



# New England Roundtable Online Series

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## April 10, 2024: FLSA Best Practices and Updates

**Presented by: Ana Maria Rogers Community Outreach and Resource Planning Specialist  
Northern New England District Office United States Department of Labor Wage and Hour Division**

Overview of the Fair Labor Standards Act to include minimum wage, overtime, record keeping, and child labor. This session will also go over the new final rule for independent contractors and the new proposed final rule for salaried employees.

## April 17, 2024: OSHA's Confined Space Requirements

**Presented by: Michael Ziskin, CHMM, CBCP, CUSP, FIHMM**

This is not a new topic at all, but workers die every day because they do not recognize the dangers of confined spaces. Regulatory compliance is not effective enough and we must go beyond compliance.

This presentation will include:

1. An overview of the OSHA General Industry 1910.146 and Construction 1926.1201-1213 Standards;
2. A comparison and contrast of both OSHA Standards with the ANSI Z117.1 - 2022 Standard;
3. Definitions of enclosed, non-permit and permit required confined space entry;
4. Training, testing, permits and rescue considerations; and
5. An illustrative discussion of confined spaces.

## April 24, 2024: How to Avoid a DOT Audit

**Presented by: Roy T. Roberts Consulting Group, LLC  
Steve Piwowarski, Division Administrator, US DOT FMCSA**

An introduction into the triggers and mechanics of the FMCSA CSA (Compliance, Safety, and Accountability) safety scoring system. Unlike the historical habit of drivers avoiding inspections by Troopers at the roadside it is now demonstrable that multiple inspections show exactly how effective your safety management system is working. The end user for transportation safety is the driver and before your system can be useful they must understand how things have changed. Lastly, understanding the distinct difference between preventable and non-preventable crashes is a top priority. Are you providing your professional drivers the information they need to succeed?



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## May 1, 2024: OSHA Workplace Violence

**Presented by: Lisa Sullivan, OSHA Enforcement Programs**

Workplace violence is a major concern for employers and employees nationwide. Workplace violence is any act or threat of physical violence, harassment, intimidation, or other threatening disruptive behavior that occurs at the work site. It ranges from threats and verbal abuse to physical assaults and even homicide. It can affect and involve employees, clients, customers and visitors. Acts of violence and other injuries is currently the third-leading cause of fatal occupational injuries in the United States. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries (CFOI), of the 5,333 fatal workplace injuries that occurred in the United States in 2019, 761 were cases of intentional injury by another person.

By assessing worksites, employers can identify methods for reducing the likelihood of incidents occurring. This presentation will cover risk factors, precautions, implemented workplace violence prevention programs, engineering controls, administrative controls, training and other ways to reduce the incidence of workplace violence workplaces as well as OSHA Directive and citation policy.

## May 8, 2024: Exoskeletons: Current understanding, benefits and challenges in the OSH industry

**Presented by: Dr. Lito Amit, Amit, LPT, ASP Assistant Professor • Director, Graduate Program; Safety and Occupational Health Applied Sciences**

In this presentation, we will explore the multifaceted landscape of exoskeletons within industrial contexts. Attendees will gain insights into the substantial benefits of exoskeletons ranging from injury prevention and ergonomic support to heightened worker efficiency. This presentation will also unravel the challenges that accompany the integration of exoskeletons into diverse industries, addressing issues such as adaptability, user experience, and cost considerations. The speaker will also provide an overview of the current understanding of exoskeleton technology, incorporating latest research findings and real-world case scenarios.

## May 15, 2024: Head Protection

**Presented by: Jack Padden - CPMR, QSSP**

## May 22, 2024: Lockout / Tagout

**Presented by: The New England Consortium (TNEC)**



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## May 29, 2024: NFPA 70B

### **Presented by: Derek Vigstol, Electrical Safety Consultant for Ehazard**

The purpose of NFPA 70B is “to provide for the practical safeguarding of persons, property, and processes from the risks associated with failure, breakdown, or malfunction” of electrical equipment. An additional part of the scope also serves to provide “a means to establish a condition of maintenance of electrical equipment and systems for safety and reliability.”

In 2023, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 70B changed from a “Recommended Practice” to a “Standard” containing mandatory language for the development, implementation and operation of an electrical maintenance program Electrical Maintenance Program (EMP). NFPA 70B is the standard that can now be both utilized and enforced, to ensure that the proper conditions of maintenance have been established.

Before joining e-Hazard in 2021, Derek was with the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) for 6 years as, respectively, a Senior Electrical Specialist, an Electrical Technical Lead, and a Senior Electrical Content Specialist.

He was SME for the development of the entire suite of training on the 2020 National Electrical Code and was the technical reviewer for the 2017 NEC and 2018 NFPA 70E training products from NFPA.

He authors a regular column in IAEI Magazine and the NFPA Journal and is a regular contributor to other periodicals including EC&M, Electrical Contractor, and IEC’s Insights. Derek was the primary author of the 21st edition of the Electrical Wiring: Residential textbook from Cengage Learning. He has also been an instructor at Minneapolis Electrical JATC and owned a home inspection business.

## June 5, 2024: Panel Discussion

## Summer break until September!



**Wednesdays**

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