



# ASSE News

## Colorado Chapter

### December 2009

## Meeting Notices:

### December Chapter Meeting December 8, 2009

- Board Meeting 10:30-11:30am
- Lunch & Learn 11:30am-1:30pm

**Speaker:** Tim Batz, CSP, ARM, CRIS

**Subject:** Fleet Liability: Controlling Risks That Could Drive You Out of Business

**Garcia's Mexican Restaurant**  
5050 S. Syracuse St.  
Denver, Colorado.

11:00 a.m. Meeting Registration  
11:30 a.m. Lunch  
12:00 p.m. Guest Presentation

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## Fleet Liability: Controlling Risks That Could Drive You Out of Business

A tragic vehicle crash occurs with an employee driving a company vehicle.....are your safety procedures adequate? Can you withstand the scrutiny of a lawsuit? Are you covered?

What you'll learn:

- How do underwriters and insurance carriers assess your risks?
- What are the best practices for fleet control?
- Is your balance sheet at risk should a worst-case-scenario accident occur?
- What if employees are driving their own vehicles?
- What is the best practice for monitoring your employees' motor vehicle records?

### Tim Batz, CSP, ARM, CRIS

Mr. Batz is a risk control consultant with IMA of Colorado and his responsibilities include consulting with a variety of commercial insurance clients, assisting them with safety management.

Tim holds a BS in construction management and a MS in safety management from Central Missouri State University. Tim is a member of the Associated General Contractors National Safety Committee and the American Society of Safety Engineers.

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## Message from the Chapter President

November 20, 2009

Hello everybody,

I wanted to say hello and Happy Holidays to all our Colorado Chapter members. I also wanted to say thank you for all of the job opportunities that you have all been sending my way. I know there are a lot of health and safety professionals that are out looking for work during this down economy and I appreciate any leads that I can pass on. I think it is extremely important for those of us who are currently employed in the safety field to continue to support our colleagues with job opportunities, contract work. and mentorship.

Thanks again,

Holli Merchant, CIH, CSP  
2009/2010 Colorado Chapter ASSE President

## OSHA Publishes Long-Awaited GHS Rulemaking

**SUMMARY:** OSHA is proposing to modify its existing Hazard Communication Standard (HCS) to conform with the United Nations' (UN) Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals (GHS). OSHA has made a preliminary determination that the proposed modifications will improve the quality and consistency of information provided to employers and employees regarding chemical hazards and associated protective measures. The Agency anticipates this improved information will enhance the effectiveness of the HCS in ensuring that employees are apprised of the chemical hazards to which they may be exposed, and in reducing the incidence of chemical-related occupational illnesses and injuries.

The proposed modifications to the standard include revised criteria for classification of chemical hazards; revised labeling provisions that include requirements for use of standardized signal words, pictograms, hazard statements, and precautionary statements; a specified format for safety data sheets; and related revisions to definitions of terms used in the standard, requirements for employee training on labels and safety data sheets. OSHA is also proposing to modify provisions of a number of other standards, including standards for flammable and combustible liquids, process safety management, and most substance-specific health standards, to ensure consistency with the modified HCS requirements.

The proposed regulatory text and appendices can be viewed at <http://www.osha.gov/dsg/hazcom/global.html>

**Written Comments:** Written comments, including comments on the information collection determination described in Section VIII of the preamble must be submitted by the following dates:

**Hard copy:** Comments must be submitted (postmarked or sent) by December 29, 2009.

**Fax and electronic transmissions:** Comments must be sent by December 29, 2009.

You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

**Electronically:** You may submit comments electronically at <http://www.regulations.gov>, which is the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal. Follow the instructions on-line for making electronic submissions.

**Fax:** If your submissions, including attachments, are not longer than 10 pages, you may fax them to the OSHA Docket Office at (202) 693-1648.

**Mail, hand delivery, express mail, messenger or courier service:**

You must submit three copies of your comments to the OSHA Docket Office, Docket No. OSHA-H022K-2006-0062, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-2625, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210. Deliveries (hand, express mail, messenger and courier service) are accepted during the Department of Labor's and Docket Office's normal business hours, 8:15 a.m.-4:45 p.m., E.T.

**Instructions:** All submissions must include the Agency name and the docket number for this rulemaking (Docket No. OSHA-H022K-2006-0062). All comments, including any personal information you provide, are placed in the public docket without change and may be made available online at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Therefore, OSHA cautions you about submitting personal information such as social security numbers and birthdates.



# ASSE Announces Revised Workplace Fall Protection Standard

**DES PLAINES, IL** (November 5, 2009) — In an effort to provide the most current information on slip, trip and fall prevention, the American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE) recently announced the approval of a newly revised American National Standards Institute (ANSI) /ASSE Z359.0-2009 “Definitions and Nomenclature Used for Fall Protection and Fall Arrest” voluntary consensus standard.

