



**SAFETY CENTER**  
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# INSIDE SAFETY

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## **SAFETY UP ↑ When the Economy is Down ↓**

Can a company stay in business while ignoring safety and health issues? Is complying with safety and health regulations a luxury? ... or a necessity?

In the past few years, many companies have enjoyed increased sales; however, many of those same companies have experienced increased on-the-job injuries. The high costs of lost-time injuries along with higher workers' compensation premiums due to poor safety records have led to some companies being targeted by the Division of Occupational Safety and Health for these poor safety practices. When companies really take a look at what they have to produce in order to pay insurance premiums and legal fees, many come to the conclusion that safety is not a luxury. It is a necessity.

Sometimes it's hard to convince safety managers that they have to invest in safety or risk not being in business at all. Taking money away from a safety program during an economic downturn can be counter-productive, because it often results in a higher experience modification factor. With today's high-stress work environment, many employees have multiple positions and/or additional responsibilities. Workers are asked to do more with less and the lack of proper safety training often results in more mistakes and poor morale.

What can your company do to ensure a safe work environment?

First, identify hazards that can injure your employees and determine how those hazards can be reduced. Then, provide safety training for your employees so they are aware of the hazards and what they need to do to minimize or eliminate those hazards. Safety Center can assist you with your safety training needs through open enrollment classes at our campuses or by taking the training to your facility for a group of your employees.

However, if you are not sure where to start or need additional help, the place for you to go may be Cal/OSHA Consultation. Cal/OSHA Consultation (not to be confused with the Cal/OSHA enforcement unit) provides assistance to California employers through on-site visits, telephone support, publications, eTools, and educational outreach. Services provided by Cal/OSHA Consultation are provided free of charge to California employers. Using Cal/OSHA Consultation's services does not result in penalties and citations.

The Cal/OSHA enforcement unit conducts inspections of California workplaces in response to a report of an industrial accident, a complaint about an occupational safety or health hazard, or as part of an inspection program targeting industries which have a high rate of occupational hazards, fatalities, injuries, or illnesses. If you are an employer who wants more information about safety training classes, please contact Safety Center Incorporated at 1-800-825-7262 x216. If you are a

California employer interested in obtaining more information about assistance available from Cal/OSHA Consultation, please call their toll-free assistance number at 1-800-963-9424.

Safety Center Incorporated and Cal/OSHA Consultation take safety seriously. We know...

**Safety is a standard, not an option!**



The CSMS is a certification based upon the *Safety Management Specialist* program that is being taught by Safety Center. CSMS is not meant to replace national certifications such as the certified Safety Professional (CSP) and the Certified Industrial Hygienist (CIH).

CSMS is a means for full and part-time safety people to acquire a certification based upon one standard body of knowledge. The certification affirms that those people who have completed the certificate series of classes and passed the examination based upon the associated courses, are authorized to use the CSMS designation.

Upcoming 4-hour examinations are scheduled on May 13 and June 17, 2009. Please visit our website for prices and additional information.

[www.safetycenter.org](http://www.safetycenter.org)



**SAFETY FORUM OF THE INLAND EMPIRE  
1ST ANNUAL SAFETY SYMPOSIUM  
APRIL 21, 2009**

Come enjoy the day with other safety professionals and continue your safety education as you participate in the Safety Forum of the Inland Empire's 1st Annual Safety Symposium.

**Goldie Lewis Community Center**  
Rancho Cucamonga Hall  
11200 Baseline Road  
Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730

**Registration begins at 7:30am**  
**Program begins at 8:00am**  
**Cost is \$35.00**

(Continental Breakfast and Spaghetti Lunch included.)

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER**  
**Bob Lapidus, CSP**  
Safety Management Consultant

**OTHER GUEST SPEAKERS:**  
**Rudy Lopez, CSM, Risk Manager**  
County Line Framing

**Dr. Clyde S. Blackwelder,**  
**DC, QME, CIE**  
Injury Prevention Partners

**Dick Monod de Froideville, DOSH**  
Enforcement, Torrance

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[www.safetycenter.org](http://www.safetycenter.org) or call (909) 625-9650

**Members *Only***

***Welcome New Members!***

**City of Santa Monica - Water Division**  
**John J. McGaughnea -**  
**Northeast HR For Hire**  
**Kim Ahart – C&R International Sales**  
**Carlos E. Ruiz – Golden State Utility Co.**  
**Volcano Telephone Co.**

***Member of the Month***  
**California Department of**  
**Corrections & Rehabilitation**

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**Open Enrollment April, May & June 2009**

<b>April 2009</b>		<b>Mem</b>	<b>Non</b>			<b>Mem</b>	<b>Non</b>
14-16	Training Programs and Presentations	690	825	18-19	Two Day Expres Counterbalanced Forklift (Southern CA)	945	995
16	Competent Person Scaffolding (Southern CA)	130	155	21	4-Hour Heat Illness Workshop (Southern CA)	75	95
16	Confined Space Awareness	130	155	27	Scaffold Awareness	75	95
17	Competent Person Excavation	130	155	29	Defensive Driving Course 4-Hour	50	65
22	Industrial Hygiene (Southern CA)	230	265	<b>June 2009</b>			
23	Selling Safety (Southern CA)	230	265			<b>Mem</b>	<b>Non</b>
24	Defensive Driving Course 4-Hour	50	65	2	Heat Illness Wordshop 4-hr (Southern CA)	75	95
27-30	ECSI CPR/FA AED Instructor	425	480	8-10	Cal/OSHA 8 Commercial Construction TTT	695	765
28	Cal/OSHA 8 Commercial Construction	100	150	9	MEDIC CPR/FA AED (Southern CA)	60	75
29-30	Cal/OSHA 8-Hour Commercial Construction (Southern CA)	695	765	9	Confined Space Awareness	130	155
<b>May 2009</b>		<b>Mem</b>	<b>Non</b>	10-11	MEDIC CPR/FA AED Instructor (Southern CA)	385	435
5	Establishing a Successful Safety Program	230	265	12	First Aid/CPR	55	70
6	Industrial Hygiene	230	265	15-16	Two Day Expres Counterbalanced Forklift	945	995
7	Selling Safety	230	265	16	Competent Person Fall Protection (Southern CA)	130	155
7	Competent Person Fall Protection (Southern CA)	130	155	17	Rough Terrain Upgrade	445	495
8	OSHA Recordkeeping (Southern CA)	250	275	18	Competent Person Fall Protection	130	155
11-14	4-Day Premium Forklift Trainer Certification	1,200	1,250	19	Competent Person Excavation	130	155
14	Competent Person Excavation (Southern CA)	130	155	22-25	Aerial Lift Trainer Certification	1,200	1,250
15	Competent Person Excavation	130	155	23-25	Confined Space Entry & Rescue	450	525
15	IVES Trainer Recertification	230	265	25	Temporary Traffic Control & Flagging (Southern CA)	75	95
18-19	Defensive Driving Instructor	310	365	26	Defensive Driving Course 4-Hour	50	65

Please visit our website [www.safetycenter.org](http://www.safetycenter.org) for updates and course descriptions.

All courses are held at Safety Center's Sacramento Campus, 3909 Bradshaw Road, Sacramento, CA 95827 except those noted with "(Southern CA)" for Southern California courses. Please contact Gayleen Grigoreas, (909) 625-9650, to enroll in Southern California courses.