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## The Safety Scoop

A publication of the Safety Council of Southwestern Ohio to save lives and prevent injury through education and partnerships.

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## Reduce Your Risks -- Heat Safety: Are You "Too Hot to Handle"?



The body normally cools itself by sweating. During hot weather, especially with high humidity, sweating isn't enough. Body temperature can rise to dangerous levels if you don't drink enough water and rest in the shade. You can suffer from heat exhaustion or heat stroke.

Any worker exposed to hot and humid conditions is at risk of heat illness, especially those doing heavy work tasks or using bulky protective clothing and equipment. Some workers might be at greater risk than others if they have not built up a tolerance to hot conditions, including new workers, temporary workers, or those returning to work after a week or more off. All workers are at risk during a heat wave.

It is very important to watch out for each other during extreme heat. Simple overheating and dehydration can quickly become dangerous. Here is what to look out for and what actions to take:

[What to Look for and what Actions to take as well as Resource links](#)

## Reduce Your Risks On the Road: Operation Safe Driver Week July 12-18



The Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance's (CVSA) 2020 Operation Safe Driver Week is July 12-18. During this week-long traffic enforcement safety initiative, law enforcement personnel throughout North America will be looking for drivers who are engaging in unsafe driving behaviors on our roadways. Identified drivers will be pulled over by law

enforcement and may be issued a warning or citation.

According to the Governors Highway Safety Association (GHSA), less traffic may be encouraging some drivers to ignore traffic safety laws, including speed limits. Despite there being far fewer vehicles on the road due to COVID-19 stay-at-home orders, many jurisdictions are seeing a **severe spike in speeding**.

Operation Safe Driver is committed to [improving driving behaviors among commercial vehicle drivers](#). Even the most seasoned drivers acknowledge that there is always room for improvement. We have created educational kits for motor carrier safety personnel and their drivers for the sole purpose of improving professional commercial motor vehicle driver behaviors.

[FREE Resources available here](#)



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of Southwestern Ohio**

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## **Next Monthly Occupational Safety Meeting:**

~~Wednesday, July 22, noon~~  
Central Connections

**Topic: 8 Dimensions of Wellness**

The July meeting has been canceled as directed by State of Ohio BWC, CDC, and state government officials in response to the Coronavirus COVID-19 outbreak. The health and safety of our members is our top priority.

We will begin VIRTUAL meetings in August. More details will be coming soon.

As did the in-person monthly meetings, we will virtually host speakers on a wide variety of topics that will help employers reduce injuries and illness in the workplace. We will continue to keep the sessions informative and engaging and offer door prizes to participants. We look forward to continuing to serve your safety education needs.

## **Reduce Your Risks In the Workplace: COVID-19 Resources**

We encourage you to share this information as broadly as possible. Although this is by far not an exhaustive list of all the resources available to businesses, it provides a lot of information and resource links compiled in one location. It includes a list of general COVID-19 resources grouped by agency, a section with resources on reopening workplaces, and additional industry-specific section. If you have additional resources we can share with others please let us know.

[COVID-19 Resources](#)

## **Middletown Youth Coalition**

Have you heard about us? We'd love for you to learn more about our efforts to bridge the gaps between our area's youth and adults. We are a youth-led coalition.

Check out our page on Facebook and be on the lookout for our future efforts:

[Middletown Youth Coalition](#)



The Coalition for a Healthy Middletown works to provide knowledge and skills to increase the number of those parenting for prevention. All parents and guardians are encouraged to sign up and be in the KNOW.

Sign up to receive KNOW! parent tips

## News You Can Use

### Safety Council Now Offers On-Line New Drivers' Ed Instruction

Have a teen that needs their driver education instruction?  
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