



To: All AGC of Utah Members

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RE: Safety First—Upcoming Safety Courses & Certifications

In the past few months, we have seen a troubling trend in workplace incidents. During the COVID-19 crisis there has been a significant increase in the number of fatalities, near misses, safety violations, and incidents. Safety is an essential part of everything that we do.

The following updated fatality and accident statistics come from our workers compensation partners, WCF Insurance and the Utah Occupational Safety and Health Division:

2020 FATALITY & ACCIDENT STATISTICS

(As compared to similar time frames in 2019)

44% increase in workplace fatalities.

55% of fatalities occurred in construction

67% of fatalities occurred between April 2020 and June 2020

84% increase in Construction related injuries reported

97% increase in "Focus Four" (Falls, Electrical, struck by, and Caught-in/Between) injuries

The AGC of Utah Safety Committees have expressed concern that some are forgetting the steps that helped us build an impressive safety culture. Our industry has worked hard to create a culture that puts our colleagues' safety as a top priority. It is our responsibility to continue focusing our energy on safety excellence.

We encourage all members and industry partners to go back to basics regarding their safety programs and ensure that proper focus and support is given to safety programs, training and inspections at every level. It is important to ensure that all training has a tangible impact on employee behavior and safety procedures. If you have any safety training needs, please reach out to AGC of Utah. Included here is a list of all of our upcoming safety courses through the next 6 months. If you do not see a training here that your employees need, please reach out to us. We believe that safety comes first and so will do everything we can to assure you have the safety training you need.

We are extremely grateful to our members who continually place safety first and encourage their partners to do the same.

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