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## UPCOMING EVENTS

*April 11th - TECHNICAL Special Review for General, Builder, Residential, Air Conditioning A&B, Mechanical, Sheet Metal and Plumbing students*

*April 14th - TECHNICAL Exam for Air Conditioning B license category*

*April 15th - TECHNICAL Exam for General, Builder, Residential, Air Conditioning A, Mechanical, and Plumbing license categories*

*April 24th - Cam Tech's Session II 2015 starts in Orlando*

*April 25th - Cam Tech's Session II 2015 starts in Ft. Myers and Tampa*

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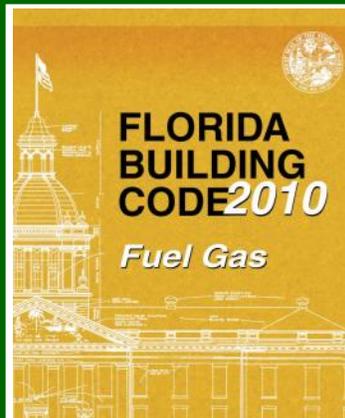
#### Certification of Registered Contractor's Licenses, also known as Grandfathering, ending in November!

House Bill 897, which passed during the 2012 legislative session, was approved by Governor Rick Scott on May 4, 2012. This bill will re-open and extend the time period for contractors to request that their registered contractor's license be grandfathered to a state wide certified contractor's license. **The time period requesting grandfathering of registered licenses has been extended until November 1, 2015.** The re-opening of the grandfathering time period will take effect on October 1, 2012. Registered contractors may submit their application for grandfathering of their licenses beginning October 1, 2012.

The State of Florida is Grandfathering all eligible state registered contractors! Grandfathering allows a currently registered contractor to apply for and receive a **STATEWIDE** certified contractor's license in their same category of licensure without sitting for the state contractor's examination.

- You must hold a current and valid State Registered License Section 489.105(3)(a)-(p) F.S. for CILB.
- You must have passed a written exam substantially similar to the State Exam (National Assessment Institute, Block & Associates, MAI/Block, Expor Assessment, Professional Testing Inc., or Assessment Systems, Inc.).
- Have no less than 5 years of active state-registered experience as a contractor in the contracting category, or as an inspector or building administrator with oversight over that category, at the time of application.
- Have not had your license revoked at any time, suspended within the last 5 years or been assessed a fine on excess of \$500 in the past 5 years.
- You must be in compliance with insurance & financial responsibility requirements.

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## UPDATES TO OSHA'S RECORDKEEPING RULE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1ST, 2015

*"OSHA will now receive crucial reports of fatalities and severe work-related injuries and illnesses that will significantly enhance the agency's ability to target our resources to save lives and prevent further injury and illness. This new data will enable the agency to identify the workplaces where workers are at the greatest risk and target our compliance assistance and enforcement resources accordingly." Asst. Sect. of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health, Dr. David Michaels*

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration's revised recordkeeping rule includes two key changes:

First, the rule updates the list of industries that are exempt from the requirement to routinely keep OSHA injury and illness records, due to relatively low occupational injury and illness rates. The previous list of industries was based on the old Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) system and injury and illness data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) from 1996, 1997, and 1998. The new list of industries that are exempt from routinely keeping OSHA injury and illness records is based on the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) and injury and illness data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) from 2007, 2008, and 2009. Note: The new rule retains the exemption for any employer with ten or fewer employees, regardless of their industry classification, from the requirement to routinely keep records.

Second, the rule expands the list of severe work-related injuries that all covered employers **must report** to OSHA. The revised rule retains the current requirement to report all work-related fatalities within 8 hours and adds the requirement to report all work-related in-patient hospitalizations, amputations and loss of an eye within 24 hours to OSHA.

