



CONSTRUCTION



& SAFETY CONFERENCE



## Safety Conference Registration

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### CHOOSE ONE TRAINING TOPIC PER TIME SLOT

#### MONDAY — MARCH 2, 2026

**7:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.**

- ☐ Reducing Risk Using Root Cause Analysis
- ☐ ANSI Fall Protection Standards: What You Need to Know
- ☐ Beyond Compliance: A Practical Framework for SIFs
- ☐ Safety Training Design and Implementation

**12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

- ☐ It's All in Your Head
- ☐ The Keys to Accident Investigation
- ☐ Builders Beware: Health Hazards in Construction
- ☐ Get Grounded - For Safety

**1:15 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.**

- ☐ What's in Your EMR?
- ☐ Sitting on a Nuclear Bomb?
- ☐ Navigating the Electrical Safety Compliance Triangle
- ☐ Construction Law in Transition - Again

#### TUESDAY — MARCH 3, 2026

**7:15 a.m. - 8:15 a.m.**

- ☐ Put Out the Good China
- ☐ Using AI to Enhance Safety, Engagement, and Trust
- ☐ Why So Heavy? Managing Overhead Lifts
- ☐ Better Ergonomics for Equipment Operators

**8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.**



#### KEYNOTE PRESENTATION

**SURVIVAL MODE: GROWTH THROUGH CHAOS**

**10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.**

- ☐ Building Trust with Construction Trade Partners
- ☐ Scaling Heights While Using Ladders Safely
- ☐ Instilling Safety Confidence and Leadership
- ☐ Data Center Safety: What's New - What's Needed

**1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

- ☐ On-Site Services Cut Claims and Costs
- ☐ From Good to Great in Just One Hour
- ☐ Follow the Rules: Asbestos and Lead Paint
- ☐ A View from the Witness Stand

# **SAFETY CONFERENCE SCHEDULE**

## **Monday — March 2, 2026**

Monday, March 2nd  
7:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

### **REDUCING RISK USING ROOT CAUSE ANALYSIS**

Training Track: Advanced

Presenter: *Larry Gaston*  
*Gaston, Inc.*

Root cause analysis is a systematic problem-solving methodology used to identify the underlying or fundamental causes of a problem, rather than treating its surface symptoms. This session will dig deep into safety failures of the past in order to gain an understanding of how to prevent them in the future by looking at the data and the contributing factors involved.

Monday, March 2nd  
7:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

### **ANSI FALL PROTECTION STANDARDS: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW**

Training Track: Intermediate

Presenter: *Thom Kramer*  
*LJB Engineering*

Safety professionals must keep pace with ever-evolving technologies and equipment intended to minimize the hazards of working at heights. The ANSI/ASSP Z359 standards, collectively known as the Fall Protection Code, are updated regularly. Learn about the recent changes, and the revisions forthcoming, that will impact your safety program and ensure future compliance.

Monday, March 2nd  
7:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

### **BEYOND COMPLIANCE: A PRACTICAL FRAMEWORK FOR SIFs**

Training Track: Intermediate

Presenter: *Matt Summers*  
*American Contractors Insurance Group*

The prevention of Serious Injury and Fatality (SIF) incidents can be accomplished by adopting strategies that focus on identifying high-risk activities, understanding SIF precursors, and implementing layered controls. Gain real-world insight about how to create a safe workplace through a commitment to proper planning, verification, and improvement.

Monday, March 2nd  
7:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

**SAFETY TRAINING  
DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION**

Training Track: Basic

Presenter: *Bill Pineda*  
*Newport Industries*

While the philosophies may vary, from top/down to bottom/up and from inside/out to outside/in, the best safety training begins with a needs analysis. Done properly, it ensures that all training is relevant, targeted, and addresses critical issues. Thereafter, training success requires skills in pre-design, program delivery, and post-assessment. This session covers it all.

Monday, March 2nd  
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

**IT'S ALL IN YOUR HEAD**

Training Track: Basic

Presenter: *Tim Stewart*  
*Mental Performance Institute*

Join this enlightening conversation about preventing injuries and saving lives through effective use of the human brain as your most powerful jobsite tool. Accelerated Mental Performance (AMP) involves a series of straightforward techniques to sharpen focus, quicken reaction, and strengthen decision-making under pressure. AMP-up your brain - for safety's sake.

Monday, March 2nd  
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

**THE KEYS TO  
ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION**

Training Track: Basic

Presenter: *Gary Gore*  
*Matador3*

After an injury, a definitive step-by-step investigation ensures that proper methods and techniques are implemented according to established protocols. This presentation and discussion focus on translating incident findings into corrective actions, which, in turn, will contribute to the prevention of future occurrences. Do it right in order to get it right.

