

*United Support &
Memorial for
Workplace Fatalities*
www.usmwf.org



**Going To Work Should
Not Be A Grave
Mistake.....**

**Together We WILL
Make A Difference.**





OUR MISSION

Offers support, guidance and resources to those affected by work-related injuries, illnesses or diseases. Dedicated to sharing lessons learned that leads a movement of change in promoting actions for safe and healthy working conditions. Through the collective voice of families of fallen workers and other activists, we strive for the elimination and controls of workplace hazards – therefore preventing future tragedies.

OUR VISION STATEMENT

USMWF is an organized community of dedicated family member victims, a nationally recognized non-profit leader driving the transformation of the work environment to safe and healthy conditions for all employers and employees – both today and tomorrow.

IN 2019

5,333

**Workers fatally injured
In The U.S.**

*Stated by the Bureau of Labor Statistics



TODAY OVER

15

**Workers fatally injured
In The U.S.**

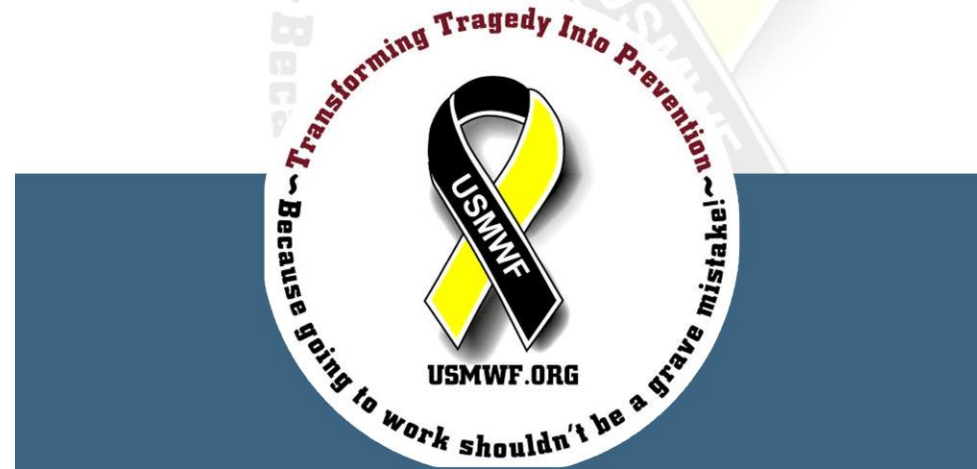
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THE BEGINNING OF

USMWF





In 2003, Spivey's 33-year-old brother, Shawn Boone suffered burns over 90 percent of his body while working as maintenance worker at Hayes Lemmerz International in an aluminum dust explosion; he later died.

During Tammy's struggle to obtain information in the OSHA investigative process it became clear that there was a need to form a central location for families who were experiencing a workplace death.

Using her darkest hours to help others, Tammy has shared her experience as a family-member victim who, like thousands of others across the U.S., suffers profoundly because of our nation's inadequate regulatory system and its failure to protect workers' fundamental right to a place of employment without death, injury or disease.

Tammy Spivey's role at USMWF has been to promote family involvement, transparency and fairness in the investigative systems, improve workplace protections and the workers compensation system, offer support, guidance and resources to families who died from a work-related cause, provide leadership and research, and to instruct individuals and organizations in dealing with families and loss.



Shawn Boone, 33



In 2003, Spivey's 33-year-old brother, Shawn Boone suffered burns over 90% of his body while working as maintenance in Indiana in an aluminum dust explosion; he later died.

