



# Speaking of Safety

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## From the President's Desk

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The National Safety Council and the Safety Council for Southeast Michigan are celebrating National Safety Month this June and encouraging all of our membership to do the same. Take this time to thank the managers and safety directors for their time and efforts in designing effective safety programs that keeps employees safe on the job. Thank the employees and colleagues for working hard and taking the extra steps in abiding by these safety rules and regulations so that they can be productive as well as safe on the job. The Safety Council thanks all of our membership for their support and for helping the Safety Council pursue our mission of providing quality safety information, education, and training services to our membership and the community.

The Safety Council would like to remind our membership to be safe this summer when traveling and on vacation. Stay safe on the road by avoiding cell phone calls and texting which is causing many accidents amongst the young, inexperienced drivers as you might see in recent news reports. Remember the sunscreen when you go out and use caution in Michigan's Great Lakes which can be turbulent during the ever-changing weather. Taking the extra time to prepare and be safe will help make traveling and vacation much more enjoyable.

Be sure to register soon for the Safety Council's Annual Golf Outing scheduled for Wednesday, August 5, 2009 at the Inn at St. John's in Plymouth. Pencil in a day of fun on this beautiful course and enjoy a round of golf with you colleagues and the Safety Council. As in years past, all golfers will enjoy prizes and contests, as well as, breakfast, lunch and dinner. The Safety Council is also looking for sponsors for this event. If you can't join us for golf, please sponsor the event with a flag on the tee, cart, or near the meal locations. All sponsorships will be earmarked for the many programs that the Safety Council offers our membership and the community. Your support is greatly appreciated.

The Safety Council would like to hear about how you are celebrating Safety at the work place. Email the Safety Council at [info@safetycouncilsemi.org](mailto:info@safetycouncilsemi.org) to tell us about what you will do this month to recognize safety in the workplace. Everyone at the Safety Council would like to wish you a safe National Safety Month and a safe summer.

Yours in Safety,

Jack Mihalko, MA  
President/CEO  
Safety Council for Southeast Michigan

## Calendar of Events

### Register today for these upcoming classes & seminars:

June 12, 2009 -DDC-4, 8:30 am, Safety Council Training Center

June 19, 2009 - DDC 8, 8:30 am, Safety Council Training Center

July 10, 2009 - DDC-4, 8:30 am, Safety Council Training Center

July 17, 2009 - DDC 8, 8:30 am, Safety Council Training Center

August 5, 2009 - Safety Council Golf Outing, 7:00 am, St. John's Inn, Plymouth

August 26, 2009 - Susan B. Harwood's Safety Management Systems for Small Business, 8:30 am, Safety Council Training Center



The Safety Council's scheduled training classes take place at the Safety Council Training Center in Bloomfield Hills, unless otherwise noted. The Safety Council is also able to take our training on the road. Contact the Safety Council to discuss hosting a training opportunity at the job site. The Safety Council's experienced trainers customize classes to address the specific needs of the of the company or job functions requiring the training. In addition, since the Safety Council is a non-profit organization, class prices meet the most stringent budgets. Proper safety training is a simple way to improve the bottom line. Safe employees and job sites equals less workman's compensation claims, days off work, and actually improves productivity. Any formula for success includes a safe workplace.

**Don't wait until an accident costs you too much.** Register for training today. Registration for all classes and seminars ends five (5) business days before listed start date. Payment must be made in advance to complete the registration process. Download our registration form from [www.safetycouncilsemi.org](http://www.safetycouncilsemi.org) under the Events Calendar page or Classes page.

For a description of class offerings or to register for any class, please contact the Safety Council by phone or email and keep checking the website! Call 248-858-8830 or email us at [info@safetycouncilsemi.org](mailto:info@safetycouncilsemi.org).

## Safety Council Annual Golf Outing

Mark your calendars and make your reservation to attend the Safety Council's Annual Golf Outing on August 5, 2009 at the Inn at St. John's in Plymouth. Each year the Safety Council organizes this summer golf outing as a way to thank the membership for continued support - and it's a great excuse to get out of the office!

The golf outing has moved to the beautiful Inn at St. John's, but the prices and contests have remained the same! Registration is \$99 and includes breakfast, lunch and dinner, as well as golf carts for each foursome. Registration starts at 7:00 am and the shotgun start will begin at 9:00 am. Bring extra cash for mulligans and enjoy the 50/50 raffle and silent auction. There will be prizes and putting contests too!

As in years past, the Safety Council is seeking sponsorships. The Gold Sponsors will have a large sign near the breakfast, lunch and dinner locations for \$300. The Silver Sponsors will have flags on the golf carts for \$200 and the Bronze Sponsors will have flags on the tees for \$100. Each sponsor will be recognized in the golf bulletin, newsletter, and website. If you can't attend the golf outing, please consider a sponsorship. Sponsorships are earmarked for several of the important programs that the Safety Council provides to the membership and the community. The Safety Council thanks you for your support.

