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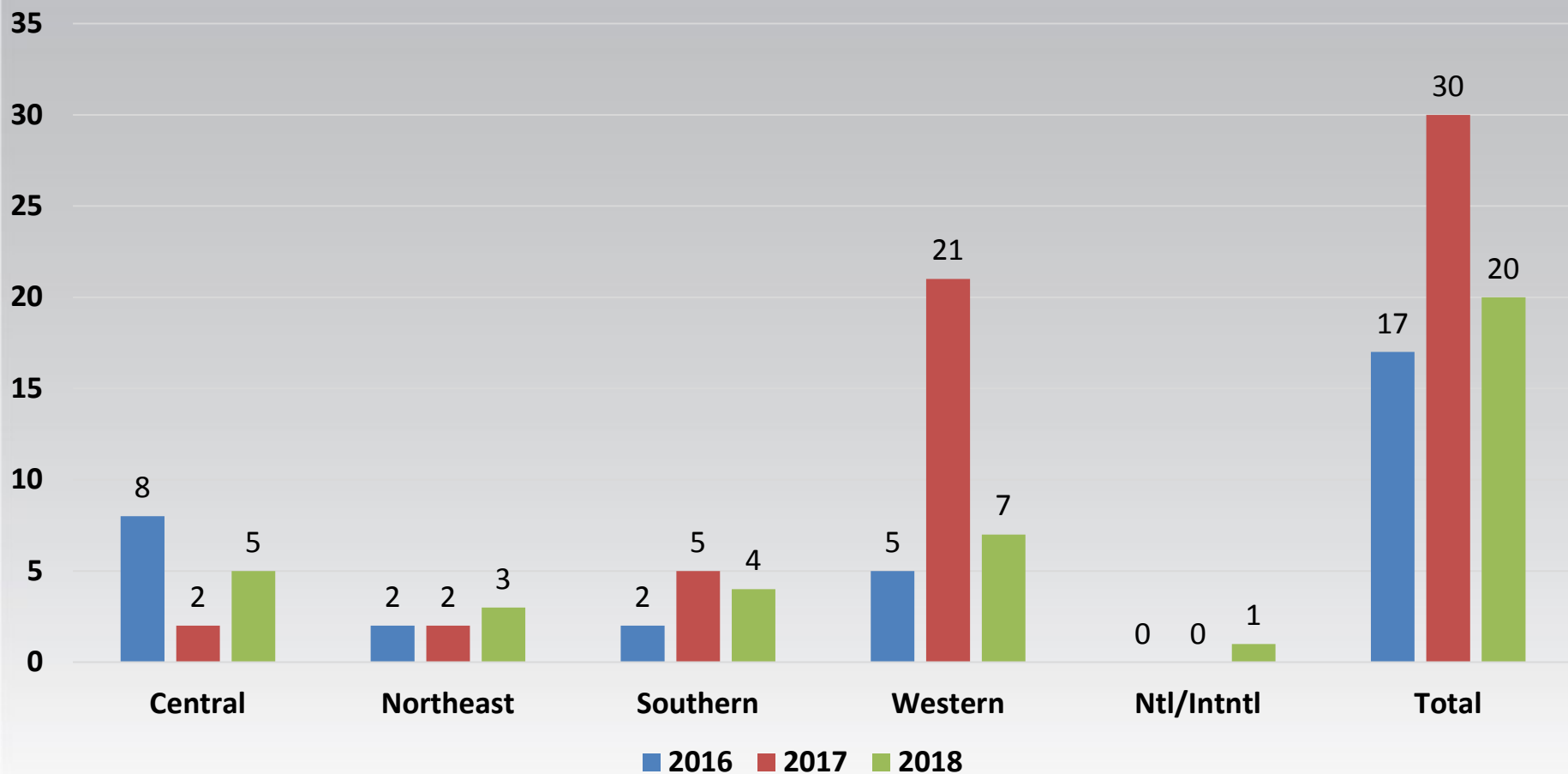
PMT-1 Safety Awareness