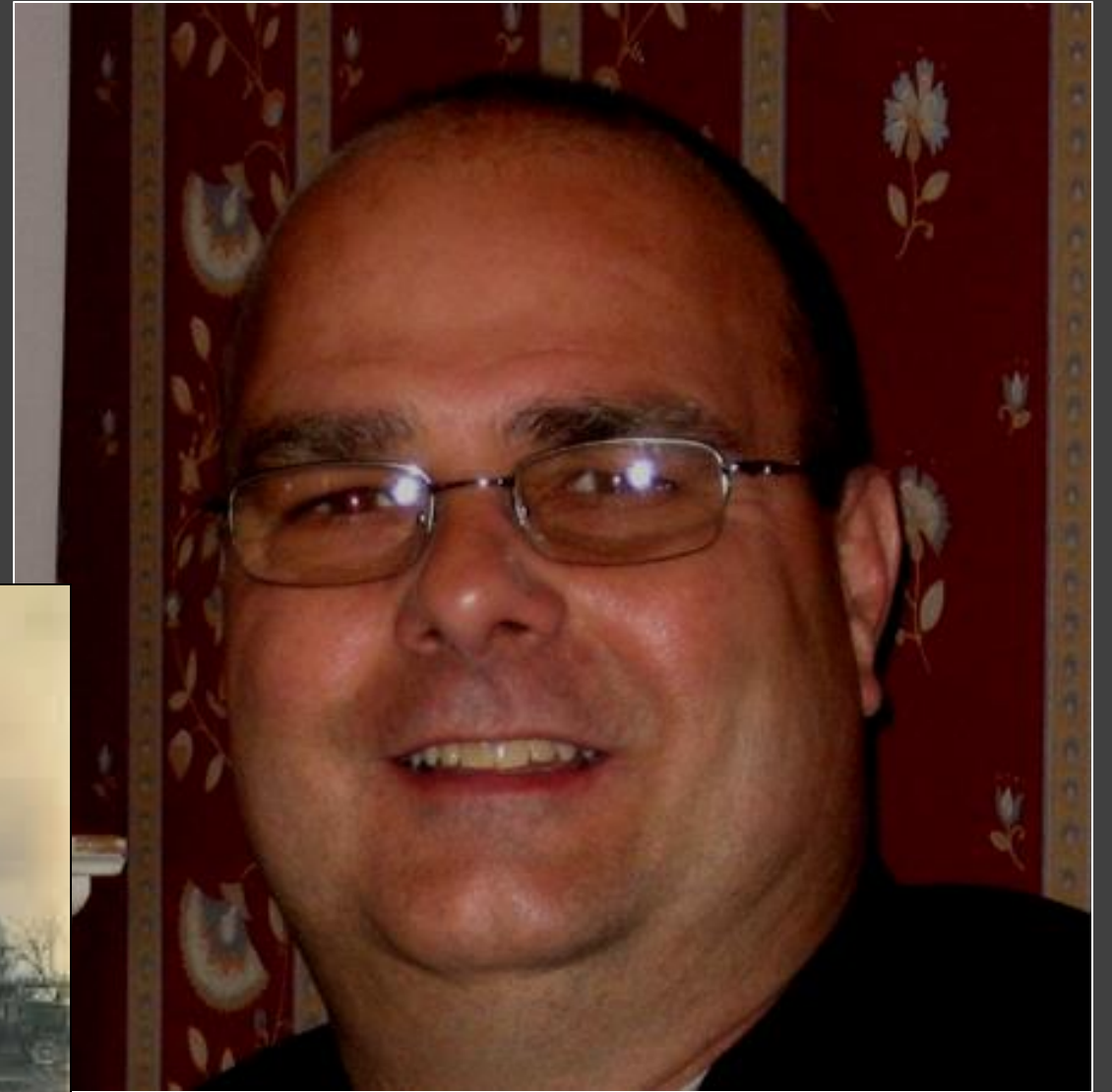


by a little fire hole to see when the pilot was actually lit,

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Uncle Bobby, 50 (Robert Fitch)

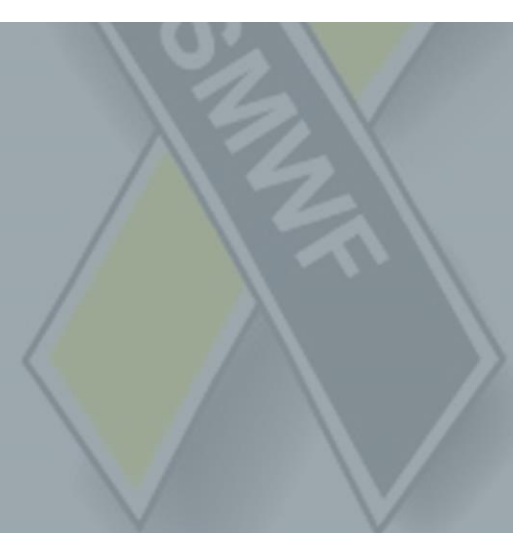
Uncle Bobby fell 80ft off a belt-operated man-lift in a local grain elevator that he had worked at for over 30 years. His brother in-law found him that day and stayed by his side while the paramedics did everything, they could do to help him however, Uncle Bobby could not be revived at the scene and was pronounced dead a few minutes later at the nearby hospital.





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SUPPORT



Questions

What happened?

Was my loved one alone?

Did my loved one suffer?

Could this have been prevented?

Who investigated the incident?

Who is OSHA?

