



St. Louis Chapter Newsletter



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Monthly Meeting

Monday, August 8th, 2022

A promotional poster for a suicide prevention event. The top half has an orange background with the title 'Suicide Prevention & Mental Health in the Construction Industry' in white. Below this, on a dark background, is a man in a suit (Brandon Anderson) on the left and a distressed man in a white tank top on the right. The text 'Please Join Us!' is in large orange letters. Event details are listed in white: WHERE: Sybergs on Dorsett, WHEN: Monday, August 8, 2022, SPEAKER: Brandon Anderson, VP Safety, AGC of MO. A second section lists CHECK-IN: 11:00 AM, LUNCH: 11:30 AM, and SPEAKER: Noon to 1:00 PM. Logos for the American Society of Safety Professionals (ASSP) and the AGC of America Missouri Chapter are present. At the bottom, an orange banner says 'TO REGISTER - CLICK HERE' in red. The background image also shows a person sitting on the ground with their head buried in their arms.

**Suicide Prevention & Mental Health
in the Construction Industry**

Please Join Us!

WHERE: Sybergs on Dorsett

WHEN: Monday, August 8, 2022

SPEAKER: Brandon Anderson
VP Safety, AGC of MO

CHECK-IN: 11:00 AM

LUNCH: 11:30 AM

SPEAKER: Noon to 1:00 PM

TO REGISTER - CLICK HERE

Topic: Suicide Prevention

Speaker: Brandon Anderson

Where: Syberg's, 2430 Old Dorsett Rd, Maryland Heights, MO 63043**When:** Registration @11, Lunch @11:30, Presentation @12**Register for In-Person Meeting:** [August Meeting Registration](#)

Next Meeting**Monday, Sept 12th, 2022****Topic: National Weather Service Storm Spotter Training**
Speaker: Kevin Deitsch, Warning Coordination Meteorologist**Where:** Syberg's, 2430 Old Dorsett Rd, Maryland Heights, MO 63043**When:** Registration @11, Lunch @11:30, Presentation @12**Register for In-Person Meeting:**

Upcoming Meeting Calendar

Mark your Calendars Now!



ASSP ST. LOUIS CHAPTER EVENTS 2022



Networking: 11:00-11:30
Lunch: 11:30-12:00
Announcements & Speaker: 12:00-1:00



Brandon Anderson
Vice President of Safety at AGC of Missouri

Monthly Meeting - August 8th, 11:00 am-1 pm
Suicide Prevention & Mental Health in the Construction Industry

Sybergs on Dorsett - IN PERSON



Kevin Deitsch, Warning Coordination Meteorologist
National Weather Service in St. Louis, Missouri

Monthly Meeting - September 12th 11:00 am-1 pm
National Weather Service Storm Spotter Training

Sybergs on Dorsett - IN PERSON



Ricky Reams
Vice President of Safety & Quality, Murphy Company

Monthly Meeting - October 10th, 11:00 am to 1 pm
"The Wrong Zero" - Why companies fail with ZERO injury goals. This will highlight focusing on the zeros that drive safety success.

Sybergs on Dorsett - IN PERSON



Julie E. O'Keefe, Attorney at Law
Partner, Armstrong Teasdale LLP

Monthly Meeting - November 14th, 11:00 am to 1 pm
"OSHA Update From The Employer Perspective."

Sybergs on Dorsett - IN PERSON



Bill McDonald - OSHA Area Director - St. Louis
or Maryanne Martin - OSHA Compliance Assistance Specialist - St. Louis

Monthly Meeting - December 12th, 11:00 am to 1 pm
OSHA Update - fiscal year update and quick review of New/Old initiatives

Sybergs on Dorsett - IN PERSON



Contact our Chapter President,
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Mid-Missouri Section

The Mid Missouri section provides networking and training opportunities for the professionals working in and around Jefferson City and Columbia. Take a look at some of

their upcoming meetings!