Professional Development Committee Report



Number of Participants Down in 2018 vs 2017

Completed Surveys by Region and Year

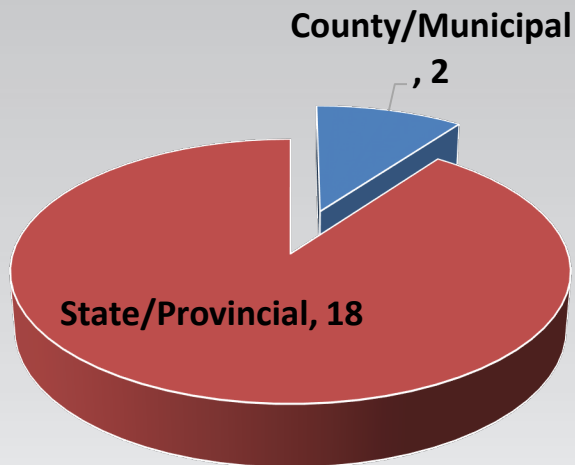




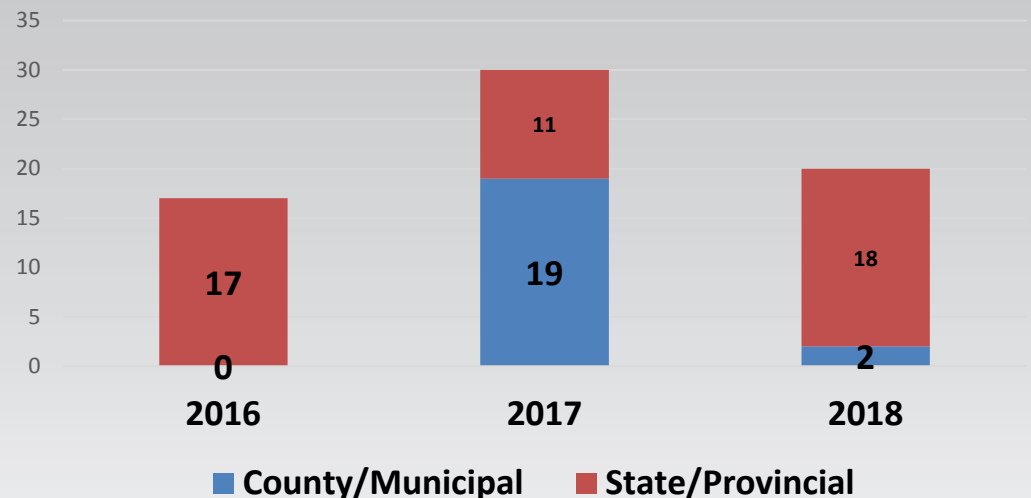
2017 Survey Had Greater County/Municipal Participation

Did 2018 state responses include county information reported independently in 2017?