Establishments located in states under Federal OSHA jurisdiction must begin to comply with the new requirements on January 1, 2015. Establishments located in states that operate their own safety and health programs (State Plan States) should check with their state plan for the implementation date of the new requirements. OSHA encourages the states to implement the new coverage provisions on 1/1/2015, but some may not be able to meet this tight deadline.

The final rule will allow OSHA to focus its efforts more effectively to prevent fatalities and serious work-related injuries and illnesses. The final rule will also improve access by employers, employees, researchers and the public to information about workplace safety and health and increase their ability to identify and abate serious hazards.

**What needs to be reported to OSHA?** OSHA's updated recordkeeping rule expands the list of severe injuries that employers must report to OSHA.

As of January 1, 2015, all employers must report:

- All work-related fatalities within 8 hours.
- All work-related inpatient hospitalizations, all amputations and all losses of an eye within 24 hours.



**"We best clean this place up before OSHA comes."**

### Construction's "Fatal Four"

**Out of 3,929\* worker fatalities in private industry in calendar year 2013, 796 or 20.3% were in construction—that is, one in five worker deaths last year were in construction. The leading causes of worker deaths on construction sites were falls, followed by struck by object, electrocution, and caught-in/between. These "Fatal Four" were responsible for more than half (58.7%) the construction worker deaths in 2013. Eliminating the Fatal Four would save 468 workers' lives in America every year.**

- Falls — 294 (36.9%)
- Struck by Object — 82 (10.3%)
- Electrocutions — 71 (8.9%)
- Caught-in/between — 21 (2.6%)

You can report to OSHA by; calling OSHA's free and confidential number at 800-321-OSHA (6742), calling your closest Area Office during normal business hours, or using the new online form that will soon be available.

Only fatalities occurring within 30 days of the work-related incident must be reported to OSHA. Further, for an in-patient hospitalization, amputation or loss of an eye, these incidents must be reported to OSHA only if they occur within 24 hours of the work-related incident.

**To read in more detail how these changes to OSHA's recordkeeping requirements will affect you, please visit OSHA's website, <https://www.osha.gov/recordkeeping2014/index.html>.**

## Want a safer construction site? Stretch every morning before work!

by Sharon O'Malley, *Construction DIVE*

Employees of the Skanska Construction Group have an unexpected morning routine. Before beginning work every day they go through a series of stretches and flexes.

The idea is to prevent soft tissue and stress related injuries.

One of Skanska's latest projects is the giant Pegasus statue that will be park of Gulfstream Park's new welcoming center in Hallandale Beach.

Instead of loading up on doughnuts and coffee before their shift begins every morning, crews that arrive at Skanska Construction Group job sites start their day with a group stretch. It's company policy. With hard hats on, construction workers on the New Jersey-based global company's job sites all over the country participate in an organized, 7 a.m. group exercise session.

Even the 39 Chinese artisans who are in the state to erect the world's second-largest statue—the Statue of Liberty is the largest—join their U.S. co-workers as they bend, twist, stretch, and flex before picking up their tools. The giant Pegasus statue was created in China by the same workers who are here to install it at Gulfstream Park's new welcome center.

Workplace safety "is a way of thinking," Jorge Moros, the project executive on the Florida job, said. "An injury-free environment is a way of thinking."

The company has reported a substantial decrease in stress-related soft-tissue and back injuries since the exercise program began.



**“The whole difference between construction and creation is exactly this: that a thing constructed can only be loved after it is constructed; but a thing created is loved before it exists.” Charles Dickens**

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#### FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY AND STABILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR CONTRACTOR APPLICANTS

Florida Law requires all construction contractor applicants to establish that they are both financially responsible and financially stable prior to issuance of their licenses.

**Does your submitted credit report show a credit score of 660 or higher?** If you have applied for your Florida State Contractor's License and you do not have a minimum credit score of 660, you will be required to secure a Financial Stability Bond.

Without proof of completion of an approved 14-hour financial responsibility course, you will need to secure a bond in the amount of:

- \$20,000 for Division I applicants
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