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Useful & Helpful Links

<http://www.asse.org>
Link to the National ASSE webpage for information on great topics in EH&S

<http://hudsonrivervalley.asse.org>
Link to the Hudson River Valley Chapter web page. Information on the Local items and events as well as good information. Check us out.

<http://www.DigSafelyNewYork.com>
Link to Dig Safely New York, Inc.

Hotlinks in articles are in **Bold Red font**.

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Schools Are Open - Drive Carefully.

As summer comes to a close, back-to-school season is in full effect. Remember to **safely share the roads** with school buses, pedestrians and bicyclists, and provide children with the knowledge to stay safe at school. Please use this as a Safety Break / Tool Box talk.

Drivers should be aware children are walking or biking to school and slow down, especially in residential areas and school zones. Motorists should know what the yellow and red bus signals mean; Yellow flashing lights indicate the bus is getting ready to stop and motorists should slow down and be prepared to stop. Red flashing lights and an extended stop sign indicate the bus is stopped and children are getting on or off.

Drivers in both directions must stop their vehicles and wait until the lights go off, the stop sign is back in place and the bus is moving before they can start driving again. AAA offers six ways to keep kids safe this school year:

1. Slow down. Speed limits in school zones are reduced for a reason. A pedestrian struck by a vehicle traveling at 25 mph is nearly two-thirds less likely to be killed compared to a pedestrian struck by a vehicle traveling just 10 mph faster.
2. Eliminate distractions. Children often cross the road unexpectedly and may emerge suddenly between two parked cars. Research shows that taking your eyes off the road for just two seconds doubles your chances of crashing.
3. Reverse responsibly. Every vehicle has blind spots. Check for children on the sidewalk, driveway and around your vehicle before slowly backing up. Teach your children to **never** play in, under or around vehicles - even those that are parked.
4. Talk to your teen. Car crashes are the leading cause of death for teens in the United States, and more than one in four fatal crashes involving teen drivers occur during the after-school hours of 3 to 7 p.m. Get evidence-based guidance and tips at **TeenDriving.AAA.com**.
5. Come to a complete stop. Research shows that one third of drivers roll through stop signs in school zones or neighborhoods. Always come to a complete stop, checking carefully for children before proceeding.

6. Watch for bicycles. Children on bikes are often inexperienced, unsteady and unpredictable. Slow down and allow at least three feet of passing distance between your vehicle and the bicycle. If your child rides a bicycle to school, require that they wear a properly-fitted bicycle helmet on every ride. Find videos, expert advice and safety tips at <http://sharetheroad.aaa.com>

Immediate Action Required - Product Stop Use Recall / Replacement.

After more than 30 years of use in the Fall Protection Industry, the original DBI-SALA Lad-Saf sleeve has been replaced by a completely redesigned next generation Lad-Saf Sleeve.

Capital Safety/3M recently reviewed the performance of the original Lad-Saf sleeve in the field, including a limited number of incidents involving a serious injury or death in the United States while using the sleeve. Although the review did not reveal product hazard or risk scenarios that would arise in the ordinary and proper use of the product, it did reveal product hazard or risk scenarios that could result in serious injury or death. The potential misuse scenarios include interference with the braking mechanism (such as entanglement with cords, lanyards, clothing or other materials, or grasping the sleeve prior to or during a fall), or result from the user attaching the sleeve upside down (user inversion). No safety regulator has made a finding that the design of the original Lad-Saf sleeve is defective. *Device images are below this article.*

At 3M, customer safety and confidence are high priorities. In light of the reported incidents and potential misuse scenarios, we have discontinued sale of the original Lad-Saf sleeve, and are voluntarily initiating a full recall of all Load-Saf sleeves. Owners / Users of original Lad-Saf sleeves must:

- 1. Immediately stop using and quarantine all original Lad-Saf sleeves. Affected part numbers are:** 6100016, 6116500, 6116501, 6116502, 6116503, 6116504, 6116505, 6116506, 6116507, 6116509, 6116512, 6116535, 6116540, 6116541, 6116542, 6116500C, 6116500SM, 6116507/A, 6116540b.
- 2. Contact 3M Customer Services at 1-800-328-6146 (ext.2012), or email us at LADSAFNA@mmm.com to discuss the replacement of your returned units with an X2 or X3 sleeve, depending on your needs, at no cost to you.**

3M remains committed to providing quality products and services to our customers. We apologize for any inconvenience that this situation may cause you, but we are confident that you will be very pleased with the latest generation X2 and X3 Lad-Saf sleeves to keep your workers safe at height. We appreciate your continued support of 3M Fall Protection products and services.

3M Fall Protection – August 30, 2016. Verified - September 2, 2016.



October 13th - Underground Hazards and New York State Requirements.