Why didn't OSHA investigate the incident?

SUPPORTING FAMILIES

United Support & Memorial for Workplace Fatalities

“Families helping families because they know and understand the devastation which takes place in the mind, body and soul after a tragic work incident.

You are not alone.”

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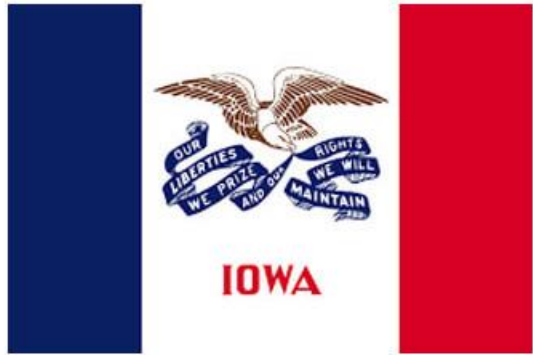
GRIEF



Photograph by:
David Y. Lee

“USMWF is an amazing, loving, group of individuals who gave me a voice and empowered me to find justice after my son was killed at work. They work tirelessly to give all family member victims a voice and whatever they need. From a listening ear to pertinent reports. They give us hope and a place to vent or share. No judgment, because they all understand. They were my lifeline! They are committed to bringing awareness about the very real, and tragic, injuries and deaths that happen far too often every day in America. - Deb Fergen

NOT ALONE



ATTENTION
Families from IOWA



ATTENTION
Families from
MINNESOTA

USMWF

TABLE TALK



MONDAY
2.14.2022

6:00PM CST

HELPING FAMILIES FIND CLOSURE





Have You Lost a Loved One Due to a Tragedy In The Workplace?

If so, researchers at the University of Kentucky would like to invite you to participate in a research study. We are seeking to better understand the psychological, social, and financial impact of workplace death on surviving family members. We are also interested in learning more about the ongoing needs of survivors. This study will involve an online survey that should take approximately 30 minutes to complete. This study does not involve any compensation.

You may be eligible to participate if you:

- Are 18 years or older
- Have ever lost a loved one due to a tragedy in the workplace

Visit the link below to participate:

ceh.as.uky.edu/start



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For more information:
University of Kentucky Clinic
for Emotional Health (CEH)
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PTSD

USMWF and University of
Kentucky Research Study.

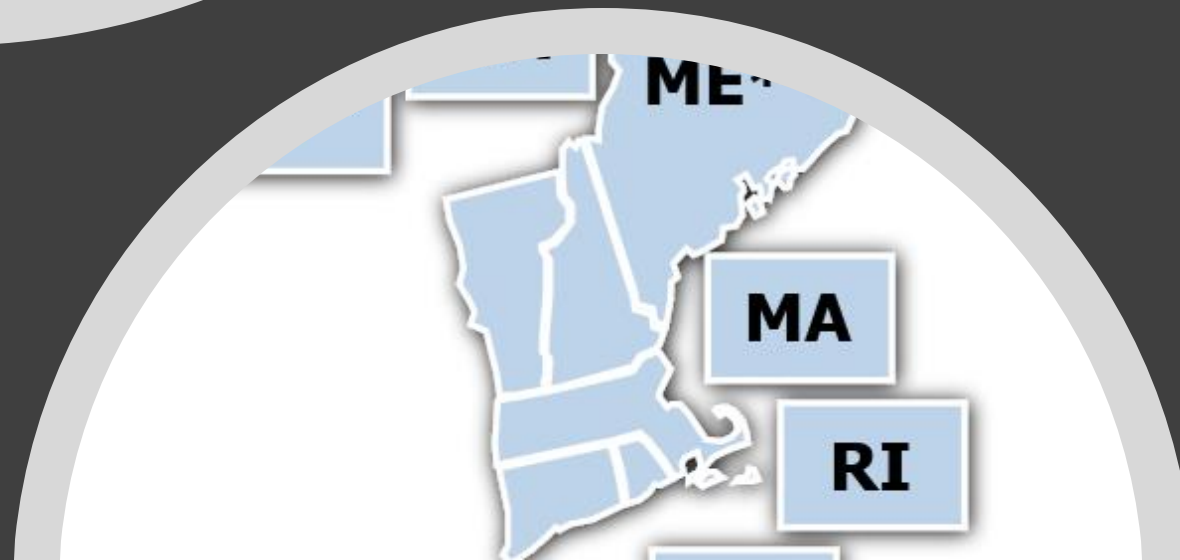
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Because of
Transforming Tragedy Into



**USMWF KNOWS A PICTURE IS
WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS
& THE STORIES CAN MAKE A
DIFFERENCE.**



The Names

Erin Sperrey, 20

Thomas "Tom" Edward Wooten, 56

Justin Harrington, 27

Robert Augeri, 31

James "Bear" Craig, 52

Paul Robert King, 50



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Our Fallen Workers....



