



**SAFETY**

Nebraska Building Chapter

## AGC Safety Initiative E-News

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**OUR Safety MISSION:** Help each other enforce safety rules to ensure that every person on construction site goes home safe and healthy at end of the workday.

**Calendar of Events** – [Learn more](#)

AGC of America's **COVID-19 Vaccine Toolkit** <https://www.agc.org/covid-19-vaccine-toolkit>

**OSHA withdrew its [Vaccination and Testing Emergency Temporary Standard](#)** and will focus on a permanent **[COVID-19 Healthcare Standard](#)**

### Daylight Saving Time

Historically, the changing of clocks was established by law in 1918 as a fuel saving measure during World War I. However, there is a common myth that DST was established to extend the daylight hours for farmers. This is not true. Farmers were extremely opposed to having to turn their clocks forward and back twice a year. Changing hours is actually a disruption for the farmer. Imagine telling a dairy cow accustomed to being milked at 5:00 a.m. that their milking time needs to be moved an hour because the truck is coming to pick up their milk at a different time! [Learn more](#)

Nebraskans would no longer spring forward or fall back if authorized by federal law under a bill that advanced from general file March 14. [LB283](#), introduced in 2021 by Sen. Tom Briese, would adopt daylight saving time year-round if the bill's provisions are not in conflict with federal law and three states bordering Nebraska also adopt year-round daylight-saving time. Briese said 19 states, including Wyoming, have adopted similar laws. Changing clocks twice a year leads to negative health outcomes and decreases economic activity, he said. "Between medical costs, sick days, heart attacks, strokes, car accidents, loss of workdays to workplace injuries and [the] simple decreased efficiency at work, the costs really begin to add up," Briese said. Senators advanced LB283 to select file on a 40-3 vote.

### Safety Spring Cleaning

It's time for some **Safety Spring Cleaning**. The more disorganized your workplace is, the closer inspectors will look for violations. To meet OSHA's standards and keep your employees safe, it's important to establish a good housekeeping routine. KPA provides an [OSHA Housekeeping Checklist](#).

March is **National Ladder Safety Month**. [OSHA resources](#) provide information that can help protect workers from fall, electrocution, and other hazards.

### CONNECTED. SUPPORTED. SAFE. Construction Safety Week May 2 - 6, 2022

Safety is a bond that unites us. It's our connection to each other, and to something bigger than ourselves. Being **connected** gives us strength, because it means we are not alone in building a stronger, safer industry, and in creating a safe, supportive environment for our workers. **Supported** means we are here for one another, and we have each other's backs in every possible way, providing the tools and resources necessary to

ensure everyone can do their best work and return home safely every day. When we're connected and supported, we are better able to help ourselves and our teams stay present and focused on the job. We are better able to create a culture and workplace where everyone feels **safe**. The more we stay connected and committed, the more we can show up fully to support one another. And the more we feel supported, the more safe choices we make, and the better work we deliver, leading to safer selves, safer teams, and safer job sites. [Click here](#) for more information.

### **Safety Initiative Goals:**

As an AGC Nebraska Building Chapter member, are you participating with:

- 100% of all AGC members and other contractors on AGC jobsites enforcing OSHA standards as they apply to falls, electrical safety and possible another topic.
- 100% of all AGC members will have set their own company goals to improve safety in their firm and have a way to measure progress towards the goal.
- 100% of all AGC members will encourage and support all contractors on their jobsites to set their own company goals for improving safety.