

November 2017



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Join us for another three part series
Crisis Planning for Disasters
The Plan, Shelter in Place
And Post Storm

Eye In the Sky

Our guest speaker for November is Joshua Grappy, UAS Program Coordinator. Josh oversees the Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) program for the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation. The UAS program uses drones to document catastrophic workplace accidents investigated by the Safety Violations Investigation Unit.

Additionally, the program provides information to Ohio employers on how to implement UAS within their own businesses in a safe and responsible way. Josh is a certified remote Pilot in Command (FAA Part 107 remote pilot with a small UAS certification). Josh also works as a Digital Forensic Analyst within the Special Investigations Department and is a 16 year BWC employee.

Josh will also discuss the various industries currently

using drones for increased efficiency and safety. Also discussed are the current FAA regulations required to operate commercially and the best practices involved to ensure safe operation. Additional topics include how BWC is using drones and the types of assistance they can provide to Ohio employers interested in creating their own drone program.



Welcome Lisa Kowalski of PNC Bank - our spotlight company

Considered to be one of the most resourceful and multipurpose innovations of the century, drones have managed to perforate numerous segments of the global economic sphere. Having uses in fields ranging from filmmaking to farming, drones have managed to capture a major share of the commercial, personal goods, and military service market.

From quick deliveries at rush hour to scanning an unreachable military base, drones are proving to be extremely beneficial in places where man cannot reach or is unable to perform in a timely and efficient manner. Increasing work efficiency and productivity, decreasing workload and production costs, improving accuracy, refining service and customer relations, and resolving security issues on a vast scale are a few of the top uses drones offer industries around the world.

Drones have proven to be beneficial in a wide range of industries and businesses. Adoption of drone technology across industries leapt from the fad stage to the mega-trend stage fairly quickly as more and more businesses started to realize its potential, scope, and scale of global reach.

From automated planting to crop management with real-time monitoring, drones have a vital role to play in the future of farming.

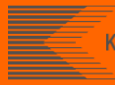


Ask Robin

Q: Do I need to inspect the walking -working surfaces in my facility?

A: Yes, according to OSHA's revised walking-working surfaces rule. OSHA's definition of a walking-working surface is any horizontal or vertical surface on or through which an employee walks, works, or gains access to a work area or workplace location. The employer must inspect the surfaces, regularly and as necessary, to ensure they are maintained in a safe condition. If a hazardous condition is recognized, the condition is to be corrected or repaired before an employee uses the surface again. If the correction or repair cannot be made immediately, the hazard must be guarded to prevent employees from using the surface. Hazardous conditions may include sharp or protruding objects, loose boards, corrosion, leaks, spills, snow, and ice. For more information on the revised rule, see Subpart D of 29 CFR 1910.

Legal Alert from Ed Murray



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This past summer, the Ohio General Assembly passed Substitute House Bill 27. In July, the Bill was signed into the Law by Governor Kasich and became effective as of September 29, 2017.

One important change included in the Statute was a reduction of the Statute of Limitations for filing injury or death claims. Under prior Law, an injured employee was required to provide written notice of an injury or death claim within two years of the date of injury or death. The new Law, codified in Ohio Revised Code § 4123.84, now provides that all claims for death or injury benefits shall be forever barred unless the claim is filed within one year of the date of injury or death. As a result of this legislative change, the Ohio Statute of Limitations for filing injury or death claims has now been shortened to one year. Employees who fail to provide timely notice of their claim will now be barred from recovery if that notice is not provided within the shortened, on-year Statute of Limitations. The new, revised Statute still requires that an employee provide notice of a specific body part claimed to have been injured. The new shortened Statute of Limitations will protect employers from the difficulty of defending against claims that are filed well after the date of injury.

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