[Mid-MO Section September Meeting](#)

[Mid-MO Section October Meeting](#)

If you are interested in participating in these meetings or joining the Mid-MO mailing list, please reach out to [**Paul Krewson**](#)

[Membership Appreciation Riverboat Cruise](#)

Saturday, September 17th, 2022

RIVER BOAT DINNER CRUISE



**AMERICAN SOCIETY OF
SAFETY PROFESSIONALS**

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 17th, 2022

7:30 PM TO 9:30 PM
PLEASE ARRIVE AT 7 PM !!!
50 S LEONOR K SULLIVAN BLVD, ST. LOUIS, MO 63102

Cash parking is available on the levee.

YOU MUST REGISTER IN ADVANCE!
This event is **FREE** for one (1) ASSP Member & their guest
ALL "NO SHOWS" WILL BE BILLED \$120.00

YOUR CRUISE INCLUDES :
Boat fare (2 hrs)
2 Drink tickets per person
3 course dinner (salad, entrée, dessert, coffee, tea & water)
Server gratuity
Live entertainment
Fuel surcharge fee

CLICK HERE



<https://stl.assp.org/events/riverboat-cruise/>

WISH Event

Women in Safety and Health (WISH) had a great time celebrating our recent Platinum recognition by the National ASSP WISE group. We couldn't be more proud over our networking, friendships, mentoring, education and philanthropy. We look forward to a great next year!



To stay connected and be the first to hear about the next WISH event, contact Patte: ackermatp@ssm-select.com

Tool Drive for Missouri Women in Trades

The Women in Safety and Health (WISH) group and many of our employers held a tool drive for the coolest group of women and allies; Missouri Women in Trades (MOWIT). So many of our friends and colleagues donated. MOWIT was as blown away by the donation as we were by their awesomeness. Pictures don't really show all that was collected. We are appreciative of all who participated. We thank you all.





Have a donation but didn't pass it along yet?
You're not too late! Contact Patte: ackemap@ssm-select.com

It Is Mold Season Again

~Bill Kincaid, P.E., CSP, CIT

Mold is one of those mysterious hazards that gets people spooked. It's lately a workplace concern and a source of stress for our HR and safety people. Given how humid and hot this summer has been, we might see mold appearing wherever we have the conditions for mold growth.

Where do the spores that produce mold come from? Everywhere. There's plenty of mold in the outdoors, and when we come in and out, open our loading docks, etc. naturally the mold comes inside. Problems arise in an enclosed space when there are conditions that favor the growth of mold: mainly moisture and warm temperatures. In a ventilated building we hardly ever see mold unless there are some serious roof leaks or water sources in the building that keep it damp. For example, when the drip tube for an HVAC

system is clogged, water can stand in drip pans and become a little mold farm. This mold will grow and release spores into the air. Then, indoor mold can greatly exceed normal outdoor levels.

There are no EPA or OSHA standards for mold levels. This is because human beings don't all react the same to mold. Although this isn't true for everybody, it usually takes a pretty obvious mold infestation to make people sick. Often the symptoms that people think are due to mold are due to other allergens, or simply the usual cold and flu bugs that go around, or Covid. This is particularly true when the air is dry during winter.

At OSHA we didn't order mold sampling until we had found evidence that there could be mold, and we may not have done sampling at all, had we not needed scientifically credible evidence of mold. We would look for peripheral evidence of mold such as moldy odors; visible mold sources such as spots of mold on walls or ceilings, or mold in attics, crawl spaces or HVAC ducts; mold-prone history of the building such as roof leaks, pipe leaks, or flooding; and the environmental conditions that commonly lead to mold growth such as dampness, poor humidity control, pipe leaks, or clogged HVAC drain tubes. Without water leaks or unusual moisture, then it would be surprising to find mold.

OSHA has some good informational material on mold at <https://www.osha.gov/SLTC/molds/>, and the EPA has an easy-to-understand booklet, <http://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2014-08/documents/moldremediation.pdf> which is an informative read.

Knowing there are sometimes non-mold factors to blame for symptoms wrongly blamed on mold, we also looked for other environmental irritants and contaminants.

I recently did a couple of visual mold investigations in some schools and along with the damp walls, stained ceiling tiles, buckets to catch leaks and dark sooty residue on the air vents, I found some mold by looking above ceiling tiles and in closets. The problem traced back to roof leaks. The building will need a lot of work, because there are entire ceilings and walls which must be torn out. No air testing was necessary, although it's not a bad idea after cleaning to do some wipe samples to make sure the remediation crew got it all.