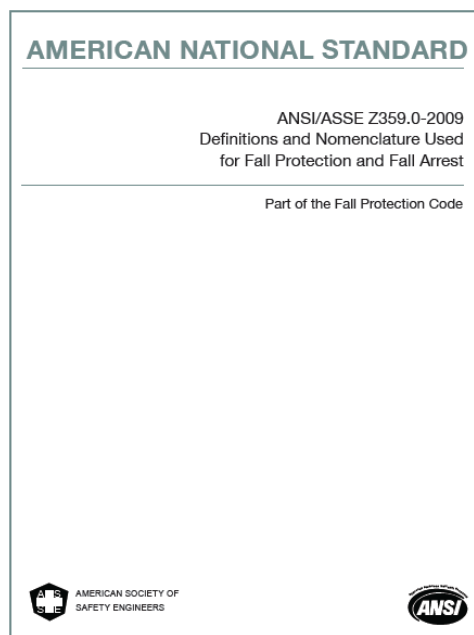
The recently updated Z359.0-2009 standard, approved by ANSI on October 27, 2009, will be available to download at no cost by November 12, 2009 from [www.asse.org](http://www.asse.org). The standard establishes definitions and nomenclature for fall arrest and fall protection equipment, which includes definitions and nomenclature used for all the current Z359 standards.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), out of the 5,071 fatal on-the-job injuries that occurred in 2008 in the U.S., 680 were attributed to falls. In addition, Richard Fairfax, director of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration's (OSHA) directorate of enforcement programs, recently noted that fall protection is one of the top 10 most cited OSHA violations for 2009.

ASSE serves as the secretariat for the Z359 Fall Protection standards, or Fall Protection Code. The ASSE Fall Protection Code now includes nine standards: Z359.0-2009 “Definitions and Nomenclature Used for Fall Protection and Fall Arrest;” Z359.1-2007 “Safety Requirements for Personal Fall Arrest Systems, Subsystems and Components;” Z359.2-2007 “Minimum Requirements for a Comprehensive Managed Fall Protection Program;” Z359.3-2007 “Safety Requirements for Positioning and Travel Restraint Systems;” Z359.4-2007 “Safety Requirements for Assisted-Rescue and Self-Rescue Systems, Subsystems and Components;” Z359.6-2009 “Specification and Design Requirements for Active Fall Protection Systems;” Z359.12-2009 “Connecting Components for Personal Fall Arrest Systems;” Z359.13-2009 “Personal Energy Absorbers and Energy Absorbing Lanyards” as well as the historical ANSI/ASSE Z359.1-1992 (R1999).

The ANSI/ASSE Z359 ASC for Fall Arrest/Protection is also working on 10 additional Z359 standards projects aimed at protecting workers from falls.

[www.asse.org/shoponline/support/EZ359-0-2009.pdf](http://www.asse.org/shoponline/support/EZ359-0-2009.pdf)



# The Stimulus: What it Means to Colorado's Economy

## What ARRA Means to Colorado Businesses

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) provides an opportunity to jumpstart Colorado's economy by investing in jobs, infrastructure, industry, and innovation. StimulusColorado.org serves as a communal space for business and organizations to share information and develop strategic partnerships as discretionary and competitive grants are released. This Web site focuses primarily on business focused stimulus dollars affecting economic development opportunities in the region. Click here for more details on target areas.

StimulusColorado.org is a collaboration project sponsored by AGC Colorado, Colorado Association of Mechanical & Plumbing Contractors, Colorado Contractors Association, Denver Chamber of Commerce, and Metro Denver Economic Development Corporation.

The Web site focuses primarily on business focused stimulus dollars in the areas of:

- Infrastructure: Transportation, Clean Water, Broadband, and Transmission
- Energy: Smart Grid Technology, Energy Efficiency and Weatherization, Fossil Fuels Research and Fuel Cell Technology, Wind and Solar Tax Credits, and Renewable Energy R&D
- Healthcare Information Technology
- Tax Breaks and Incentives
- Small Business Loan Guarantees
- Advanced Manufacturing Tax Credits

<http://stimuluscolorado.org/>



## Upcoming Education & Professional Development:

# SeminarFest

**February 14-20, 2010**  
**Flamingo Las Vegas Hotel**

[SeminarFest](#) is an excellent opportunity to earn up to 5.0 CEUs/COCs in one week. With over 50 seminars ranging from one to three days in length, [SeminarFest](#) offers essential technical, management, and skill development topics for the Safety, Health, and Environmental professional. Whether you join us for one day or the full week, this event will satisfy your continuing education needs in safety and health. [Click here](#) for more information.

## Upcoming Webinars

Visit [www.asse.org/education/schedule.php](http://www.asse.org/education/schedule.php) for details on upcoming professional development seminars, workshops, and webinars.

### **Focus on the Leading Indicators to Transform your Safety Culture**

Wednesday, December 2, 2009 - 11:00am – 12:30pm CST

### **Hazard Communication: OSHA's Proposal to Align the Standard with the Globally Harmonized System**

Wednesday, December 9, 2009 - 11:00am – 12:30pm CST

### **Occupational Eye and Face Protective Devices - A Live Webcast on the ANSI/ASSE Z87.1-2003 Standard**

January 7, 2010 - 11:00 - 12:30 CST

### **Complacency - The Silent Killer**

January 13, 2010 - 11:00 - 12:30pm CST

### **Implementing the New NFPA 70E Electrical Safety Requirements**

January 20, 2010 - 11:00am - 12:30pm CST

## Job Postings:

Check out [www.coloradoasse.org/jobs.php](http://www.coloradoasse.org/jobs.php) for details on local job listings or visit [www.nexsteps.org](http://www.nexsteps.org). With just a few clicks of the mouse, job seekers can easily post their resume on Nexsteps for employers to view, and receive automated notifications when jobs are available that match your interests. There is no cost to post your resume or search available positions. Employers can post listings for available positions, search resumes online and setup a resume agent to alert you when new resumes are posted that match your criteria. Job posting prices vary.

