissors.
8. At least one blanket.
9. Tweezers.
10. Adhesive tape.
11. Latex gloves.
12. Resuscitation equipment such as resuscitation bag, airway, or pocket mask.
13. Two elastic wraps.
14. Splint.
15. Directions for requesting emergency assistance.

I have included [this link](#) of some OSHA compliant kits you can purchase.

Stay Safe!

MIACCA Bill SB 60 is now Public Act 68

SB 60 bill was signed by the Governor on July 29th and is now Public Act 68 . This act is important to the HVAC industry as it will continue the long standing safety practice of having employers attest to an applicant's mechanical work experience; and provide for a reasonable work experience credit for those who go to school to learn a skilled trade and successfully completes a recognized HVAC trade school, community college, or university program.

One important part of this act, for a lot of existing mechanical contractors, is the ability to expand certain license classifications without having to go to work for someone else or hire someone with the desired classification.

This is another great accomplishment that MIACCA is proud to see pass into law. You may view [Public Act 68 here](#).

MIACCA extends our gratitude to Senator Roger Victory, and his staff, for their due diligence in making this act come to be.

MIACCA's Introduced HB 4705 in the House Oversight Committee

This bill would mandate that every meeting of a public body that is a state licensing board, commission panel, or rule-making board, except a meeting or part of a meeting held in closed session, must be recorded in a manner that allows for the capture of sound, MIACCA has been active in trying to get these meetings recorded in order to reference things that are not always captured in minutes. This will provide our members involved in these meetings to access them in a thorough manner. The bill states that these recordings will have to be maintained for one year. You may [view the bill here](#).

The bill has been referred to the House Oversight Committee where they are in the process of a second reading of the bill. We will keep you posted on the next steps in the process.

We gratefully appreciate Representatives Luke Meerman, Gary Howell, Jeffrey Yaroch and Steven Johnson for introducing this important piece of legislation.

MIACCA's Statewide Permit Update

At the last Construction Code Commission (CCC) meeting, in April, MIACCA's request for a statewide permit was on the agenda. They had sought input for building, electrical, mechanical, and plumbing permit applications. MCL 125.1510(1) requires these applications to be on a form prescribed by the commission. The Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) highly encourages the CCC to prescribe these forms, and the CCC acknowledges assistance from the Bureau of Construction Codes. For your reference, this was the [MIACCA proposed form](#), that we submitted.

Their July 21st, 2021 meeting was cancelled due to lack of quorum. Their next meeting will be October 13th. We will continue to keep you informed.

Michigan Residential Code Notification from Director Lambert

The latest edition of the international residential code has been published and is available to the general public. On July 20, 2021, the department held a public meeting at The Michigan Library and Historical Center, 1st Floor Forum, where the department offered the public an opportunity to present data and comments on the general need to update the Michigan residential code.

We appreciate the industry feedback provided at that meeting along with additional written input the department received on the 2021 international residential code.

Pursuant to [MCL 125.1504\(6\)](#) the department has determined to update the Michigan residential code.

Keith Lambert

Director of the Bureau of Construction Codes



August 11th is National Dig Day

Every six minutes, an underground utility line is damaged nationwide because someone decided to dig without first calling [MISS DIG](#) at 811. So, on 811 Day (August 11), we're giving you the scoop on safe digging.

In short, 811 Day is a reminder that taking simple action to "know what's below" can help keep you safe— even save lives. Calling MISS DIG three days before digging allows utility companies to come out and mark underground utility lines, so that you don't accidentally hit one.

Here's the scoop:

- Shallow digging is still digging – Buried utility lines are everywhere! Installing mailboxes and fences, and even planting a garden or pitching a tent are examples of simple projects that still require a call to 811 to know what's below before digging.

Hitting an underground line can result in a gas leak or knock out other services to your home or business. It can even cause serious injury. Call 811 and get the 411.

- Double check with your contractor – If you've hired a contractor or landscaper, make sure the call to 811 is made before digging begins – whether it means you making the call, or your contractor doing so.
- Respect the flags – The colorful flags used to mark the underground lines can be very attractive to young children and pets. For your safety and that of crews, please do not remove the flags. Make sure children and neighbors also know not to remove the flags.
- If the flags are accidentally removed, call MISS Dig again to have the flags replaced. Attempting to replace them yourself could lead to a gas leak or other unsafe situation.

Call before you dig. It's fast, free and the law.



When you register before August 20th, MIACCA contractor members will receive a \$50 discount by using the code: MIACCA21





PRODUCT SPOTLIGHT - DWYER DP3 WIRELESS DIFFERENTIAL PRESSURE MODULE

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Avoid Workplace Hazards with Slip, Trip, and Fall Controls

Each year, thousands of workers are injured or disabled as a result of slips, trips, and falls, which may occur anytime, anywhere, or to anyone. These injuries could create long-lasting complications for workers who sustain them, and unfortunately, they are not uncommon occurrences in the workplace — about 20 to 25 percent of all occupational-injury accidents involve slips, trips, and falls.¹ Causes often include:

- Failure to properly use equipment
- Haste
- Inappropriate footwear
- Lack of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
- Inattention
- Obstacles in walkways
- Poor lighting and vision
- Slippery surfaces
- Unsafe ladder usage

Fortunately, many of these injuries can be avoided by using controls designed to help you recognize slip, trip, and fall hazards at

For instance, many of these injuries can be avoided by using controls designed to help you recognize slip, trip, and fall hazards at your workplace and determine what preventative safety measures should be taken.

Engineering controls involve evaluating your physical environment and rectifying the hazards that may cause employees to slip, trip, or fall.² These controls also include changing processes to ensure that safety is a top priority and verifying that the physical environment at your facility is up to code.

Administrative controls involve critically assessing work procedures and policies, and implementing effective rules, schedules, and training with the goal of reducing employee interaction with potentially hazardous situations over long periods of time.² These controls can help change the way people do their jobs through the use of education, training, proper signage, maintenance, correcting poor work practices, regular inspections, and good housekeeping, to name a few.³

Safe work practices take what the administrative controls propose and turn them into actions that employees and employers should follow. The U.S. Department of Labor estimates that at least one third of the nation's workforce is exposed to hazards that could cause slips, trips, or falls.⁴ It is up to both supervisors and employees alike to follow safe work practices and regularly ensure that rules are being followed. Document any problematic areas and the remedial actions taken to address those areas, and ensure documentation includes descriptions of any accidents as complete as possible.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) can help to reduce risks of injury or death in circumstances where there may be an increased risk of slips, trips, or falls. Although there may not be a way to eliminate a hazard in a workplace, PPE can help to control the hazard rather than eliminating it.³

Utilizing workplace controls to create and maintain a safe work environment is imperative in helping to avoid unnecessary slips, trips, and falls. And remember to respond quickly and appropriately if a slip, trip, or fall does occur.

¹U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, *SOII Data (2017), Table R4*. Accessed August 2019.

²Advanced Consulting and Training LTD. <https://advancedct.com/the-measures-for-controlling-slip-trip-and-fall-hazards-at-work/#:~:text=Administrative%20controls%20include%20the%20following,sight%20obstruction%20and%20over%2Dreaching>

³Occupational Safety and Health Administration, National Safety Council – 46E0-HT10. <https://www.osha.gov/harwoodgrants/grantmaterials/62006/46e0-ht10>

⁴U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. May 6, 2021. <https://www.bls.gov/comb/ted/2021/fatal-and-nonfatal-falls-slips-and-trips-in-the-construction-industry.htm>

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