Mold is found all over the natural environment, so how do we know when there's **too much** mold? The mold count inside a closed building with a good HVAC system is usually about half of what it is outside. In a warehouse or factory where there is plenty of air exchange due to open dock doors, we may find mold levels are the same inside as they are outside. The rule of thumb is indoor mold levels should be in a range from 50% to 100% of what they are outside the building depending on how open to the outside air the building may be, and never higher. That's why the usual method for air testing for mold is to measure inside the building and outside.

Before we try to do costly air measurements or surface sampling, we look for mold, or if we can't find any, we look for the reasons we would have mold, mainly signs of moisture in the building. If there are leaks and mold, there will usually be at least the smell of mold, which is the same as the smell of the cellar of an old house. We can measure the moisture levels in drywall and other building materials with various moisture reading instruments.

The EPA says "In most cases, if visible mold growth is present, sampling is unnecessary." Even if it's not on the visible side of the wall, mold can grow inside. The spores can make their way into the breathing air even from inside a wall.

Safety note: while investigating mold and moisture problems, do not touch mold or moldy items with bare hands. Do not get mold or mold spores in your eyes. Don't breathe in mold or mold spores. Consult EPA and OSHA for the right PPE and containment guidelines for your situation.

Mold testing must be done both inside and outside the building, or it doesn't tell you anything useful. Asking a company to briefly explain their test protocol is advised because if they don't know this basic rule about testing indoors and outdoors, they probably aren't very good at mold testing and don't deserve the \$500 to \$2000 they probably charge.

Mold remediation is generally done by professionals unless it's a very small area. Buildings with sensitive populations, such as schools, hospitals, and nursing homes, should always be remediated by highly qualified people following a remediation plan with a qualified remediation manager overseeing the work.

The remediation manager's highest priority must be to protect the health and safety of the building occupants and remediation workers.

If you suspect mold or receive a mold complaint, start with a safely performed assessment of the building to determine if the conditions for mold growth are there. That's the starting point, not air testing. Save your money, at least until you have some basis to say there probably is mold inside the building - if there is mold, you're going to need that money for remediation.

~Bill

EHS Conference Opportunity

Missouri Association of Manufacturers



September 13-14, 2022

The **Missouri EHS Conference** brings together those working in environmental, health and safety roles to connect and learn about new compliance regulations, leading technology, work comp challenges, the healthcare landscape and the culture of safety.

This **2-day conference** will feature experts in the EHS field, covering a variety of topics and sharing best practices to ensure employees and facilities are safe.

White River Conference Center

600 W. Sunshine Street
Springfield, MO



Pricing

Member* \$350
Non-Member \$400

*Member pricing requires Member Portal login.
Contact MAM Office for assistance at
(417) 863-7262

Register Today!

Space is limited!

<https://www.mamstrong.org/ehs-conf>

St. Louis Safety Council Events

Evolving To Truly Human Leadership

With Bob Chapman

#3 of The World's Top 10 CEOs by INC. Magazine

Location:

**Saint Louis University
Busch Student Center**

Time:

**Sept 14, 2022
2:00 PM – 5:00 PM CDT**

Schedule:

**Registration: 2:30 PM – 3:30 PM
Presentation: 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM
Reception: 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM**



Bob Chapman

Bob Chapman, CEO of Barry-Wehmiller Companies, a global supplier of manufacturing technology and services based out of Saint Louis, will share how 'Truly Human Leadership' evolved and how it transformed Barry Wehmiller into the thriving global organization it is today. You'll hear simple yet groundbreaking ideas to improve your business, your team, your safety, your personal relationships, and more.

Prices are for \$65 per ticket.

Reservations are limited so book now!

For more details go to www.stlsafety.org

We look forward to see you there!

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2022

**BUSCH STUDENT CENTER
SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY
*ST. LOUIS, MO***

**JOIN US FOR A DAY OF BEST PRACTICES,
TRENDS, & UPDATES, WITH
WONDERFUL LOCAL EXHIBITORS AND
FRIENDS**

***MORE INFORMATION WILL FOLLOW
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Please contact a board member or committee chair with comments or if you would like to participate in any of the chapter activities.

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