

Compliance Corner NATIONAL

Enhance Your Safe Workplace
North American Occupational Safety and Health week is held every year during the first full week of May to raise awareness about occupational safety and prevent worker injuries and illnesses. The American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE) raises the public's awareness about safety in the workplace during this week. Brunswick County Government participates in this focus each year by hosting activities in our various worksites. Using this focus we increase attention to the importance of keeping all employees injury and illness free in the workplace.

See events listed in training section and join us to Enhance Your Safe Workplace!

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NC Health Choice Program

Health Choice (NCHC) Health Insurance Program for Children is medical coverage for children ages 6-18 years old whose family makes too much money to qualify for Medicaid, but too little to afford private or employer-sponsored health insurance. The enrollment fee must be paid for each 12 month continuous enrollment period. Your monthly countable income cannot be more than the amounts listed in the chart to the right.

LOCAL

Hurricane Preparedness

Brunswick County Emergency Services' annual Hurricane Preparedness Briefing will be held on May 29th at 1:00 p.m. on the campus of Brunswick Community College, in the Virginia Williamson Event Center. To register, contact Leslie Stanley at lstanley@brunswickes.com before May 21st.



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For Safety's Sake... Evacuation Planning

As in past years, we set aside time in May for building evacuations drills. Each department leader creates an evacuation plan that identifies the following:

1. A pre-appointed person(s) to immediately activate the building's alarm system and call 911.
2. All personnel and citizens must exit through stairs and doors, do not use elevators.
3. Assemble at a predetermined safe area (a minimum of 300 feet from the building). *Example: The recommended meeting place for the Administration Building is in the parking lot in front of the building; at least 300 feet away, since it allows for an exit strategy.*
4. Designate a person to go to the intersection and direct firefighters.
5. Account for co-workers at the safe area and notify authorities of anyone missing.
6. Re-enter the building only after firefighters permit.

By discussing these events *before* they occur, we invest in each other and develop a successful evacuation plan. For help in making your department's evacuation plan successful, email egardner@brunSCO.net and ask for assistance!

NC Health Choice Program Monthly Income Limits

Family Size	1	2	3	4	5	6
No annual enrollment fee	\$1547.00	\$2085.00	\$2623.00	\$3161.00	\$3699.00	\$4237.00
\$50 or \$100 enrollment fee	\$2052.00	\$2766.00	\$3480.00	\$4194.00	\$4908.00	\$5622.00

Saving lives is taxing!



Tax Office CPR Training

Traffic Info - To access NCDOT Mobile, type "m.ncdot.gov" into the browser of your smartphone. Then, bookmark it to save for future reference. NCDOT Mobile is compatible with most phones. Use this tool for time savings and road closings updates.

SAFE TRACK

Most Frequent Type of Injuries

Most Frequent Type of Injury	# of Injuries per Injury Type	Total Cost per Injury Type	Av. Cost per Injury
Strain by lifting	7	54,900	7,843
Fall slip no elevation	4	34,860	8,715
Fall slip with elevation	1	25,819	25,819
Struck	1	14,454	14,454
Injury by Vehicle	6	12,764	2,127

69% of injuries are received within 2 working days - Spring into action and prevent accidents in your workplace!



Emergency Evacuations REACT To Fire

It's hard to say how you will react until you are in the position of having to manage a life threatening event. Put this technique in place for your own personal response plan:

- R**emove Persons from immediate danger
- E**nsure Doors and windows are closed (prevent smoke/fire spread)
- A**ctivate the building alarm (inform people)
- C**all 911
- T**reat all evacuations, even drills, as a real event

Off The Wall ...Training for your next safety meeting

Post this on the wall for everyone to see



Take Away Tips...Forklift Operator Training 29 CFR 1910.66 Powered Platforms

NC OSHA Requires all employees who operate working platforms to be trained in the following:

- Recognition of, and preventive measures for, the safety hazards in their individual work tasks.
- General recognition and prevention of safety hazards associated with the use of working platforms, including the provisions in the section relating to the particular working platform to be operated.

Basic First Aid Defibrillator Training - Call 253-2078 to set up your department training now

Ramp up for OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY WEEK MAY 6th THRU 9th (time and locations to be announced)

- Emergency Action Planning
- AED and CPR Training
- Ergonomics for Dummies
- Respirator Training

Every supervisor is responsible for providing job specific safety training for all employees in their charge. This training illustrates the potential for on the job hazards, how to prevent them, and company protocol in case of an accident or emergency. Refer to the training calendar below to keep your training program current.

BRUNSWICK COUNTY SAFETY TRAINING CALENDAR

Month	Level I	Level II	Contact Person	Contact #
	<u>All Departments</u>	<u>Occupation Specific</u>		
April	Driver Training Forklift Training	Driver Training Forklift Training	Eileen Gardner Bryan Hollis	253.2078 253.2509
May	Evacuation & Fire Safety	Evacuation & Fire Safety	Fire Marshal	253.2572
June	Bloodborne Pathogens	Bloodborne Pathogens	Fred Michael	253.2298
July	Personal Protective Equipment Ergonomics	Personal Protective Equipment Respiratory- SCBA Fit Test/Hearing	Eileen Gardner Eileen Gardner	253.2078 253.2078
August	Equipment Safety	Global Harmonization / Lab Safety	Fred Michael	253.2298
September	Hand Tool Safety	Confined Spaces Machine Guarding	Ronald Moore Bryan Hollis	253.2680 253.2509
October	Flammables & Combustibles	Flammables and Combustibles	Fire Marshal	253.2572
November	Electrical Safety	LOTO	Eileen Gardner	253.2078
December	Safety Review	Plant Safety Review	All Members	

Additional safety training is provided at the request of the department head. Driver training can be done throughout the year at employee orientation. Contact the Risk Manager for all your safety training needs.

Email egardner@brunscoco.net to schedule your department's training!

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CDL Driver Tips

Tip #1 - CDL licensed drivers must keep their DOT medical card up to date.

Tip #2 - Do not text or use a hand held mobile phone while driving.

Buddy Sellers, OS

A Safety Tip brought to you by your Safety Review Team.