

THE SAFETY NET

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“PRAY FOR THE DEAD & FIGHT LIKE HELL FOR THE LIVING”

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OSH NEWS HIGHLIGHTS

News Release: U.S. Department of Labor | April 28, 2023

U.S. Department of Labor finds Amazon failed to provide injured employees proper medical treatment at Castleton, N.Y., fulfillment facility.

Read full news release: <https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDOL/bulletins/357a64c>

Statement From NYS DOT Region 10 Director Richard Causin | April 21, 2023

“There is nothing we do at the Department of Transportation more important than keeping our workers safe. In this regard, a new pilot program was launched – the Automated Work Zone Speed Enforcement Program, which is another tool being utilized to get motorists to slow down and further protect our workers.”

Read full news release: <https://www.dot.ny.gov/news/press-releases/2023/2023-04-21>

News Release: U.S. Department of Labor | May 1, 2023

The U.S. Department of Labor announces national emphasis program to reduce, prevent workplace falls, a leading cause of workplace fatalities. OSHA initiative aligns enforcement, outreach efforts to protect workers.

Read full news release: <https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDOL/bulletins/35825a7>

READER'S RESPONSE

You Asked For it, You Got it!

CSEA has organized a campaign initiative including resources such as tick removal keys, tick identification charts, posters, and other reference materials to help bring awareness to this issue.

For more information, visit:
cseany.org/ticks

What would you be interested in reading about in the Safety Net? Reach out to us!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Everyone Plays a Role in Work Zone Safety

April 17-21 was National Work Zone Awareness Week, but let's continue to be alert and use extra caution every day to encourage safe driving through highway work zones.

New: Work Zone Safety Fact Sheet: <https://tinyurl.com/OSH-Work-Zone>

Order Your Free Supply! Don't Zone Out & Slow Down to Get Around Campaign Materials

Order a free supply of Don't Zone Out & Slow Down to Get Around magnets and/or window clings while supplies last! **Order online at** <https://tinyurl.com/OSH-OrderForm>

Check Out CSEA's Work Zone Awareness webpage:
<https://cseany.org/wza>

SAFETY QUOTE

“Pray for the dead and fight like hell for the living.”

– Mary Harris “Mother” Jones

DID YOU KNOW?

On average, more than 100 workers are killed every week in the United States due to traumatic injuries suffered at work. More than 20 times as many workers die from occupational diseases, often due to exposure to hazardous substances many years before they died.

“DEAR BERNIE” ADVICE COLUMN

Write to “Dear Bernie” with your questions or concerns relating to workplace safety and health and receive advice from our OSH professionals!

Submissions will be published anonymously.

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REFLECTING ON WORKERS' MEMORIAL DAY 2023 (WMD)

On April 28, the nation observed Workers' Memorial Day, a day dedicated to “mourn for the dead and fight like hell for the living,” as labor organizer Mary Harris “Mother” Jones once put it. In honor of our fallen workers, here are a few highlights from this past Workers' Memorial Day 2023.

CSEA Members attend Workers' Memorial Day ceremonies

On April 28, dozens of CSEA members from across the state attended a Capital District Area Labor Federation Workers' Memorial Day ceremony in Saratoga Springs, which was held near the site of our union's Women's Conference. Our union members also participated in other Workers' Memorial Day events across the state.



Town of Colonie Unit B President Bill Alund (far left), Central New York DDSO Local 9th Vice President Nikita Brigham (third from left) and CSEA Metropolitan Region President Lester Crockett (fourth from left) join other union members in a memorial ceremony for fallen Capital District workers at the Capital District Area Labor Federation ceremony in Saratoga Springs.



CSEA Central Region officers, activists and staff also recently held a Workers' Memorial Day ceremony in Ilion, where members planted and dedicated a tree to our union members who have lost their lives on the job.

