



NERCA NEWS

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New ANSI Lift Standards Delayed until March 1, 2020

ANSI standards released in late 2018 which were originally to become effective on December 10, 2019 will now be delayed until March 1, 2020.



The changes include renaming Aerial Work Platforms (AWPs) to Mobile Elevating Work Platforms (MEWPs).

In addition, the new standards place greater responsibility on the equipment user regardless of whether they are a large maintenance operation or a small business that rents a scissor lift, boom lift, etc.

ANSI Standard A92.22 requires all MEWP users to develop a risk assessment and site safety plan, which must be shared with everyone on the work site. ANSI Standard A92.94 now requires training for occupants and supervisors of aerial equipment.

Recently, NERCA has been working to find someone capable of providing training on the new ANSI standards. The requirements do not have the force of law as enforced by OSHA, but do present a liability issue for contractors. As a result, many general contractors are pushing for subcontractors to ensure that their workforce has received the new required training.

NERCA is happy to provide one of the first opportunities for this lift training through a webinar at the end of January. Join Eric Stalmon, VP of Safety and Training at the Marr Company, a major equipment and scaffolding provider for a webinar detailing the new lift standards and what it means for employers.

[Jan. 29 – Understanding New ANSI Lift Standards webinar](#)

Guardian Fall Protection Issues Recall on 3 Way Rescue and Retrieval Lifelines

Guardian Fall Protection and Web Design are issuing an immediate product recall for the #10981 and #10947 3-Way SRL-R. The company says that under certain conditions, braking forces may cause gear misalignment, potentially resulting in diminished rescue/retrieval functionality.



The recall affects all 3-Way SRLs manufactured before March 2019.

SAVE THE DATE: NERCA's 94th ANNUAL CONVENTION & TRADE SHOW

**Tuesday, March 17th, 2020 –
Thursday, March 19th, 2020**

**Hard Rock Hotel & Casino
Atlantic City, NJ**

Join us in this amazing new venue for educational seminars, product demonstrations, a 2-day silent auction, and much more!

7 Educational Seminars over 3 days

- 1. NRCA Technical Issues Update**
- 2. Metal Decks 101**
- 3. Hiring and Keeping the Best Talent**
- 4. Working Safely Around Solar**
- 5. Roofing Contract Provisions**
- 6. Ladders – The Most Dangerous Tools**
- 7. Technical Issues Panel**

NERCA Board Member Profiled in Worcester Business Journal



GOLDEN GROUP ROOFING

As part of a spotlight on the success of immigrant groups in Worcester, Massachusetts, the Worcester Business Journal profiled NERCA Board member Greta Bajrami. Greta founded [Golden Group Roofing](#) along with her husband Freddy Campoverde in 2012.

Greta came from Albania after it had been a democracy for only five years. Previously, Albania had been a communist satellite of the Soviet Union after signing onto the Warsaw Pact. However, by 1997, major civil unrest and violent skirmishes were caused by government corruption and financial pyramid schemes. Greta was only 9 years old, but feels coming from a former communist country is what made her grow up dreaming of starting her own business. She told the WBJ of her love for the US, saying, "This is the only place I could have made my dreams come true."

[To read the entire Worcester Business Journal Article, you can find the story here](#)



Greta Bajrami (sitting left) and her husband Freddy Campoverde (standing left) with employees Denis Bajrami (standing right) and Ximena Areiza (sitting right)

Crosby Issues Shackle Recall

The Crosby Group issued a notice informing customers that some shackles may have a

condition that can reduce the ultimate load capacity from the published catalog values. The shackle bow may have a previously undetected defect, and continued use may result in loss of load, property damage, severe injury, or death.

Specifically, the 7/8" 6.5t shackles with PIC 5VJ shown on the bow may have this condition. See below image showing the position of the PIC on the bow.



