



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.

Supplement your safety program with [AGC Nebraska Building Chapter Safety Resources](#). The site offers on-demand, online or on-site training opportunities on a variety of topics; services; regulations and news within our industry. Share this link with team members!

Deadline is July 31 to sign up for Safety Meeting Outlines. This ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION provides 52 'ready to deliver' safety toolbox talks. [Click here](#) for more information. Prior to start of each month, you will receive a [cover email](#) with general safety information for the month. The cover email will include a separate timely construction related toolbox safety talk sheet for each week during that month for you to deliver to your employees for review and discussion at each toolbox time.

- The weekly handouts will be personalized with your company name
- There is space on each handout for you to add customized comments or reminders
- There is space for documenting meeting date and time
- All weekly handouts are available in Spanish, in addition to English
- If you want to supplement the topic of week or customize to a particular issue you will have access to Safety Meeting Outlines' Online Library
- Option of distributing electronically or print copies after you have customized each weekly "talk"
- You do not have to pay with credit card online. The Chapter will invoice you when you subscribe.

Cellphones may be 'Trojan horses' of coronavirus spread; researchers say — The coronavirus? Our cellphones carry more than we think – including infectious germs – and likely serve as "Trojan horses" for the COVID-19 pandemic, researchers from Bond University say. The researchers reviewed 56 studies from 24 countries in which cellphones were examined for bacteria, fungi and/or viruses. The studies were conducted from January 2005 to December 2019. Results showed that strains of E. coli and Staphylococcus aureus are among the most common contaminants on cellphones, which, once touched, can spread to users. This helped frame the researchers' hypothesis that cellphones "are most likely contributing to the spread of SARS-CoV-2" – the coronavirus that causes COVID-19 – "within different professional settings, including hospitals, and may play a significant role in viral propagation within the community," despite the fact the review didn't directly address SARS-CoV-2. "The extraordinarily fast contagion that has scientists puzzled might reside within these mobile phones, spreading COVID-19 everywhere at ultra speed," Lotti Tajouri, the study's lead researcher and an associate professor of biomedical sciences at the university, said in a press release. "After all, they're everywhere, traveling the world in planes, cruise ships and trains." The researchers call on everyone to clean their cellphone each day, Tajouri advising them to think of their device as a "third hand" to be shielded from bacteria. "Let's take that hypothesis seriously," Tajouri said. "If we clean our phones daily and this makes a difference, then we might with this little action curve down the COVID-19 [pandemic] and save lives." The study was published online April 28 in the journal *Travel Medicine and Infectious Disease*.

Construction Firms Are Protecting Their Workers and the Public

AGC of America and construction contractors understand that the only way to work amid the current pandemic is to work safely

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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.