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Regulatory Roundup is a weekly compilation of employee wellness and safety news.

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The National Safety Council (NSC)

[Distracted Driving Awareness Month begins Monday](#)



According to the NSC, at least nine people die every day in distracted driving crashes. Distracted Driving Awareness Month is a campaign designed to help the public recognize the dangers of distracted driving and eliminate it. Materials are available for both members and nonmembers on the agency's website, including a safe driving kit for employers.

The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH)

[NIOSH director offers insight into the agency, discusses health and safety](#)

Dr. John Howard, the longest-serving director of NIOSH, was recently interviewed by Safety and Health magazine about the agency and its future. Howard spoke about a variety of topics such as emerging hazards associated with technology and the agency's innovations.

Studies, resources, trends, news

[Construction industry accounts for highest rates of suicide](#)

A study from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention shows that suicide rates were highest in the construction and extraction industries in 2012 and 2015. Experts cite the industry's white, middle-aged male population as a contributing factor, as that demographic has the highest rate of suicide. Additionally, the topic of mental health is largely considered taboo. Employers can do more to protect these workers by listening, asking direct questions and sharing qualified resources.



[Employer driving safety training comes to Grapevine on April 15](#)

The National Safety Council's initiative, Our Driving Concern, offers free employer training on ways to reduce costly motor vehicle crashes. The programs are designed to provide employers with tools to train their employees. The first 2019 course is scheduled for April 15 in Grapevine, Texas.