Erin Sperrey, 20

Erin was killed while working in Caribou, Maine. She was beaten by a disgruntled employee.

OSHA investigated the incident and proposed a \$4,500.00 penalty for one other than serious violation. In an informal settlement the penalty was reduced to \$2,700.00 for one other than serious violation.

Our Fallen Workers....



Paul Robert King, 50

Paul was killed on the job was killed on the job in July 2005 at Boston Logan International Airport in Boston, Massachusetts.

He was electrocuted while working on a piece of equipment.

Federal OSHA investigated and proposed a \$55,000.00 penalty for eight willful violations. The case is closed.

Our Fallen Workers....



James "Bear" Craig, 52

James was killed in January 2012, while working for The Town of Greenfield, MA after slipping on wet floor and striking his head.

This case is not in OSHA's jurisdiction.

Faces Campaign Tribute

USMWF strives to honor, remember and recognize all of our fallen workers in our multiple tributes.

Our "Faces Campaign Tribute" was launched January 1, 2009 and is intended to give workplace fatalities a face, honor our fallen workers, gain awareness and educate the public, workers, employees, organizations and our government.

You Can Search Our Website by:

State;
Alphabetical Order;
COVID;

MINNESOTA'S FALLEN WORKERS

These are a few of the men and women that went to work in Minnesota and recognize these men and women for their dedication and hardwork. We would like to sincerely thank the families that shared their loved one's picture and their tragic loss with USMWF.



This photo was sent in by his mom, Michele Gran.

~ 6/12/2001 - 8/14/2019 ~

Landon D. Gran, 18

Landon was killed on the job in August 2019 while working on a rural Norseland farm in Norseland, Minnesota. He died after making contact with a piece of equipment which was believed to have been an auger while in a grain bin.

This case was not inspected by OSHA as they had no jurisdiction.



This photo was sent in by his mother Jackie Spoden-Bolz.

~2/2/1979-2/2/2006~

Christopher James Hansen

Christopher was killed in February 2006 while working at Jennie-O-Turkey in Melrose, Minnesota. He was killed when a piece of equipment crushed him.

Federal OSHA investigated the incident and proposed a \$31,000 penalty. The penalty was not reduced and the case is closed.

---- Christopher James Hansen was killed on February 2nd 2006 - His 27th Birthday!! My Son Christopher was killed at Jennie-O-Turkey Store in Melrose, Minnesota. [Learn more about Christopher.](#)

Workers' Memorial Day

National and Individual States



USMWF's National Virtual Workers' Memorial Day

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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USMWF's National Virtual
Workers' Memorial Day Vigil
LIVE on <https://www.facebook.com/USMWF>

SUNDAY
4.24.2022
7pm est. (6pm cst)



<https://www.facebook.com/USMWF>

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SHINE BRIGHT

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WORKERS' MEMORIAL DAY

Shine Bright

4.28.22



United Support & Memorial for Workplace Fatalities invites you to join us in remembering and recognizing our fallen worker this April 28, 2022 from 7pm-10pm by turning on your front porch light(s) to "Shine Bright" in memory of our fallen workers.

We invite you to share a photo of your porch light on our USMWF Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/USMWF> showing your support.

Our Fallen Workers are never forgotten!

USMWF's BILLBOARDS




WORKERS' MEMORIAL DAY

APRIL 25 • 7PM & 28 • 7PM

HONOR ~ SUPPORT ~ EDUCATE ~ PREVENT



Paul E. Sliger, 49 (1970 - 2020) Colton Schoenrock, 23 (1990 - 2013)