Learn more at <https://cseany.org/workforce/?p=12366>

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April: The Month of Workplace Disasters – Jordan Barab

“April 28 is Workers' Memorial Day — a day dedicated to memorializing those killed on the job and rededicating ourselves to fighting for the living. April 28 was picked because it's the anniversary of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration. And coincidentally, April is an especially tragic time to remember some of the most serious workplace tragedies in American — and world — history.” – Jordan Barab | APR 20, 2022. Read full blog post: <https://jordanbarab.com/confinedspace/2022/04/20/april-the-month-of-workplace-disasters/>

OSHA's Workers' Memorial Day 2023 Wreath Laying Ceremony

In addition to the many events held nationwide, the U.S. Department of Labor held a moving ceremony in Washington D.C. on April 28. From the words of OSHA's new Family Liaison Tonya Ford to OSHA and MSHA directors, Acting Labor Secretary Julie Su and AFL-CIO President Liz Shuler, and Wanda Engracia, who lost her husband, to the wreath laying that concluded the ceremony. Watch the U.S. Department of Labor's Workers' Memorial Day ceremony: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sZoFLUMebNE>

President Joe Biden's Workers' Memorial Day Statement

“A safe and healthy workplace is fundamental. In the United States of America, no one should have to risk their lives just to make a living. Today, we honor those workers who put it all on the line, and we keep their families in our hearts. We celebrate the whistleblowers and union organizers whose courage and persistence has saved countless lives, and we join them in standing up for all American workers, who are the best in the world.” – April 27, 2023 | A Proclamation on Workers' Memorial Day 2023 Read full post: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2023/04/27/a-proclamation-on-workers-memorial-day-2023/>

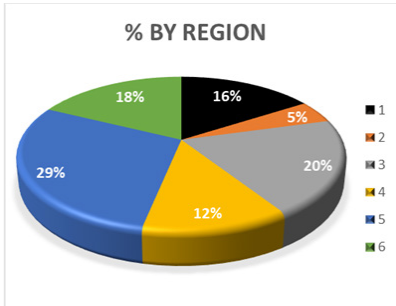
MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

What's your story? We would love to hear it! Share your content, which could simply be a safety-related quote/slogan, meme, or photo. You may also submit your own written content; tell us about a particular experience, success story, or give a shoutout to a CSEA member/committee/local or unit that deserves some recognition! **Please note that all content must be original or attributed to the original source.**

*All participants receive a prize!

CSEA MEMBER FATALITY DATA: 1983-2023

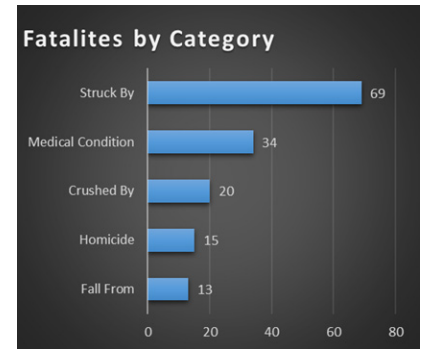
Since 1983, CSEA Central Region 5 has experienced the most work-related fatalities:



Highway maintenance workers are most likely to be killed on the job, ranking the highest at 28 total fatalities since 1983:



The No. 1 cause of work-related deaths since 1983 is being struck by a vehicle or other large piece of equipment:



GET INVOLVED

Be an Advocate for Safety: Help Rebuild CSEA's Safety Network!

Download/print this newsletter in bulletin format: cseany.org/safetynet

Show us a photo of the newsletter bulletin posted in your workplace to receive a prize!

*Send photos to bernadette.foley@cseainc.org

Get Featured in the Safety Net

We love hearing from you! More importantly, readers truly enjoy and connect with member-driven content. Our goal is to gain visibility and strengthen CSEA's safety network. What better way to do this than to hear from one another and learn in the process?

Send in your content by responding to any of the following newsletter columns: "**Member Spotlight**," "**Dear Bernie**," or "**Readers' Response**."

**All who participate will receive a prize! NOTE: Names and any other personal information will NOT be published without permission.*

**All submissions can be emailed to bernadette.foley@cseainc.org*

MEMBER RESOURCES

Materials & Publications

View/download – A-Z list of fact sheets: cseany.org/safety-resources

Request Free Prints – Publications Order Form: <https://tinyurl.com/OSH-publication-form>

Workshop Trainings & Webinars

View/Watch – webinar trainings: cseany.org/osh-webinars

CSEA Occupational Safety & Health (OSH) Specialists

Have a general safety concern?

Contact your OSH Specialist here: cseany.org/member-support

WORKERS' COMPENSATION

Hurt at Work? CSEA endorses the law firm of Fine, Olin and Anderman Get started now by visting <https://www.foalaw.com/csea-members/> or call at 855-637-1207.

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