

CONNECTION

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"Solid Solutions Seeking Sustainability"

- Mr. Frank Parker CIH, CSP, PE, BCEE awarded The George and Florence Clayton Award!

The Yuma Pacific Southwest (YPSW) section of the American Industrial Association Hygiene awarded Frank The George and Florence Clayton Award for Lifetime Achievement. Frank, a YPSW past president, was recognized for his over 50 years of practice and many contributions to the Industrial Hygiene profession.



CONGRATULATIONS FRANK!!!

<http://www.ypswaiha.org/>

Article 1

NIOSH Clarifies Definitions of Respirator-Sealing Surfaces, Facial Stubble

"The notice applies to all primary seals of tight-fitting full-and half-face piece respirators and to tight-fitting respirator designs that rely on a neck dam seal."

Crossword Puzzle!

Article 2

Sixth Annual National Stand-Down to Prevent Falls: May 6-10, 2019

What is a Safety Stand Down? Can I participate?

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Bring Safety Home

Your home cleaning products have the potential to become hazardous to our loved ones. Do you know who to call if someone has ingested a hazardous product?

Article 4

OSHA Electronic Record Keeping Rule

OSHA is rescinding two major parts of its electronic recordkeeping rule. Do you know which ones and if it will affect you?

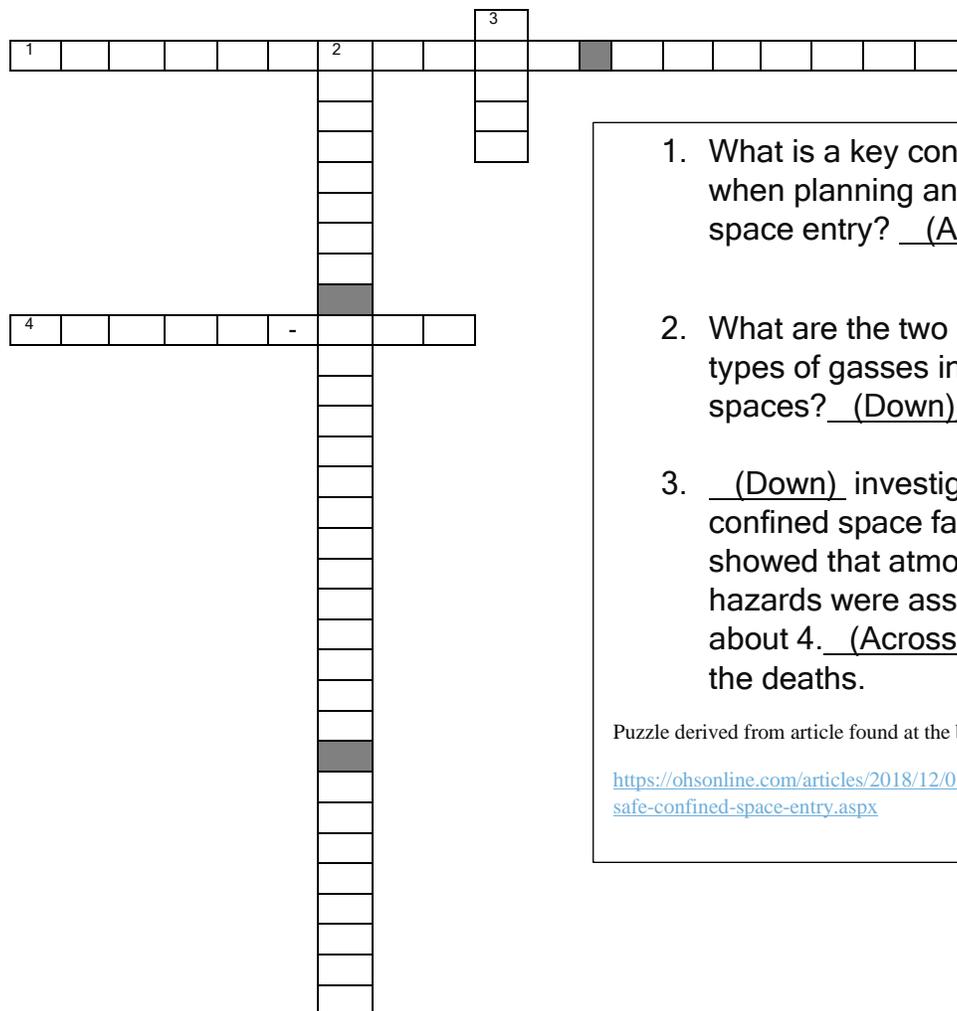
NIOSH CLARIFIES DEFINITIONS OF RESPIRATOR-SEALING SURFACES, FACIAL STUBBLE

BY: Gerry Luther

NIOSH published a notice in November 2018 explaining the agency's position regarding respirator-sealing surfaces and facial hair. NIOSH clarifies the definition of respirator-sealing surfaces, including the primary seal, and facial stubble. "...Facial hair that lies along the sealing area of a respirator – beards, sideburns, moustaches or stubble – should not be permitted on employees who are required to wear respirators that rely on tight facepiece fit." The agency clarified they are referring to more than 24 (twenty-four) hours' stubble growth. The notice is available on the NIOSH website at <http://bit.ly/hairstubblenov18>. This notice supersedes NIOSH's October 2, 2016 letter and the August 2018 notice.

<https://www.aiha.org/publications-and-resources/TheSynergist/Industry%20News/Pages/Notice-Clarifies-NIOSH-Definitions-of-Respirator-Sealing-Surfaces,-Facial-Stubble.aspx>

Gas Detection for Safe Confined Space Entry Crossword Puzzle!



1. What is a key consideration when planning any confined space entry? (Across)
2. What are the two most common types of gasses in confined spaces? (Down)
3. (Down) investigations of 670 confined space fatalities showed that atmospheric hazards were associated with about 4. (Across) Percent of the deaths.

Puzzle derived from article found at the below listed website.

<https://ohsonline.com/articles/2018/12/01/gas-detection-for-safe-confined-space-entry.aspx>

