



AMERICAN SOCIETY OF
SAFETY PROFESSIONALS

Central Texas Chapter

*** VOLUNTEERS NEEDED ***



Girl Day at UT Austin

Educating and encouraging students in K-8 to pursue STEM fields

Saturday, February 22, 2019

11:00 am – 3:00 pm

Our activity this year: *The Science of Sound*

Please use the Survey Monkey link to register to volunteer:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/353K3QY>

Register by February 8th.

Why not make it a family day? For more information about the larger event, visit:

<https://girlday.utexas.edu/>

Volunteers are needed for this years fun filled Girl Day at UT Austin. Please follow this link to get involved.

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UPCOMING MEETING DATES

Central Texas Chapter

NEXT Chapter MEETING
Location/Dates:

DPR Construction

310 Comal St.

Building A, Suite 300

Austin, TX 78702

March 16

April 20

May 18

June 15

Safety FOCUS

ASSP 2019 Safety Focus

February 13-**20' 2020 Rio All-Suite Hotel**

3700 West Flamingo Road Las Vegas, Nevada 89103, US

https://safetyfocus.assp.org/?_ga=2.141056885.655453571.1575902319-1738299153.1572876867



Registration is now open for the 2020 Region III PDC on August 31 - September 2 at the Marriott Riverwalk located at 889 East Market Street, San Antonio, TX, 78205.

<https://www.regionthreepdc.com/>



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What to know about the Corona Virus

A coronavirus was first isolated in 1937 from an infectious bronchitis virus in birds that has the ability to seriously devastate poultry stocks.

These viruses are responsible for between 15 and 30 percent of common colds.

Over the last 70 years, scientists have found that coronaviruses can infect mice, rats, dogs, cats, turkeys, horses, pigs, and cattle. Most recently, authorities identified a coronavirus outbreak in China that has now reached other countries.

This *MNT Knowledge Center* article will focus on the different types of human coronaviruses, their symptoms, how they are transmitted, and two particularly dangerous diseases that can be caused by coronaviruses: SARS and MERS.

<https://www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/256521.php>

Engineering the Independent, Austin's Next Tallest Tower

Since it's visible from almost everywhere in and around downtown, you probably won't be surprised to learn that Austin's next tallest tower, The Independent, is topped out and in a late stage of construction at 301 West Avenue in the emerging Seaholm District. Roughly 80% of the 58-story residential **building's** 370 units are spoken for, and the project should deliver in 2019 at an estimated total cost of \$300 million.

As you might imagine, the appearance of the so-called **"Jenga Tower" is the first thing on everyone's mind** — the architects at Rhode Partners have certainly designed a one-of-a-kind building. But after spending some time with the folks at DCI Engineers, one half of the joint venture with Frank Lam & Associates **collectively overseeing the Independent's structural engineering, I've come away with a deeper appreciation of what it takes to keep this tower** — which is obviously designed to look more than a little precarious — standing tall.

<https://austin.towers.net/engineering-the-independent-austins-next-tallest-tower/>



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* D O W N T H E R O A D *

CTC-ASSP Construction Section Meeting

- April 13, 2020
- 11:30am
- Location: Independent Electrical Contractors (IEC) 8868
Research Blvd. Suite 502 Austin, TX 78758

Safety Focus 2020

- February 13-20, 2020
- Las Vegas, NV
- Rio All-Suite Hotel
- 3700 West Flamingo Road Las Vegas, Nevada 89103, US
- https://safetyfocus.assp.org/?_ga=2.147445374.811016444.1567705705-1994486126.1565619655

ASSP Central Texas Annual PDC

- April 14, 2020
- 8:00 am-5:00 pm
- Austin TX
- North Burnet, Austin, TX 78758

ASSP Annual PDC and Expo

- June 23-25, 2020
- Orlando FL
- Orange County Convention Center
- Hotel: TBD
- https://safety.assp.org/?_ga=2.144799987.655453571.1575902319-1738299153.1572876867

ASSP Annual Leadership Conference

- October 1-3, 2020
- Chicago IL
- **Hyatt Regency O'Hare in Rosemont, Illinois.**
- <https://www.assp.org/education/conferences/leadership-conference>

ASSP Chapter Officers 2018-2019

President: Mike Bewley

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Delegate: David Bollinger

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Scott Sloan

2009-2010



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CHAPTER PRESIDENT



Greetings Central Texas ASSP, I trust everyone enjoyed the Super Bowl on 02/02/2020. This month our meeting is February 10th at DPR Construction. The meeting was **moved to accommodate both MLK and President's Day** holidays when DPR is closed. The speaker will be our own Lane Smith, Safety Manager with DPR Construction, who will be presenting on DPR Construction uses technology to manage safety on their sites. I want to thank **David Bollinger**, for managing the meeting as myself and President-Elect Jaret Oldfather will not be able to make the meeting. There is a cool, fun event **this month that Central Texas ASSP members can participate in"**

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VOLUNTEER

WISE
Women in Safety Excellence

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Join us in the **SLIME Laboratory!**

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Why not make it a family day? For more information about the larger event, visit:
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This is a fun event sponsored Central Texas ASSP and the WISE Group. If you would like to volunteer, please use the link indicated in the flyer.