The registration form and additional details can be found on our website at [www.safetycouncilsemi.org](http://www.safetycouncilsemi.org). We hope to see you again this year and look forward to seeing many new faces too!

## June is National Safety Month

Each of our membership should be receiving the email News Alerts from the National Safety Council (NSC) as well as the Safety Council. The NSC has been sending out email notices with great ideas on recognizing and celebrating National Safety Month this June. Observing National Safety Month at the workplace is a way to build awareness of safety issues and the often simple actions each person can take to reduce or eliminate the risk of injury. For observance of National Safety Month this year, the NSC has prepared a series of informational handouts and training opportunities that our membership can use each week during the month of June: Teen Driving, June 1-5; Fall Protection, June 8-12; Overexertion, June 15-19; and, Distracted Driving, June 22-26.

The NSC and the Safety Council encourages our membership to use these four weekly themes short training sessions or in longer, specialized training sessions at the workplace. Posters and additional information can be found by going to [NSC.org](http://NSC.org) or by calling NSC's customer service at 800-621-7615. The Safety Council also offers our experienced trainers who can customize a special training session for your workplace needs.



National Safety Month is one opportunity that the Safety Council and NSC can use to educate the public about safety risks and behavior changes that can help protect them. With the additional support of our membership and community leaders, we can all make Michigan a safer place for everyone. Have a great National Safety Month!

## In the Spotlight – Electrical Safety

When we consider electrical safety, a mild electrical shock often comes to mind. Most disregard the potential for property damage, fire, and even fatality as a consequence of not being careful when working with electricity. An electric shock will be felt when a grounded surface and hazardous electrical equipment are touched at the same time. The shock happens when the flow of electric current (amperage) from the electrical equipment goes through the body to the ground. How serious the resulting injury may be depends on the part of the body receiving the current and how long the current flows. Even a small amount of amperage can cause a serious injury or be fatal.

Sound safety practices can help minimize electrical hazards and reduce the risk of accidents at the workplace and at home. Only trained, qualified and authorized employees are permitted to work on electrical equipment. Licensed electricians are qualified to inspect equipment, tools, machines, and lights to make sure they operate according to electrical code requirements. When using extension cords and appliance cords, the cords must be in good condition - not frayed - and properly rated for the way they are intended to be used. Three-prong receptacles are required for 3-prong plugs and circuits should have Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter (GFCI). Avoid working in damp or wet conditions with electrical equipment and make sure equipment is grounded and the wires are insulated. Do not wear metal jewelry that could make contact with electric current and wear eye protection where required. Wear safety approved rubber and leather gloves when required for working with electricity. Report electrical hazards, including damaged equipment to a supervisor or manager. Also, be sure to warn children and young adults to refrain from using hairdryers and radios in the bathroom.

If a co-worker or family member becomes injured in an electrical incident, contact emergency medical services immediately. Do not touch the person, do not try to use a tool to free the person, switch off the power at the fuse or circuit-breaker box, or pull the plug. Call the electrical company if you can't get the power shut off and follow the emergency instructions provided in the company safety policy.

Knowing how to be safe when working with electricity, and wearing proper personal-protective equipment, will help reduce the risk of accident or injury. Being prepared on how to respond in the event of an incident could also save lives. Be sure to check out the company safety policy to learn about the electrical hazards that might exist at your workplace.

## Your Donation Can Save Lives

The Safety Council for Southeast Michigan is a non-profit organization classified as a 501c3 which permits the collection of donations. All donations that the Safety Council may collect each year are used toward furthering the mission of providing quality health and safety information, education, and training programs to our members and the community. Your donation will save lives and help us grow toward a safer place for all of Michigan citizens. The Safety Council can collect donations at any time and would be honored to help organize memorial and tribute donations.

Together, with your donations, we can provide programs and training to make Michigan drivers safer, especially our inexperienced teen drivers; we can beat the statistics linked to injuries at the workplace; and, we can provide information that helps us all to be safer at the workplace, at home, and on the road.

If you would like to make a personal or corporate donation, please contact Jack Mihalko, President/CEO of the Safety Council at 248-858-8830. Thank you for your support.

## Our Mission

The Safety Council for Southeast Michigan is a not-for-profit, public service organization. As the primary leader, our purpose is to provide the highest quality health and safety information, education, and training programs for our members and the community.

The Council's goal is to prevent injuries and illnesses, and property loss concerning every aspect of a person's life. This will be accomplished through open communication and networking by our organization with Council members and the community.

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