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## **FEDERAL OSHA UPDATE: Tripping, Slipping, and Falling Hazards**

OSHA has announced plans to require improved worker protection from tripping, slipping, and falling hazards on walking and working surfaces. An estimated 20 fatalities and more than 3,500 injuries occur annually which require days away from work caused by slipping or falling. Current general industry regulations are not as safe and effective as those in place for the construction and maritime industries; more stringent rules would become required in all industries. In addition, the new standard would allow OSHA to cite employers for not requiring fall protection when climbing certain types of ladders.

For more information, visit the federal register notice at <http://s.dol.gov/3J>

## **FEDERAL OSHA UPDATE: Hexavalent Chromium**

Employers are required to notify their employees of all hexavalent chromium exposures as of **June 15, 2010**. Previously, employers were only required to notify employees if exposure exceeded the permissible exposure limit. Hexavalent chromium may be created when handling pigments, spray paints, or coatings containing chromates, operating chrome plating baths, and welding or cutting metals containing chromium (e.g. stainless steel). Exposure to hexavalent chromium increases the risk of developing lung cancer or damage to the skin and eyes.

OSHA developed a safety and health topic page on hexavalent chromium at <https://www.osha.gov/SLTC/hexavalentchromium/index.html>



## **IEA's 19th Annual Bloodborne Pathogens Seminar**

**August 25, 2010 — 8:30-2:30 — Crown Plaza Minneapolis North**

**H1N1 (surveillance and vaccine), varicella vaccine changes, emergency planning, and compliance with the BBP standard from MDH and MN OSHA**

**For more information and registration please go to**

**<http://www.ieainstitute.com/PDF/2010-bloodborne-pathogens-seminar.pdf>**

## **MN SCHOOLS—2010 Health and Safety Policy Letter**

- Attachment 10 replaces Attachment 99—click here for final draft  
<http://www.ieainstitute.com/PDF/Form-Attachment-10.doc>
- Due to MN Department of Education by July 23, 2010
- Letter was mailed to Superintendents and is posted on the MDE website at [http://education.state.mn.us/MDE/Accountability\\_Programs/Program\\_Finance/Facilities\\_Health\\_Safety/index.html](http://education.state.mn.us/MDE/Accountability_Programs/Program_Finance/Facilities_Health_Safety/index.html)



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