



# AGC MEMBER GUIDE

A CHAPTER OF THE ASSOCIATED GENERAL CONTRACTORS OF AMERICA

## Safety Services

Being part of the AGC gives members many advantages and safety is one of those advantages. As any contractor knows, managing your projects for production is important, but now especially, it is extremely important to manage your project for safety. By proactively managing the dangers that are part of the building process, a contractor sets himself ahead of his competition. When contractors complete projects on time, within budget, with high quality and with an excellent safety record, it validates an owner's decision to use that contractor. Owners are recognizing the value of a safe operating contractor on their projects and are more willing to give those contractors an advantage in working for them.

AGC offers many avenues that AGC members can take advantage to reach their goal of safety excellence. Members can take advantage of safety training services, safety networking, a safety lending library, several safety products and of course safety advice from two safety professionals that are only a phone call or e-mail away to answer your safety concerns. In a contractor's 'promote and manage' stage, we offer an AGC-MIOSHA Alliance. And to recognize and promote your safety success, AGC offers three safety award programs that a member contractor can participate in to be able to receive safety awards for their excellence safety performance.

All AGC safety services, be it from AGC of Michigan or AGC of America are communicated to you in a variety of ways. Safety and health bulletins get sent out on key issues. Articles are placed in AGC of Michigan's weekly electronic newsletter Midweek Briefing and on our website, [www.agcmichigan.org](http://www.agcmichigan.org). And AGC of America provides a safety newsletter and a host of information on their website, [www.agc.org](http://www.agc.org).

### Safety Training

Safety training at the AGC of Michigan is available via many programs. There is On Site Safety Awareness training, MTI MIOSHA training and OSHA training that are offered throughout the year. Along with these types of training, three Michigan Construction Safety Training Day events are offered throughout the state in Lansing, Livonia and Marquette. These particular training events are offered in March and February. Presently, we also offer on-line internet safety and health training from our website. AGC's internet programs can be taken in the convenience of your office or home, with a certificate provided at the conclusion of the training. Some of the fore mentioned training is at no charge and some at a nominal fee. In fact, scholarship money is available via the MIOSHA CET division. Contact AGC for details.

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### **Safety Networking**

AGC of Michigan members have the opportunity to network with other safety specialists from fellow AGC member firms. Members can join the chapter Safety & Health Committee which can provide access to some of the best construction safety experts in the industry. Along with local access, the National AGC has a Safety and Health Committee that members can join and further expand their network of safety advisors.

### **Safety Lending Library**

AGC of Michigan offers a Safety and Health video loaning service. The chapter has a wide range of safety and health videos that members can borrow to enhance their safety training.

### **Safety Products**

Members can purchase several safety products to assist in safety performance and compliance. The products are offered at a nominal cost and can be reviewed at our website – [www.agcmichigan.org](http://www.agcmichigan.org). Along with the chapter's safety products, AGC of America has dozens of safety DVDs, publications and more that are some of the best in the industry.

### **AGC Safety Professionals – An Extension of your Staff**

The chapter's two safety professionals can advise and assist a member on any safety and health issue that presents itself. Both safety specialists come from a construction background and have several decades of safety experience. Working with MIOSHA, the safety staff of AGC can give you the best advice available in the regards to MIOSHA compliance. Like other professional AGC staff, consider these individuals as an extension of your staff!

### **AGC / MIOSHA Alliances**

The AGC / MIOSHA Alliance is a cooperative program with MIOSHA to assist in enhancing the member contractors' safety performance. The program mandates a contractor to promote safety with a banner posted at the job indicating that this project is part of an alliance with MIOSHA that has a special emphasis on safety. The alliance program requires a participating contractor to offer special safety training at the jobsite along with allowing MIOSHA CET division an open door to inspect for safety and to assist and ensure safety compliance.

### **Safety Awards**

The AGC of Michigan offers three safety award programs to recognize outstanding safety performance by members. There is the chapter safety award program along with two AGC of America safety award programs.

The chapter safety award program offers two named awards depending on the performance. There is the Michigan Outstanding Safety Performance Award and the Safety Honor Roll Award. This program evaluates the safety performance of a contractor based on their lost work day case incident (injury) rate for the calendar year.

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At the national level, there is the National AGC Safety Award (NASA) program that is similar to the chapter safety award program, by evaluating the safety performance on a calendar year basis and on the lost work day incident (injury) rate. Winners of the chapter and NASA programs are based on the best injury rate, with zero being the best.

The third safety award program is called the Construction Safety Excellence Award. This program looks at what a company has in place within its safety policies and operations to be able to reach an excellent safety performance. Yes, the award program does consider actual safety performance, but the biggest concern is its policies and procedures. The Construction Safety Excellence Safety Award is evaluated over a 2 year basis.

### **Staff Safety Professionals**

AGC of Michigan has two staff safety professionals working on your behalf. Pete Anderson (517/371-1550 or [panderson@agcmichigan.org](mailto:panderson@agcmichigan.org)) works in the Lansing office and covers the outstate area of Michigan. Rick Mee (313/533-3509 or [rnee@agcmichigan.org](mailto:rnee@agcmichigan.org)) works in the Redford office and covers the southeast Michigan and metro Detroit areas. Pete and Rick both have well over 20 years of experience in the construction industry.

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