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## JANUARY 2022 NEWSLETTER



**MICHIGAN**  
AIR CONDITIONING CONTRACTORS  
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# Message from President Phil Forner

Happy 2022 fellow contractors! I hope the new year brings your businesses success, health and wealth. January is National Radon Awareness month and I encourage you and your techs, not only this month, but throughout the year to promote the dangers of Radon with your customers and to share your knowledge in the importance of testing their residents and businesses. We have an obligation to keep our customers aware and safe and we are the field experts in knowing the dangers of this and carbon monoxide.

Please don't let the opportunity to inform those we so proudly serve! As we enter the new year, MIACCA will continue to work hard for you and keep you up to date on all industry relate updates. 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)



## Lien Law Seminar

January 13, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. in Lansing, MI



Join Attorney Matthew T. Smith, at Clark Hill Law Firm, who will provide you with this educations seminar on Lien Law.

Members \$50

Non Members \$100

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## Upcoming Bureau of Construction Codes Meetings

### January 11, 2022 - Board of Boiler Rules

[Check here for meeting information](#)

### January 26, 2022 - Construction Code Commission - MIACCA's Statewide Permit Update

The Construction Code Commission will meet on January 26, 2022. At the October 20th Construction Code Commission meeting, they directed the Attorney General to determine what Section 10 in the CC Act actually means by prescribe and present his findings at the upcoming meeting. For your reference, this was the [MIACCA proposed form](#), that we submitted.

[Check here for meeting information](#)

### February 23, 2022 - Board of Mechanical Rules

Submission date for any comments or agenda items is January 18th. If you have something you would like MIACCA to submit on your behalf, please send it to [mjdsmith@miacca.org](mailto:mjdsmith@miacca.org) by January 17th.

[Check here for meeting information](#)

## Board of Mechanical Rules Board Vacancy

The Board of Mechanical Rules was created by [2016 PA 407](#).

The board makes recommendations for mechanical code rules, acts with the Department to review and approve the form and the content of the examination and imposes sanctions for licensing violations. See [MCL 339.5805](#).

- Refrigeration Service
- Ductwork
- Fire Suppression
- Chief mechanical Inspector of a Government Subdivision
- Chief mechanical Inspector of a Government Subdivision
- Professional Mechanical Engineers
- Limited Service Heating & Refrigeration

Applicants should be knowledgeable with mechanical codes, rules and laws.

Board meets quarterly at 611 West Ottawa Street, Lansing, MI 48933.

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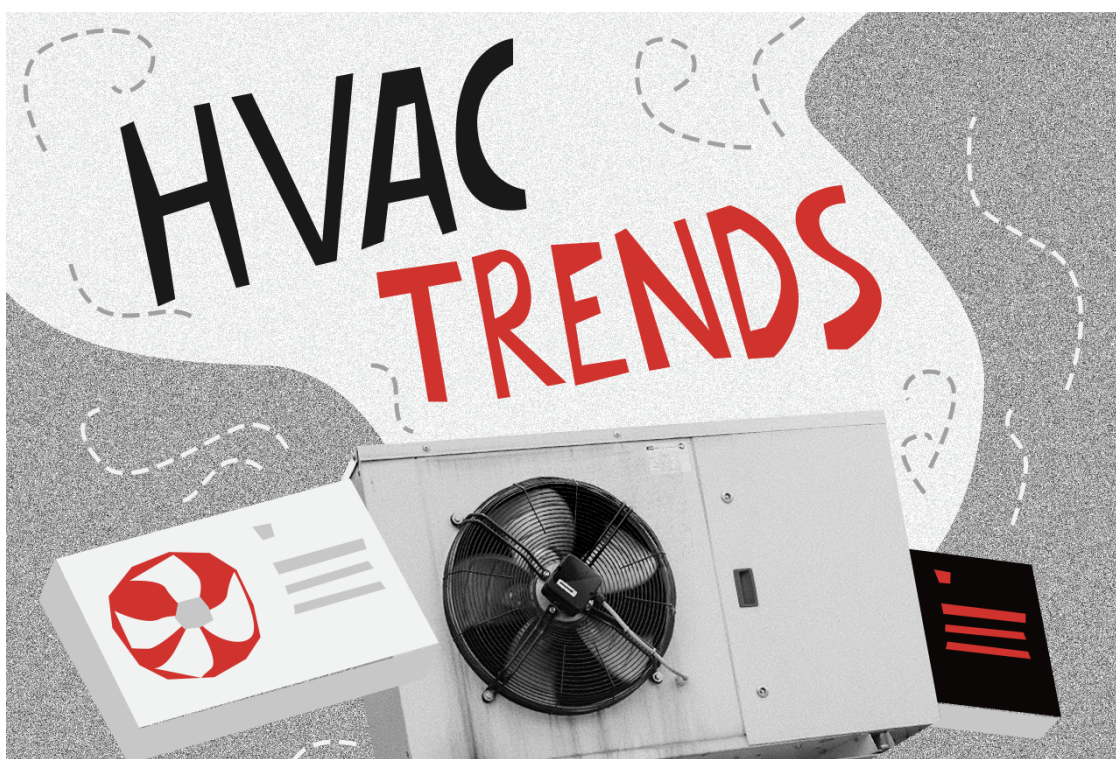


