



Hello, Penn-Jersey, and welcome to the new Chapter year September newsletter. In this edition, you'll find information on the following:

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President's Message to Chapter

Welcome to the 2017/2018 Chapter Year!!!!

On behalf of the Penn-Jersey Chapter Executive Committee, I would like to welcome you to the 2016/2017 Chapter year. Your Executive Committee has been hard at work this summer putting together a series of Technical talks that will educate and inform.

I look forward to serving you as your President for my second term. If you have any questions, comments, or ideas, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at one of our technical talks, via email, or phone.

This year, I challenge you, the members... I challenge you to regularly attend the monthly technical meetings and challenge you to bring a friend or colleague to join the Society and our Chapter. Let's work together to increase attendance and increase our membership!

I look forward to seeing you at a future meeting!

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Michael McGowan, CHMM
President, ASSE Penn-Jersey

What's New

OSHA News:

Final Rule to Update General Industry Walking-Working Surfaces and Fall Protection Standards

Falls from heights and on the same level (a working surface) are among the leading causes of serious work-related injuries and deaths. OSHA has issued a final rule on Walking-Working Surfaces and Personal Fall Protection Systems to better protect workers in general industry from these hazards by updating and clarifying standards and adding training and inspection requirements.

The rule affects a wide range of workers, from painters to warehouse workers. It does not change construction or agricultural standards.

The rule incorporates advances in technology, industry best practices, and national consensus standards to provide effective and cost-efficient worker protection. Specifically, it updates general industry standards addressing slip, trip, and fall hazards (subpart D), and adds requirements for personal fall protection systems (subpart I).

Keep in mind the Timeline:

Most of the rule will become effective January 17, 2017, 60 days after publication in the Federal Register, but some provisions have delayed effective dates, including:

- Ensuring exposed workers are trained on fall hazards (May 17, 2017)
- Ensuring workers who use equipment covered by the final rule are trained (May 17, 2017)
- Inspecting and certifying permanent anchorages for rope descent systems (November 20, 2017)
- Installing personal fall arrest or ladder safety systems on new fixed ladders over 24 feet and on replacement ladders/ladder sections, including fixed ladders on outdoor advertising structures (November 19, 2018)
- Ensuring existing fixed ladders over 24 feet, including those on outdoor advertising

structures, are equipped with a cage, well, personal fall arrest system, or ladder safety system (November 19, 2018)

- Replacing cages and wells (used as fall protection) with ladder safety or personal fall arrest systems on all fixed ladders over 24 feet (November 18, 2036).

<https://www.osha.gov/walking-working-surfaces/index.html>

ASSE Local Chapter News:

The Penn-Jersey Chapter is always looking for assistance with the Chapter. If you are interested in helping out on a committee or potential running for one of the elected positions please let any member of the executive board know. The Chapter is always happy to have more volunteers.



Check out the latest [Howard Talks Tech](#) written by our very own Howard Spencer. These articles are perfect discussion starters that are useful in guiding others to safety so please take a moment and explore the collection of topics.



If you are currently signed-up for LinkedIn don't forget to connect with the ASSE Penn-Jersey Chapter network. We have 61 members and counting! Will you be the next member?

Are you always wondering how to support the ASSE Foundation than look no further because we are still selling "I LOVE SAFETY" t-shirts for \$20/each. All proceeds from the sale benefit the ASSE Foundation. Please contact Danielle DiGironimo if you are interested in making a purchase at ddigironimo@hotmail.com.



Upcoming Events

Technical Session:

The first Technical Session of the new chapter year will be on September 19th at 5:30. The topic will be:

Playground Safety: The hidden Hazards Lurking in Your Schoolyard or Local Park

Playgrounds are an important element in the growth of children. The U. S. Consumer Product Safety Commission has long recognized the potential hazards that exist with the use of playground equipment, with over 200,000 estimated emergency room-treated injuries annually as well as the 15 deaths each year. Experts generally agree the majority of these could be prevented, if playground owners and operators follow widely available safety standards and if manufacturers design equipment carefully and warn users adequately. Safe design, proper warnings, and adherence to safe standards of operation are not too much to ask for the safety of children.

Our speaker will be our very own Howard Spencer. I could go on and on about Howard and his professional accomplishments but I think I can sum it all up in this way. Howard is the mal version of Mary Poppins, he is practically perfect in every way.

ASP/CSP Review Course:

Sponsored by the Penn-Jersey, Philadelphia and New Jersey Chapters of ASSE

Associate Safety Professional (ASP) Prep Course (3-day course). Monday, November 13, 2017 – Wednesday, November 15, 2017.

Certified Safety Professional (CSP) Prep Course (3-day course). Thursday, November 16, 2017 – Saturday, November 18, 2017

Both will be held at: Rutgers EcoComplex, Bordentown, NJ <http://ecocomplex.rutgers.edu/>

The instructors for both class are from Langlois, Weigand & Associates, Inc. (Instructors used by ASSE)

The cost per course is \$625 from now through October

13, 2017. The fee includes course manual and meals (continental breakfast and lunch)

Those with a CSP or other certification can attend it as a refresher course and obtain recertification points and CEU's.

Register using PayPal at the Penn-Jersey ASSE website, <http://penn-jersey.asse.org/>

App of the Month

iAuditor is a mobile checklist app used for creating checklists, conducting audits and sending off reports on the spot. You can easily build inspection checklists in mobile-friendly forms. Access all your checklist forms on any mobile device. Inspections can be conducted quickly and efficiently. One of the nice features is you can add in photos, location, electronic signatures and more. You have the ability to generate reports that can be instantly and send to anyone inside or outside of your organization. All inspection reports are backed up and stored securely. View performance and spot trends with collected information in analytics dashboards.

It is available for iPhone, iPad, Android and Windows



To learn more about it please visit:
<https://safetyculture.com/iauditor/>

Have Something to Share with the Chapter?

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