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Texas Mutual News

Make safety a universal language



In 2015, there were 26.3 million foreign-born people in the U.S. labor force, comprising 16.7 percent of the total. This week's blog post explained how to break down communication barriers and make safety a universal language...[MORE](#)

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MSHA issues water-related fatalities safety alert

Since 2005, 24 miners have died while working on or near water. A recent MSHA safety alert explains the hazards and provides safety tips...[MORE](#)

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OSHA now offers its entire website in Spanish

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OSHA seeks first update to shipyard fall rules since 1971

OSHA is seeking input on proposals to revise its fall protection rules for shipyard settings. According to the public notice, OSHA would make the regulations more consistent and do more to determine technological advances, best practices and outdated provisions. OSHA has not updated its shipyard fall protection standards since 1971...[MORE](#)



Studies, Resources, Trends

Your aging workforce and the work comp implications

By the year 2022, nearly 68 percent of 55- to 64-year-olds will still be working, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Older workers bring experience and the ability to mentor younger workers. But they also present challenges, including health issues and higher workers' comp claim costs...[MORE](#)

Study examines how financing constraints affect workplace safety



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BWC awards Ohio universities funding for workplace safety research

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