The Chapter's Technical Meeting for October 13th will be about Underground Hazards and New York State Requirements. It is being held at the Hilton Garden Inn, 25 Westage Drive, Fishkill, NY 12524, at 6:00 PM. We are trying to arrange a demonstration using a Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) unit in the parking lot. If you are involved in excavation work in New York State, this is a good meeting for you to attend. The national number is "811" which will direct you to the local One Call center. In upstate New York that is "Dig Safely New York Call 811 Before You Dig". Their web site is full of great information:

<http://www.digsafelynewyork.com>

This topic will be presented by Mr. John Yehl. John is the Hudson Valley & Southern Tier Field Representative with his office located at 5063 Brittonfield Parkway, East Syracuse, NY 13057. Phone: 1-855-811-REPS (7377) ext. 3.



Training Opportunity - ASSE NYC Chapter with Site Safety, LLC

The ASSE New York City Chapter in association with Site Safety, LLC, is presenting a series of study courses as follows;

4 Day Construction Health and Safety Technician (CHST) certification course from October 30th 8:00A-5:00P; October 31st 5:00P-9:30P; November 1st 5:00P-9:30P; November 2nd 5:00P-9:30P.

The CHST certification is for individuals who work full or part time in health and safety activities devoted to the prevention of construction illnesses and injuries. Credits earned = 2.2 CEU's. **Register Now**

3 Day ASP Program Overview from October 31st 8:00A – 4:30P; November 1st 8:00A – 4:30P; November 2nd 8:00A – 4:30P.

The ASP is a person who performs at least 50% of professional level safety duties including making worksite assessments to determine risks, potential hazards and controls. Credits earned = 2.2 CEU's. **Register Now**

3 Day CSP Program Overview from November 3rd 8:00A – 5:00P; November 4th 8:00A – 5:00P; November 5th 8:00A – 5:00P.

The CSP's are persons who perform at least 50% of professional level safety duties, including making worksite assessments to determine risks, assessing potential hazards and controls, and hazard control measures. Credits earned = 2.2 CEU's. **Register Now**

About the Instructor; David L. Wheeler - CSP, CRSP, OHST, CHST.

Mr. Wheeler is a retired Senior NCO from the United States Air Force and holds Under Graduate Degrees in Occupational Education, Environmental Technologies and Environmental Services.

Students will receive as part of the class materials:

Texas Instruments TI-30X IIS 2-line scientific calculator

Two Volume Set of self-study Guide Training Materials for the course you are taking

“Things To Know” Classroom Handout

All courses will be held at:
21 West 38th Street, 11th Floor Training Room
New York, NY 10018

Download Guides for full details;

Complete Guide to the CHST

Complete Guide to the ASP

Complete Guide to the CSP

Or more information, please contact;
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New England Area 18th Annual Professional Development Conference.

Now that the kids are back in school continuing their education, it's time for you to do the same. Registration for the 18th Annual New England Area Professional Development Conference is open.

Log onto the NE PDC website for concurrent course information, location, fees, and registration. The website is; <http://region8.asse.org/events/357-2/>

ASSE Student Membership Drive.



**ASSE STUDENT
MEMBERSHIP
DRIVE**

Tell a Friend!

ASSE is holding a **Fall 2016 Student Membership Drive** to encourage student sections to add new members. The student section with the largest percentage increase in membership during the membership drive will receive \$200. The second place runner up will receive \$100.

Additionally, ten new student members will be entered into a drawing for \$25 Restaurant.com gift cards.

How does it work?

Ask new student members to enter the promo code **162STUREF** on their **ASSE application**. The student section will receive credit each time a new student member joins using this code. The winners will be announced following the November 18, 2016 deadline.

Visit the Fall 2016 Student Membership Drive web page at <http://www.asse.org/membership/fall-student-membership-drive/> for recruitment ideas and resources.

Fire Safety Directors Association of Greater New York Meeting Attended.

On September 13, 2016 this newsletter editor attended the regular scheduled monthly membership meeting of the Fire Safety Directors Association of Greater New York. This organization has its beginnings back in 1972 when three people began to meet to resolve some common issues found in fire/emergency situations at their facilities. This small group was the beginning of the present Association.

The City of New York passed Local Law #5 in 1973, which mandated all buildings in New York City 100 feet or taller, with 100 occupants above/below the street level, or a total of 500 occupants, must have a FDNY Certified Fire Safety Director present at all times. This law was improved and more requirements were added, especially after 09/11/2001. The Association membership is open to those interested in the fire protection of property and people. The organization works closely with all levels of FDNY. The main topic of this meeting was ESS Risk Mitigation in Hi-Rise Buildings, hosted by FDNY Commissioner Daniel Negro.

ESS stands for Energy Storage Systems, comprised of Lithium-Ion Battery plants. For saving energy and less air pollution, a plan is being developed to use these battery plants to power commercial buildings from 2:00 AM to 6:00 AM. Mitigation discussions included fire rated walls around the energy systems, separate ventilation systems for the spaces, access controlled entry doors, as well as electronic surveillance systems. Each of the discussed items will be further researched and incorporated in a new future regulation, or amended Fire Code section designed to cover these energy storage systems from a fire safety standpoint.