Sixth Annual National Stand-Down to Prevent Falls: May 6-10, 2019

BY: Michael Luther

“A Safety Stand-Down is a voluntary event for employers to talk directly to employees about safety... anyone who wants to prevent hazards in the workplace can participate in the Stand-Down.” “OSHA is partnering with key groups to assist with this effort, including the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), the National Occupational Research Agenda (NORA), OSHA approved State Plans, State consultation programs, the Center for Construction Research and Training (CPWR), the American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE), the National Safety Council, the National Construction Safety Executives (NCSE), the U.S. Air Force, and the OSHA Training Institute (OTI) Education Centers.”

For more information, see OSHA’s website; <https://www.osha.gov/StopFallsStandDown/index.html>



<https://www.creativesafetysupply.com/resources/safety-signs>

Bring Safety Home

BY: Gerry Luther

In our day-to-day life, we clean our homes and use supplies that have the potential to become hazardous to our loved ones. Before using any cleaning product, make sure to read the label and keep the product in its original container. When done, store the product in an area away from children, pets and food.

Put child-resistant caps on hazardous products, and childproof your cabinets to keep to kids safe. If you are worried someone has ingested a hazardous product, contact your local poison center at (800) 222-1222. You will automatically be connected to the center nearest your location.

You can be your best line of defense and prevent hazards before they occur.

OSHA ELECTRONIC RECORD KEEPING RULE

BY: Gerry Luther

OSHA is rescinding two major parts of its electronic recordkeeping rule, no longer requiring the submission of injury and illness data from Forms 300 and 301.

Despite the partial government shutdown that at press time had affected the *Federal Register*, the agency was set to publish its changes¹ to the Improve Tracking of Workplace Injuries and Illnesses final rule² on Jan. 25.

OSHA now will require only the submission of Form 300A³ – an annual summary of injuries and illnesses – instead of the two more detailed forms from certain covered establishments. Those include establishments with 250 or more workers and with 20 to 249 employees in certain industries⁴ with historically high occupational injury and illness rates.

Secretary of Labor R. Alexander Acosta has cited privacy concerns as one reason for the changes, but that explanation has faced criticism in certain circles.

¹ <https://s3.amazonaws.com/public-inspection.federalregister.gov/2019-00101.pdf>

² <https://www.osha.gov/recordkeeping/finalrule/index.html>

³ <https://www.safetyandhealthmagazine.com/articles/17942-employers-must-post-injury-illness-summary-by-feb-1>

⁴ <https://www.osha.gov/recordkeeping/ppt1/RK1exempttable.html>

Crossword Puzzle Key