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WORKERS' MEMORIAL DAY

4.28 • 7pm

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USMWF's MONUMENTS

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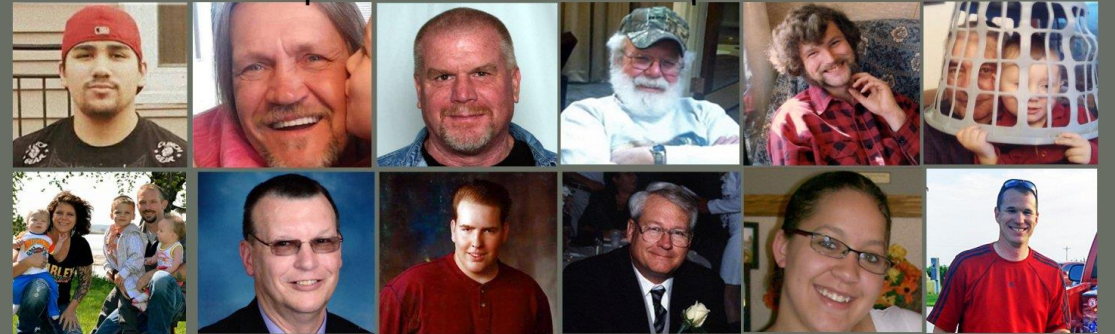


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NEBRASKA WORKERS' MEMORIAL MONUMENT

HONOR | REMEMBER | RECOGNIZE



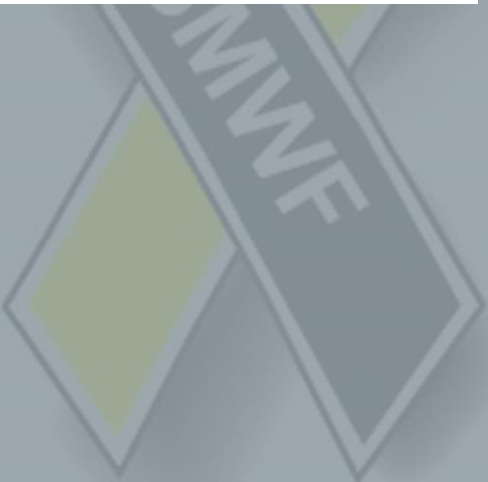
Future Site: IBEW Local 265 | 1409 Old Farm Rd | Lincoln, NE 68512

EDUCATING



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**BE THE
VOICE OF
CHANGE**



Hear A Story



HEAR THE STORIES OF OUR FALLEN WORKERS AND THOSE THEY LEFT BEHIND.

Listen and understand the importance of a safe workplace as you hear directly from amazing family members that share the story of their understanding and encounter of their loved one's incident and how it has forever affected their life in hope to prevent a similar incident from happening. Listen to the voice of change and prevention.

Hear the Podcast at
www.usmwf.org



Voice of: Linda Sykes, Mother of Zach Roberts

AWARENESS CONFERENCES





Lessons Learned from Workplace Fatalities" Steve Sallman, USW & USMWF

• Aug 26, 2020

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USMWF Striving for Workplace Safety 1 hour sessions

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCLqV4FhtRolvVbAxbUMHvQ>

**SAFE +
SOUND**



Week

August 10-16, 2020

PREVENTING





BEING THE VOICE OF CHANGE



USMWF Families...



Making a Difference

“USMWF is a great group! They help support families in trying to make a difference and prevent another family from going through the same tragic loss. They are there to guide you, support you and help in any way they can. They help connect people who have all suffered some form of workplace tragedy, which resulted in the death of family member. They want to make a difference in workplace fatalities! Thank you to all the wonderful people I have met through the group.” – Peggy Ware Cohend

City of Wilcox Fire and Rescue Department received a grain rescue tube and safety training



Grand Island High School received fall protection and safety equipment for their highschool students.

City of Ashland Fire and Rescue Department received a grain rescue tube and safety training



Proclamations



Honoring Our Fallen Workers



Many USMWF Family Members each year submit requests to their Governors requesting that Workers' Memorial Day be proclaimed and recognized on April 28, honoring and remembering our fallen workers.

BEAT THE HEAT

Summer 2018, 2019 & 2020



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HEAT EXHAUSTION

Symptoms

- Cool, moist skin
- Heavy sweating
- Headache
- Nausea or vomiting
- Dizziness
- Light headedness
- Weakness
- Thirst
- Irritability
- Fast heart beat

First Aid

- Have worker sit or lie down in a cool, shady area;
- Give worker plenty of water or other cool beverages to drink;
- Cool worker with cold compresses/ice packs;
- Take to clinic or emergency room for medical evaluation or treatment if signs or symptoms worsen or do not improve within 60 minutes;
- Do not return to work that day;

HEAT STROKE

Symptoms

- Muscle Spasms
- Pain
- Usually in abdomen, arms or

First Aid

- Have worker rest in shady, cool area;
- Worker should drink water or other cool beverages;
- Wait a few hours before allowing worker to return to strenuous work;
- Have worker seek medical attention if cramps don't go away;

HEAT CRAMPS

Symptoms

- Muscle Spasms
- Pain
- Usually in abdomen, arms or legs;

First Aid

- Have worker rest in shady, cool area;
- Worker should drink water or other cool beverages;
- Wait a few hours before allowing worker to return to strenuous work;
- Have worker seek medical attention if cramps don't go away;

HEAT RASH

Symptoms

- Cluster of red bumps on skin;
- Often appears on neck, upper chest, folds of skin;

First Aid

- Try to work in a cooler, less humid environment when possible;
- Keep the affected area dry.