Mike Bewley



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Around the Water Cooler

Construction Practice Section

Meetings on the 2nd Tuesday every other month. For more information, please contact John Brattloff at johnb@whiteconst.com or Todd Smith at todd@slaterpainting.com.

Women in Safety Excellence Section

Interested in joining the WISE common interest group?

For more information about WISE:

Link: <http://www.assp.org/practicespecialties/wise>

Contact: Jennifer Hsu, MPH, CSP ChapterWISEATX@gmail.com

Employment Opportunity Highlights

For employment opportunities go to Central Texas Chapters current job openings at:

<http://centraltexas.assp.org/current-openings/>

or Society's job board at : <http://jobs.assp.org/>

Certification Aids

Chapter has purchased the certification exam preparation software for those who are interested in CSP & ASP exams.

Contact ASSP Officer Robert Box to reserve the CD's

\$300 deposit each

\$50 per month to rent

Remainder will be given back to renter after return

Volunteer Opportunities

Marketing Chair * Awards & Recognition Chair * PDC Committee Member

Interim Student Affairs Support * Construction PDC Booth Staffing



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8 Things NOT to do When Operating an Aerial Lift (and 8 Things You Should Do Instead)



Knowing what **NOT** to do while operating an aerial lift, boom lift, or other aerial work platform (AWP) is just as important as knowing what you **SHOULD** do.



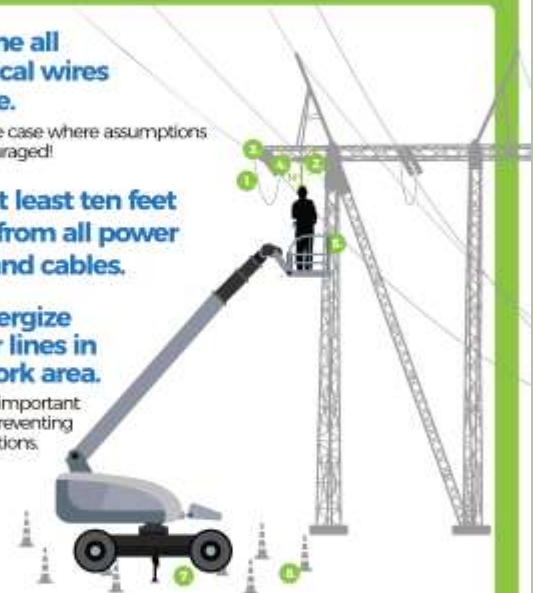
WHAT NOT TO DO WHEN OPERATING AN AERIAL LIFT

- 1. Do not exceed the load capacity limits**
taking into account the combined weight of the workers and tools. If in doubt, check the manufacturer's operating manual, or consult with your safety supervisor.
- 2. Do not use the aerial lift as a crane.**
- 3. Do not carry objects larger than the platform.**
- 4. Do not drive with the lift platform raised**
This increases the chance you'll run into overpasses, power lines, and other hazards.
- 5. Do not operate the lower level controls**
unless permission is given from the workers in the bucket or platform.
- 6. Do not exceed vertical or horizontal limits.**
Your aerial lift was designed to operate within a certain set of parameters - exceed them at your own risk.
- 7. Do not operate the aerial lift in high winds.**
When Mother Nature becomes too tough to work with, it's a good idea to wait for more agreeable weather.
- 8. Do not override the hydraulic, mechanical, or electrical safety devices.**



WHAT TO DO WHEN OPERATING AN AERIAL LIFT

- 1. Assume all electrical wires are live.**
This is one case where assumptions are encouraged!
- 2. Stay at least ten feet away from all power lines and cables.**
- 3. De-energize power lines in the work area.**
This is an important step for preventing electrocutions.
- 4. Be aware of overhead clearances & objects.**
Power lines, tree branches, buildings, bridges, and other objects need to be accounted for.
- 5. Avoid positioning the aerial lift between overhead obstructions.**
- 6. Set outriggers on pads or a level surface**
This simple step will help prevent your aerial lift from shifting or swaying during work.
- 7. Use wheel chocks on sloped surfaces.**
Check with your site safety supervisor anytime your aerial lift is parked on sloped surfaces or inclines.
- 8. Set up work zone warnings like cones and signs.**



Information brought to you by AerialLiftCertification.com