2018 Completed Surveys by Organization type



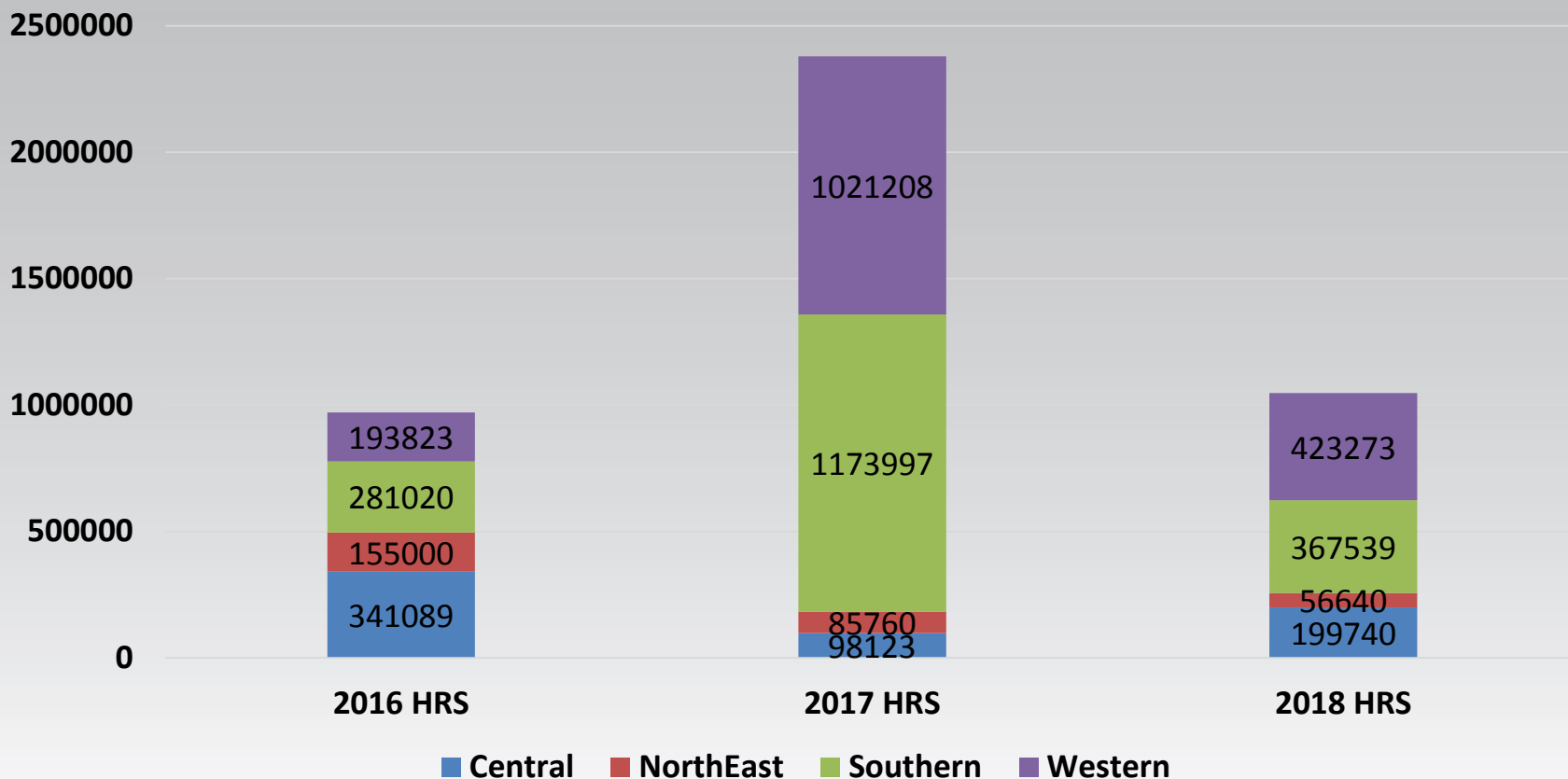
Completed Surveys by Organization Type and Year





2017 Survey Covered More Employee Hours

Employee Hours by Year and Region





Making Completion Easier

Instructions sent
out this year
on second solicitation
email

Will send instructions
in future years
with first solicitation
for responses





How Can We Garner Greater Participation?

- Ask safety liaisons to contact their member states directly?
- Put a members-only link on safety page where counties and private companies can access the survey?
- Include a reminder in the NCWM Newsletter ?





2018 Injury Results by Region

- 2 Days Away (Lost Time) Injuries
- 1 Restricted Time Injury
- 4 Injuries with both Lost Time and Work Restrictions

Region	Employees	Hours	Lost Time Only	Restricted Time Only	Both Lost & Restricted	Total
Central	112	199740	1	0	2	3
NorthEast	32	56640	0	0	0	0
Southern	188	367539	1	0	0	1
Western	227	423273	0	1	2	3
Ntl/Intntl	6	11280	0	0	0	0
2018 Total	565	1058472	2	1	4	7



Days Away/Restricted Time (DART) Rates

Allows organizations in the same field to compare safety - regardless of size

OSHA formula equates to company with 100 people working 40 hours/week for 50 weeks/year