## January is National Radon Action Month

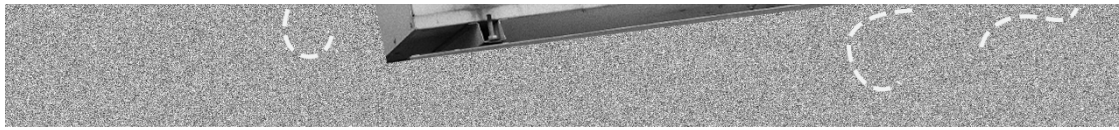
Remind your customers to test their homes. Radon is an odorless, colorless gas that can seep into a home from underground. If radon accumulates, it may lead to lung cancer – in fact, radon is the leading cause of lung cancer among non-smokers. According to Gina McCarthy, EPA assistant administrator for the Office of Air and Radiation, radon can be found in every state in the country, and elevated radon levels occur in as many as one in 15 homes. "Testing for radon is an easy and important step in protecting the health of your family," McCarthy stressed. EPA offered information on how residents can protect themselves from radon: Test. EPA and the U.S. Surgeon General recommend that all homes, both with and without basements, be tested for radon.

Affordable do-it-yourself radon test kits are available at home improvement and hardware stores and online. A qualified radon tester also can be hired. Fix. EPA recommends taking action to fix radon levels above 4 Picocuries per Liter (pCi/L). Addressing high radon levels often costs the same as other minor home repairs. Save a Life Testing and fixing elevated levels of radon in the home can help prevent lung cancer Save a Life. Testing and fixing elevated levels of radon in the home can help prevent lung cancer while creating a healthier home and community.

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## 5 Emerging Trends That Are Reshaping the Commercial HVAC Industry

The Internet of Things (IoT) has touched just about every facet of our lives. But how is it affecting the way we do business?

For one, it's enabling companies to become more flexible. This is all thanks to software, online platforms, and interconnectivity like we've never seen before. It's rapidly changing all industries, including commercial HVAC. If you own a heating and cooling company or manufacture HVAC equipment, then you may be wondering how to keep up with this ever-changing landscape.

So, let's take a look at five emerging trends that are reshaping your field:

- Connectivity and Data to Improve Control
- Eco-Friendly HVAC Systems Are in Demand
- Software Automation Implemented to Improve Business Functions
- "Smart" HVAC Technologies Designed for Automation
- HVAC Systems Are Going Ductless

[Keep reading to learn more about how these trends are transforming the future of commercial HVAC.](#)



### ACCA Annual Conference St. Louis March 28-30th

Making an investment in your company is a no-brainer for a leading HVACR contractor like you.


ACCA 2022 focuses on helping HVACR contractors to optimize for business growth and success by learning from the industry's most successful owners, entrepreneurs, top consultants, and innovative and creative up-and-comers. The Conference program is filled with HVACR training opportunities and powerhouse speakers covering the most critical and timely topics affecting HVACR contractors today. Sessions cover a wide range of topics that will help contractors be better business people and grow their profit margins year over year.

The Expo space showcases the top products and services available in the industry.

Networking opportunities are uniquely targeted, giving you ample time to make the connections you need to grow your business.

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**RISK MANAGEMENT CORNER**

## Resolve to Reevaluate Your Risk Management Culture

Take a moment to consider the past year in risk management. Is there anything that stands out to you as needing improvement? Anything that worked well to be taken into the New Year? It's important to reevaluate your risk management culture every so often in order to stay aware of changes that may have evolved in your industry, and check in on areas that could be improved upon at your business.

**Company Culture.** One size does not fit all when it comes to risk management strategies. Whatever your specific needs are, remember that a solid foundation is key. Management should be committed to upholding a culture of safety and risk mitigation across the board, and that commitment should have a ripple effect on everyone — from the most senior veteran employee to the newest hire. To create a culture of risk management, a great place to start is examining the basic regulatory requirements applicable to your business, and from there you can dive into your business's deeper needs.

**A group effort.** Great risk management culture ideals start at the top, and everyone needs to be involved. When good behavior is modeled, it reinforces a safety-first message. And if all employees are committed to practicing good workplace habits, it will demonstrate to newcomers and clients that safety and risk management play a valuable role at your business. It will also show that a safe business model can help lead to higher productivity, more efficient operations, and a better chance to meet your organization's goals.

**Empower Employees.** Give employees the tools and incentives to take ownership in a risk management culture. It is part of management's responsibility to invest time and resources to help implement sound policies and procedures. Set clear expectations, reward positive behavior, and encourage bottom-up communication so that employees feel comfortable reporting potential issues.

**Learn from your lessons.** Use past experiences to help guide future efforts. Stay aware of what is happening in your industry and around the world to help head off potential risks down the road, for example, noting that social inflation and cybercrime are becoming more prominent. Keep in mind that many claims are preventable, and your history can help to dictate the direction you want your business to go.


Remember, risk management is an ongoing process. As you move into the New Year, reevaluate where your company is at in terms of its risk management culture. It never hurts to focus more on maintaining a safe and productive work environment for everyone, in order to continue creating a successful culture of risk management at your business.

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