Monday, March 2nd  
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

**BUILDERS BEWARE:  
HEALTH HAZARDS IN CONSTRUCTION**

Training Track: Basic

Presenter: *JoAnn Dankert*  
*Training Concepts and Solutions LLC*

Industrial hygiene risks – both seen and unseen – are prevalent in construction work. The most common exposures include those that are chemical, physical, biological, and ergonomic in nature. Receive expert guidance about how to assess the environment and incorporate controls into your daily routine, proving that prevention is, indeed, better than cure.

Monday, March 2nd  
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

**GET GROUNDED – FOR SAFETY**

Training Track: Advanced

Presenter: *Michael Wysocky*  
*Thatcher Foundations, Inc.*

As if it were not difficult enough, construction activity is made more challenging when performed on outdoor working surfaces that are imbalanced or unstable. These can lead to catastrophic failures of heavy equipment on a jobsite. Proper planning is essential and should involve conversations among key players about issues related to design, cost, and liability.

Monday, March 2nd  
1:15 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

**WHAT'S IN YOUR EMR?**

Training Track: Basic

Presenter: *Lou Addante*  
*LMA Safety Services*

Join this candid discussion of the Experience Modification Rate (EMR) - a factor used by insurance carriers to predict future risk of workers' compensation claims. Learn how to calculate and compare your experience to the industry baseline. Explore safety-specific strategies that provide the dual benefit of lowering the rate and increasing business profitability.

Monday, March 2nd  
1:15 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

### **SITTING ON A NUCLEAR BOMB?**

Training Track: Basic

Presenter: *AJ Gajdosik*  
*Acuity Insurance*

If your employees are operating vehicles on the road, they are sitting in an especially dangerous position. And in a court of law, if they receive a judgement against them in excess of \$10 million, then it is considered a “nuclear” award. Fortunately, defenses are available to employers to defuse the situation by lowering DOT scores. Learn more during this eye-opening conversation.

Monday, March 2nd  
1:15 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

### **NAVIGATING THE ELECTRICAL SAFETY COMPLIANCE TRIANGLE**

Training Track: Intermediate

Presenter: *Tom King*  
*Task Safety Company*

At the intersection of NFPA 70, NFPA 70E, and NFPA 70B is a series of rules and regulations that impacts electrical installation, safety, and maintenance on every construction site. The burden of understanding it all rests with those who are most at risk. This session addresses the codes and communications necessary to keep workers free from harm.

Monday, March 2nd  
1:15 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

### **CONSTRUCTION LAW IN TRANSITION - AGAIN**

Training Track: Basic

Presenters: *Mark Lies*                      *Adam Young*  
*Seyfarth Shaw LLP*                      *Seyfarth Shaw LLP*

After one year, the federal occupational safety and health agenda is marked by policies and priorities that likely define its trajectory in the years ahead. This session identifies what the construction industry can anticipate in new standards and new enforcements. Hear a legal perspective about how the liability landscape is always changing and subject to interpretation.

# **SAFETY CONFERENCE SCHEDULE**

**Tuesday — March 3, 2026**

Tuesday, March 3rd  
7:15 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.

## **PUT OUT THE GOOD CHINA**

Training Track: Advanced

Presenter: *Star Bobatoon*  
*Star Consulting, LLC*

This discussion serves as a powerful call for safety leaders to stop holding back and start bringing their complete set of gifts to the table every day - not only on special occasions. By sharing engaging stories, practical insights, and interactive moments, participants will be challenged to lead with authenticity, courage, and presence. Positive outcomes are sure to follow.

Tuesday, March 3rd  
7:15 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.

## **USING AI TO ENHANCE SAFETY, ENGAGEMENT, AND TRUST**

Training Track: Intermediate

Presenter: *Keith Wheeler*  
*HR Resources of the Carolinas, LLC*

Explore how Artificial Intelligence can elevate workplace safety by identifying employee burnout and opening up communication channels that build trust. This discussion provides actionable tools for supervisors to use. A greater understanding of division of responsibilities leads to an environment where employees feel genuinely informed, supported, and empowered.

Tuesday, March 3rd  
7:15 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.

## **WHY SO HEAVY? MANAGING OVERHEAD LIFTS**

Training Track: Basic

Presenter: *Jim Wojcikiewicz*  
*Kito Crosby*

Attend this session to gain a better understanding of how to manage heavy loads. It requires a unique combination of science - and art. Participants will learn the entire lifting process, which involves hardware and slings, as well as the measurement of weights, multiplying forces, angles, centers of gravity, and compression. Together they support the task of lifting smarter, not harder.

Tuesday, March 3rd  
7:15 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.

## **BETTER ERGONOMICS FOR EQUIPMENT OPERATORS**

Training Track: Basic

Presenter: *Tim Pottorff*  
*QP3 ErgoSystems*

Employees who operate heavy equipment and machinery face unique risks, but can benefit from recent advancements in industrial ergonomics that support working safely and maximizing efficiency. Strategies are available to overcome the physical strain and discomfort involved in performing daily tasks, thereby enhancing productivity and longevity in employment.