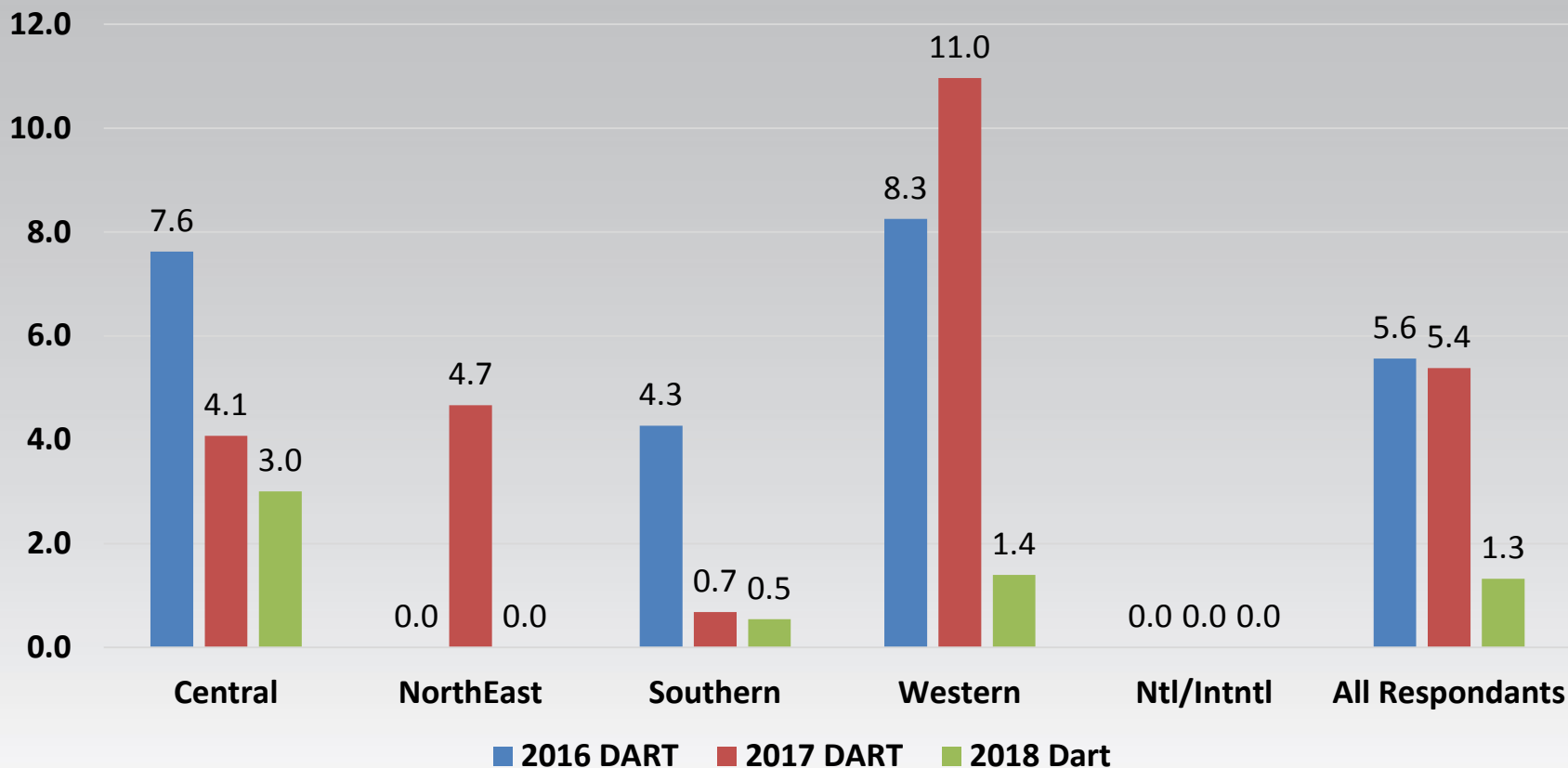
No. of Incidents X 200,000

DART = $\frac{\text{No. of Incidents X 200,000}}{\text{No. of Employee labor hours worked}}$



