

## **CHESS is making a move**

CHESS is moving to new offices on April 17. Our new address will be:

33 E. Wentworth Ave., Suite 320  
West St Paul, MN 55118

We will have new phone system, so watch for updated direct numbers for staff. As always, 651-481-9787 is the main number. Cell phone numbers and Janet's direct line, 651-458-4930, will stay the same.

We will have training rooms (both small and large) available. So watch for some new opportunities if you need to train just that one staff person.



## **Minnesota Safety Conference May 6-7**

We're again exhibiting at the 2014 Minnesota Safety Conference, at the Minneapolis Convention Center May 6-7. For free passes to the exhibit hall, call or email us ([carkey@chess-safety.com](mailto:carkey@chess-safety.com)). If you attend the entire conference or just check out the exhibits, stop at our booth, 212, to say hi. And, as usual, we'll have a chess game set up.

## **NFPA 70E Arc Flash Safety – Free Training May 14**

Lewellyn is offering a NFPA 70E arc flash class (again) in Minneapolis on May 14<sup>th</sup>. The class is from 10 am – 2 pm at the Minneapolis Marriott Southwest. For more information or to register, go to [www.lewellyn.com](http://www.lewellyn.com). If you have employees who do any work on live electrical systems, you need to protect against arc flash. This seminar should be a good introduction to best practices for electrical safety.

## **Severe weather reminders**

Minnesota Severe Weather Awareness Week is April 21-25, 2014. The annual statewide tornado drills are scheduled for Thursday, April 24 at 1:45 pm and 6:55 pm. Take this opportunity to have a company severe weather drill. And remind employees to plan for weather emergencies at home as well. For more information, training topics of the day and ideas on how to participate, go to the Minnesota Department of Public Safety's [Severe Weather Awareness site](#).

## **New MUTCD**

For anyone working in or adjacent to roadways: Minnesota has a new Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices available for 2014. There are some major changes. Traffic control for roundabouts has been added. There are changes to signs and postings for pedestrian and bicycle ways, and the manual has increased its emphasis on trying to match real life situations.

## **MSDSLlinks**

For clients on our MSDSLinks, the password changed as of April 1. If you have not posted your MSDSLinks cards, please contact us.

Note: material safety data sheets are undergoing a name change, to safety data sheets. We're not changing the name or web address of MSDSLinks yet, though.

## **Commercial Drivers' Licenses and Medical Cards**

If you have interstate drivers who must carry medical cards (CDL holders), those cards must now be signed by a doctor listed on the National Registry of Certified Medical Examiners. Drivers can check if their health care providers (doctors, chiropractors, nurse practitioners, or physician assistants) are listed at [DOT's National Registry website](#). To be listed, health care providers need to be licensed in the state in which they practice, have completed training on the physical requirements for CDL drivers, and pass a test to show they know those requirements.

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## Commercial Drivers' Licenses and Medical Cards, continued

This program, overseen by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, is intended to ensure that the health care professionals okaying commercial drivers know what criteria those drivers need to meet. To date, there are over 200 registered providers in a 50-mile radius around St. Paul. It looks like all of the local occupational health clinics are represented on the list.



## Due North Ice & Snow Traction Aids

(We hope this information is for next winter, not this one that's just ending!)

Due North makes snow and ice cleats for many applications. They've just introduced a heel cleat, which can readily be flipped back when walking indoors. For more information on their products, see their website: <http://www.duenorthproducts.com/>

You can order directly from Due North (minimum quantity 12; all cleats cost less than \$26 a pair). For pricing and ordering information, please contact Carol (651-481-9787 or 651-269-6150).

## OSHA 300 Summary of Injuries and Illnesses

Just a reminder to keep your OSHA 300A summary posted through April 30.

## Did you know CHESS...

- Offers First Aid/CPR/AED training.
- Offers Safety Flash Cards (monthly safety reminders) as a subscription service. Contact Carol Keyes for more information.
- Provides a full range of industrial hygiene services.

**Questions?** Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have safety-related questions or just need more information about something or the services we offer. Please contact us by phone (651-481-9787) or email if you no longer want to receive newsletters or if you want them in a different format (email, mail).

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