BEAT THE HEAT
August 30, 2018
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Agotamiento por calor

Síntomas

- Siente frío, piel húmeda, -Sudoración intensa, -Dolor de cabeza, -Náuseas o vómitos, -Mareo, -Aturdido, -Debilidad, -Sed, - Irritabilidad, - Latidos cardíacos acelerados.

Primeros auxilios

- Haga que el trabajador se siente o se acueste en un área fresca y sombreada.
- Dele al trabajador mucha agua u otras bebidas frías para beber.
- Trate de refrescar al trabajador, colocando compresas de agua fría / bolsas de hielo.
- Lleve al trabajador a la clínica o sala de emergencias para una evaluación médica o tratamiento si los signos o síntomas empeoran o no mejoran dentro d 60 minutos
- No regresar a trabajar ese día.

Insolación o golpe de calor

Síntomas

- Confusión - Desmayos - Convulsiones - Sudor excesivo o piel roja, caliente y seca - Muy alta temperatura corporal

Primeros auxilios: LLAME AL 911

- Coloque al trabajador en un área fresca y sombreada;
- Aflojar la ropa, quitar las compresas frías en las axilas, en la nuca y en la frente (con agua fría; aplique compresas frías o hielo si están disponibles; referiblemente agua) lo antes posible;
- Lleve al trabajador hasta que llegue a un hospital.

Calambres por calor

Síntomas

- Músculos espasmódicos
- Dolor, generalmente en abdomen, brazos o piernas

Primeros auxilios

- Haga que el trabajador descanse en una zona sombreada y fresca;
- El trabajador debe beber agua u otras bebidas frías; Espere unas horas antes de permitir que el trabajador regrese a un trabajo extenuante;
- Haga que el trabajador busque atención médica si los calambres no desaparecen;

Sarpullido/Salpullido

Síntomas

- Montón de protuberancias o bolitas rojas en la piel; -A menudo aparece en el cuello, parte superior del pecho, pliegues de la piel;

Primeros auxilios

- Intente trabajar en un ambiente más fresco y menos húmedo cuando sea posible;
- Mantenga seca la zona afectada.

COMBATIR EL CALOR
30 de agosto de 2018
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OSHA QUARTERLY MEETINGS

MEETING VIRTUALLY WITH
OSHA[®]
Occupational Safety
and Health Administration

September 22, 2021
5pm cst (6pm est)

Join USMWF at our upcoming meeting with U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Safety & Health Administration, Representative to learn more about OSHA State Plans and ask questions you may have regarding how OSHA State Plans work.

REGISTER TODAY!



MEETING VIRTUALLY WITH
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Occupational Safety
and Health Administration

August 11, 2021
11:30am cst (12:30pm est)

Join USMWF at our upcoming meeting with U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Safety & Health Administration, Representative discussing the important topic of

**WHISTLEBLOWER
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REGISTER TODAY!**



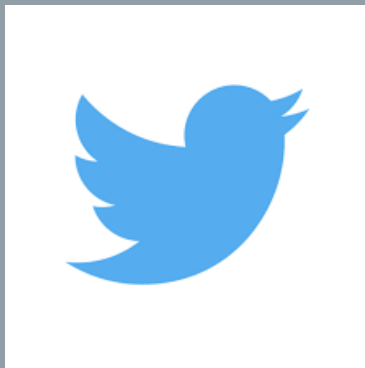
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Multiple Social Media



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Together We Make A Difference
Supporting Families & Preventing Workplace Tragedies

Sign Up Today

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STAY UP-TO-DATE WITH USMWF and SIGN UP FOR OUR NEWSLETTER TODAY!

Signup to receive email updates about USMWF's latest news in the effort to transform our work environment to safe and healthy conditions for all workers

- both today and tomorrow

Name *

First

Last

Email *

Company/Union (if applicable) *

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**USMWF needs your help to continue our efforts.
Please consider supporting the cause.**



ALWAYS REMEMBER

The Faces & Stories of USMWF &
All Fallen Workers;