Reliable Participation/Time = More Meaningful Data

DART by Region and Year

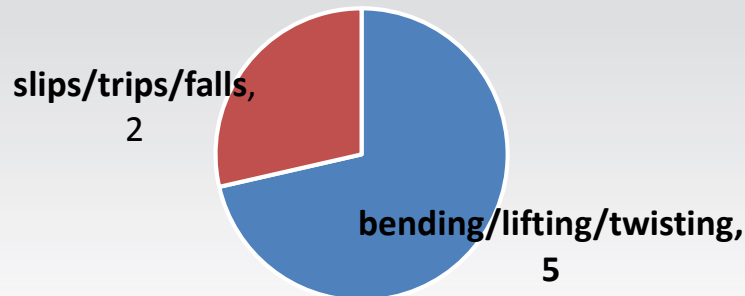




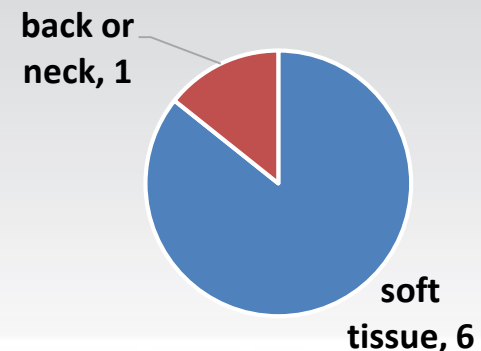
2018 Injury Causes and Types

- All injuries occurred in field
- Top cause was bending/lifting/twisting followed by slips/trips/falls (same as 2016 and 2017 surveys)
- 1 respondent also reported lost time from bending/lifting/twisting incident which occurred previous year

2018 Causes of Injuries



2018 Injury Types





Descriptions and Impact of Incidents

7 incidents plus 1 near-miss and 1 carryover
Ergonomics can cause life-changing injuries

Activity description	Injury Description	Days Lost	Days restricted
pushing/pulling	strain	1	0
lifting 50# weight from vehicle	pulled arm and shoulder muscle	0	21-60
lifting manhole covers from USTs	joint injury requiring surgery ended in permanent disability	60+	60+
lifting 30 pound box into truck	snapped tendon/torn muscle	21-60	0
Lifting a J bucket out of truck	Sacroiliac Joint Dysfunction	2	5
stepped off truck onto uneven surface	sprain	3	0
tripped over a cable	strain or sprain	60+	6-10
Injury filed prior to 2017 but time continued to be lost to this claim		60+	1
backed into another vehicle	vehicle damage but no people damage	<1	0



Summary of 3 Years and 4.3M Employee Hours

Near-Misses = Leading Indicators

All Near-Misses 2016 - 2018

Cause	No. of Near-Misses
vehicle accident	12
chemical exposure	4
bending/lifting/twisting	2
slips/trips/falls	1
weather	1
other (cutting/puncturing)	1
total	21

- Same top 4 causes; just in different order
- Vehicle accidents takes 2nd place if you count near misses
- Once an injury occurs, 20%-30% chance of at least 60 days lost

- Employees report near-misses if they think injuries may show up down the road or if property damage involved
- Employees less likely to report common events like bending/twisting/lifting or slips/trips/falls unless immediately injured

Injuries = Lagging Indicators

All Reported Injuries 2016 - 2018

Cause	No. of Injuries	60+ Days lost	60+ Days Restricted
bending/lifting/twisting	22	6	5
slips/trips/falls	10	2	1
vehicle accident	4	1	1
chemical exposure	1	0	0
other	1	0	0
total	38	9	7



How Do We Improve?

What can NCWM and its members do to mitigate top hazards in the next year?

