FCA Safety Update

You’re Not Alone – A Blog on Mental Health and Suicide in Construction

FCA International is working with Bob Swanson, a loss survivor and one of FCA’s founding fathers, to increase awareness of mental health awareness and suicide prevention in the construction industry. As part of this effort, Bob is writing a monthly blog titled, You’re Not Alone. Read on for an excerpt from Bob’s first blog on Suicide Prevention month.

September is suicide prevention month, and it is also the beginning of my new monthly blog regarding mental health issues and suicide prevention. I am Bob Swanson, a retired commercial and industrial painting contractor from Minneapolis. I am also a loss survivor who lost our oldest son to suicide on March 13, 2009 at the age of 33. Click here to read the full blog.

FCA Podcast on Mental Health & Suicide Prevention in the Construction Industry

FCA CEO Anthony Darkangelo sat down with Bob Swanson for a podcast on mental health awareness and suicide prevention in the construction industry. Their conversation included an overview of why mental health and suicide prevention are such important topics in the construction industry, a management approach to look after your employees’ mental health, how suicide is preventable, what to do when you suspect someone is having suicidal thoughts and available resources.

FCA Toolbox Talk Program

The FCA Toolbox Talk Program is free of charge to FCA members and features a comprehensive library of talks (in both English and Spanish) that are both trade and industry specific. The program also features a calendar of talks members can follow. If you would like to take advantage of this program, contact Darlene Shonder.

FCA Safety Calls

The next FCA Safety Call is Tuesday, Oct. 24 at 2 PM CT. Contact Darlene Shonder if you are interested in attending.

Your Safety Questions Answered by Professionals at No Cost!

(844) 414-SAFE

Confined Spaces

Permit-required confined spaces are high hazard locations that your employees work near and in. Their safety depends on your ability to identify the confined spaces and properly assess the hazards...

PPE: 4-Gas Monitors

On one January day that seemed perfectly ordinary, tragedy devastated three families who watched a loved one leave for work that morning and never return. Four workers responded to complaints of sewage backup in a residential area. When they arrived on site, one removed a manhole cover and descended into the sewer...

OSHA Silica Enforcement is Here!

We’ve been talking about OSHA’s Final Rule on Silica for months and now the construction deadline is here. OSHA officials will begin inspections and issuing citations as soon as possible. If you’re not prepared, you could find yourself with a hefty list of citations and a press release from OSHA...

OSHA Proposes Extension to Crane Operator Requirements

Many people have been waiting to see what OSHA will do with their final rule on Crane Operator Certification Requirements. On Aug. 30, 2017, OSHA issued a ‘Notice of Proposed Rulemaking’ stating the agency has proposed an extension to move the compliance deadline from Nov. 2017 to Nov. 2018.