

### News from the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry

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# Governor signs bill to protect commercial scuba divers working in Minnesota lakes

Gov. Tim Walz signed the Brady Aune and Joseph Anderson Safety Act bill into law Thursday, May 1, establishing safety requirements for aquatic plant management companies whose employees use scuba gear. The bill was proposed



following the deaths of Aune and Anderson, who drowned while performing lake weed removal using scuba equipment without proper training.

"Brady and Joseph were two remarkable young men whose tragic, preventable deaths are a stark reminder that workplace safety cannot be an afterthought," said Gov. Walz. "With this bipartisan legislation, we're preventing future tragedies and making Minnesota a safer place to work. I applaud the strength, courage and dedication of the families who have tirelessly advocated to ensure every Minnesotan who goes to work returns home safely."

Read the governor's news release

Read the legislative update from Minnesota OSHA

### Webinar: A guide to earned sick and safe time (ESST)

A webinar on the earned sick and safe time (ESST) law will cover key points such as how ESST is earned, used and carried over. The session will also address all technical assistance resources, administrative rules and any other related updates.

June 10, from 10-11 a.m. Register for the webinar.

### Get started with a registered apprenticeship program

Our <u>Registered Apprenticeship Program Application Directory</u> lists application steps and contact information for some of the largest and most frequently requested registered apprenticeship programs in Minnesota.

## Dual-Training Pipeline 101 webinar is June 25

Hear about the basics of employment-based training and how to set up a dual-training initiative at your company at our <u>Dual-Training Pipeline 101 webinar at 9 a.m. on June 25</u>.

## Workers' Compensation Division adds monthly email newsletter

DLI's Workers' Compensation Division has added a monthly email newsletter, <u>Campus</u> <u>Connect</u>, as a resource with news, updates and announcements about Minnesota workers' compensation and DLI's claims portal, Work Comp Campus.

## MNOSHA fatality, serious-injury investigation summaries online

Each month, Minnesota OSHA (MNOSHA) Compliance publishes current, updated summaries of its fatality investigations and serious-injury investigations.

For the federal-fiscal-year that began Oct. 1, 2024, MNOSHA has investigated 10 fatalities through May 28.

The information provided about each investigation is: the inspection number, date of incident and worksite city; the type of business and number of employees; a description of the event; and the outcome of the MNOSHA Compliance investigation.

• View the summaries.

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