- Bending/Lifting/Twisting
- Vehicle Accidents
- Slips/Trips/Falls
- Chemical Exposure



Coming Soon From NCWM Safety Task Group

NCWM Safety Program Toolbox

Keeping employees safe is a challenge faced by private companies and government agencies alike. Each organization is ultimately responsible for creating and maintaining its own safety program. This toolkit is an attempt to provide links to resources which will be useful to Weights & Measures organizations whether they are just beginning to establish their safety programs, or they have already spent years refining them.

The safety resources included in this toolkit represent just a small fraction of the vast amount of safety information available on the World Wide Web. Most of the information in the kit is provided by government resources such as OSHA, NIOSH, CDC, etc. In a few cases, toolkit links lead to safety blogs or information provided by individuals or companies who also sell safety products. These links are included for the information they contain, and in no way are an endorsement for or against the safety products themselves. Toolbox users are encouraged to exercise the same caution they would use whenever evaluating products available for sale on the internet.

To us the toolbox: *Ctrl+ Click on any heading below to find helpful links on desired topics*

(If you are brand-new to safety, we suggest you start with the first section on General Information.)

General Information on Creating and Managing a Safety Program

Making the Economic Case for Safety

Identifying Hazards

Examples of Typical Hazards

ERTK Hazards/Hazard Communication Requirements

Addressing Hazards

Training

Coordination and Communication on Multi-Employer Work Sites

Program Evaluation

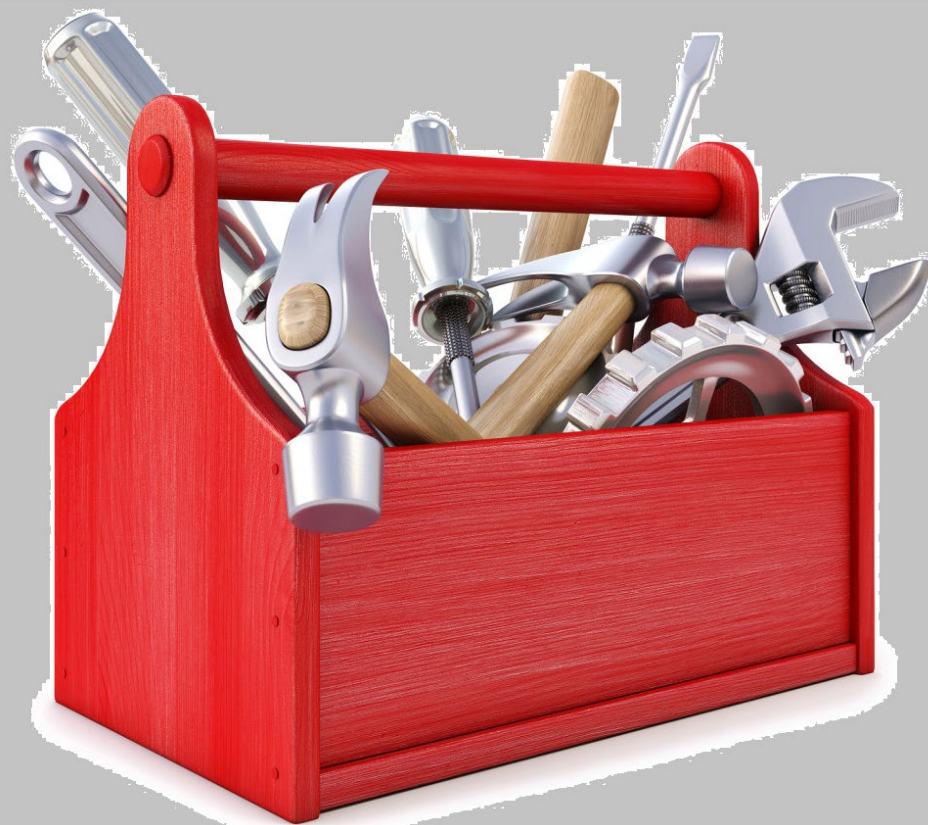
Suggestions for improvement? Please contact Safety Liaison Julie Quinn (julie.quinn@state.mn.us) to suggest new links or to report problems with existing links.