### **KEYNOTE PRESENTATION**

Tuesday, March 3rd  
8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

## **SURVIVAL MODE: GROWTH THROUGH CHAOS**

Justin Azbill, Ph.D.  
The Tribal Group

Justin Azbill is a man on a mission to impact people positively. He explains and explores what happens when high-performing leaders reach their breaking point – and how growth begins on the other side.

His presentation has its origins during a season of burnout, near tragedy, and personal renewal. He challenges safety professionals to rethink strength, success, and sustainability under pressure.

Through the delivery of lessons in mindset discipline, emotional awareness, and contextual intelligence, Justin reveals how to transform survival into mastery, convert chaos into clarity, and turn exhaustion into resilience.

He offers more than a message of endurance. It is a roadmap for growth to “The ALLY Code” where trust, accountability, and connection serve as the anchors to stay grounded when everything else is in motion.

Justin is nationally renowned for his work in construction safety, advocacy, and leadership. For more than three decades, he has led from the field, in the boardroom, and on the frontlines of America’s jobsites. He Builds People – Not Projects.

Tuesday, March 3rd  
10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

## **BUILDING TRUST WITH CONSTRUCTION TRADE PARTNERS**

Training Track: Intermediate

Presenters:    *Michael Kalinowski*                      *Mitch Lovejoy*  
                         *W.E. O'Neil Construction Company*      *W.E. O'Neil Construction Company*

Collaborative relationships with specialized subcontractors are a recipe for success. They require a shared culture of respect and accountability, both in good times and bad. Hear a general contractor's perspective about what it takes to align people and processes towards common goals for the benefit of all, affirming that teamwork does make the dream work.

Tuesday, March 3rd  
10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

## **SCALING HEIGHTS WHILE USING LADDERS SAFELY**

Training Track: Basic

Presenters:    *Chris Murray*  
                         *Werner*

Ladder use is so routine, but causes far too many reportable incidents. What's needed is greater awareness – and a company culture to match – that minimizes risk. Engage with others about lessons to be learned from real-life examples of the improper use of step ladders and extension ladders. One minor misstep can be painful and costly.

Tuesday, March 3rd  
10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

## **INSTILLING SAFETY CONFIDENCE AND LEADERSHIP**

Training Track: Basic

Presenter:      *Wes Wheeler*  
                         *National Electrical Contractors Association*

Today's safety professionals play a critical role in ensuring the success of future generations by creating enthusiasm and a sense of belonging in younger employees. Motivating them through apprenticeships, mentorships, and timely career guidance can be so impactful. If you lead properly and passionately, they will follow.



Tuesday, March 3rd  
10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

**DATA CENTER SAFETY:  
WHAT'S NEW - WHAT'S NEEDED**

Training Track: Intermediate

Presenter:     *Eric Hedman*  
                         *Metra*

The rapid increase in data center design and development has created a surge of opportunity in the construction industry. Not surprisingly, this trend requires new safety measures that are unique to a work environment characterized by high-voltage systems and heavy equipment use. Learn more about what is expected from contractors who must comply in order to compete.

Tuesday, March 3rd  
1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

**ON-SITE SERVICES  
CUT CLAIMS AND COSTS**

Training Track: Basic

Presenter:     *Tanner Panozzo*  
                         *CIS Onsite*

This conversation explores on-site medical care as an alternative to off-site providers of injury and rehab services. It is an option to help reduce the frequency and expense of workplace incidents. Tangible benefits include more personal interaction, more immediate access, and more opportunity to prevent harm – before it happens on the job.

Tuesday, March 3rd  
1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

**FROM GOOD TO GREAT  
IN JUST ONE HOUR**

Training Track: Intermediate

Presenters:    *Scott Debo*  
                         *ArchKey Solutions*

Make a plan to improve your safety culture in no time at all by adopting strategies to enhance field leadership, change employee behavior, and identify leading indicators to minimize potential for a serious injury or fatality. A variety of hardware and software options will be discussed as sensible tips and practical solutions to enrich your environment.

Tuesday, March 3rd  
1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

**FOLLOW THE RULES:  
ASBESTOS AND LEAD PAINT**

Training Track: Basic

Presenter:     *Jeff Camplin*  
                         *Chicagoland AGC Safety Committee*

Finally, a simplified presentation of the various local, state, and federal regulations related to construction activity involving the presence of asbestos material and lead-based paint. Understand when to apply performance-based standards vs. prescriptive standards – both in residential and commercial settings – to remain compliant with the different guidelines.

Tuesday, March 3rd  
1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

**A VIEW FROM THE WITNESS STAND**

Training Track: Intermediate

Presenter:     *John Newquist*  
                         *Newquist Safety*

In a court of law, testimony from safety experts influences the outcome of high-stakes litigations. Hear from one who has been sworn-in to translate technical content and provide courtroom clarity, resulting in million-dollar verdicts and even larger out-of-court settlements. Gain insights into the legal strength of a solid safety plan supported by documentation of employee training.