General Information on Creating and Managing a Safety Program

- [OSHA Safety and Health Program Management Guidelines](#)
- [OSHA Small Business Handbook](#)
- [OSHA Help For Employers](#)
- [NCWM Newsletter Safety Articles](#)

Making the Economic Case for Safety

- [OSHA's Safety Pays Cost Estimator](#)
- [CDC's WISQARS™ \(Web-based Injury Statistics Query and Reporting System\)](#)
- [How Your Experience Modification Rate \(EMR\) is Calculated and How it Affects Your Bottom Line \(YouTube Video\)](#)
- [2016 NCWM Annual Safety Survey](#)
- [2017 NCWM Safety Survey](#)



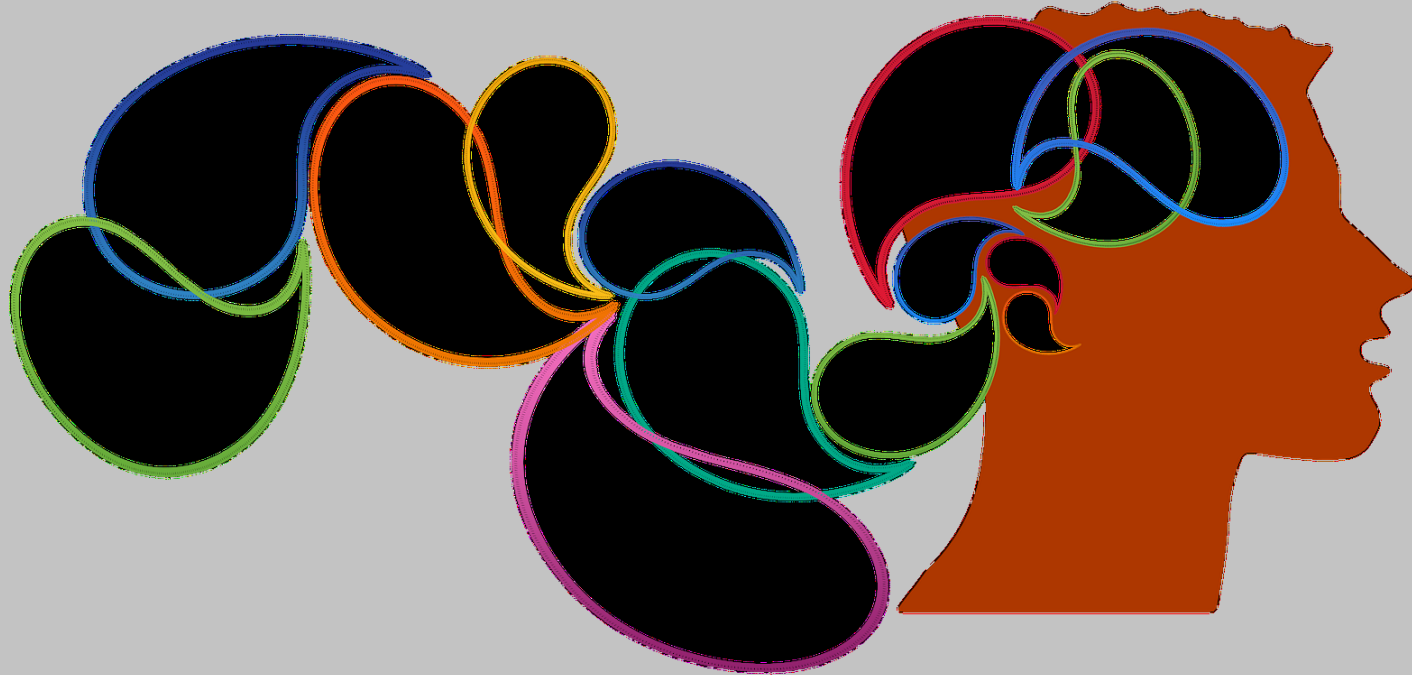


Thanks to Safety Task Group

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Thoughts and Comments?





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Thank You!