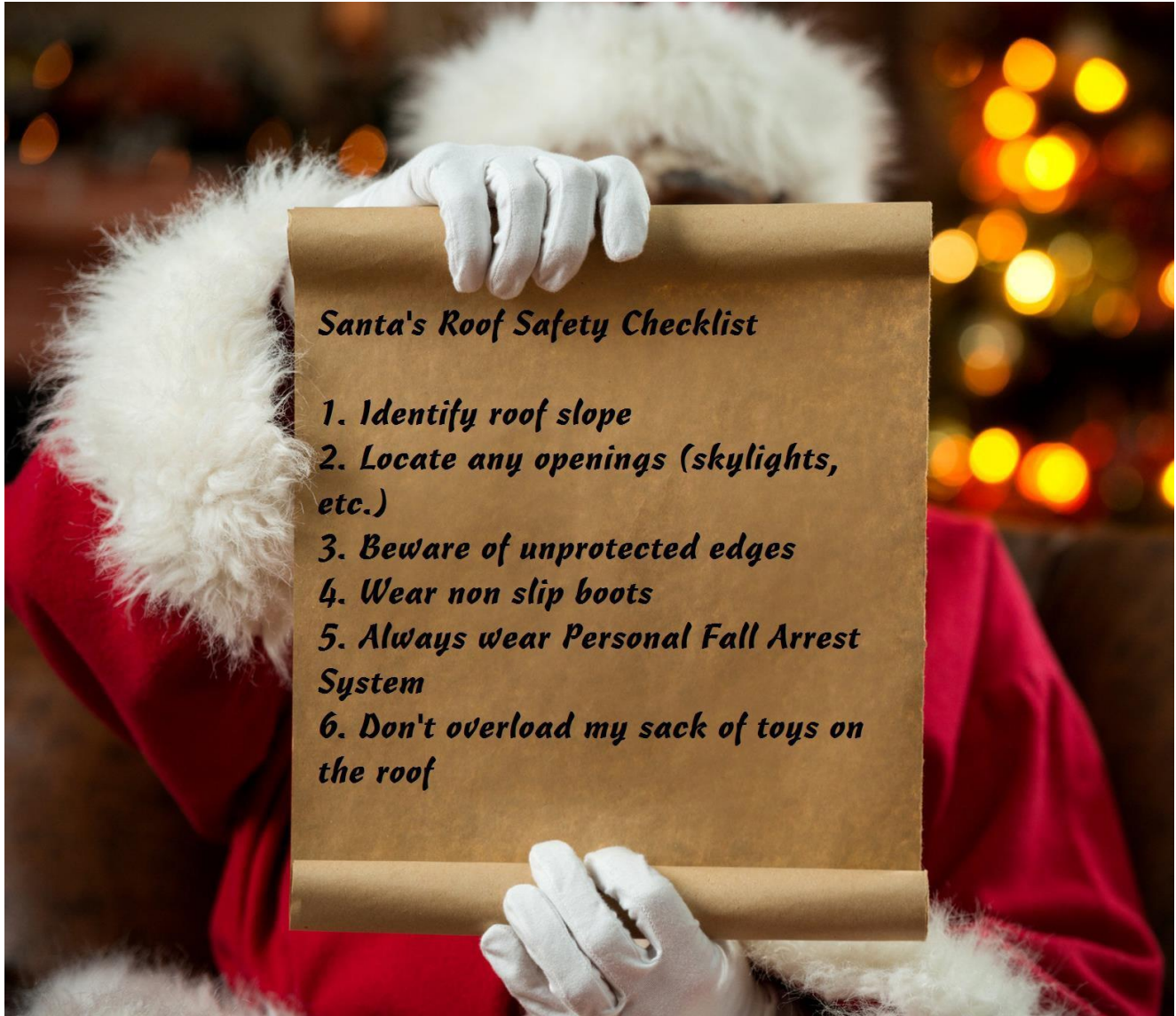
Production Information Code (PIC) Location

The models affected by the recall notice are listed below:

- 1019542 7/8" 6.50t S-2130 Shackle
- 1019533 7/8" 6.50t G-2130 Shackle
- 1018151 7/8" 6.50t G-213 Shackle
- 1018160 7/8" 6.50t S-213 Shackle
- 1018516 7/8" 6.50t G-209 Shackle
- 1018525 7/8" 6.50t S-209 Shackle
- 1262031 7/8" 6.50t G-2130OC Shackle

To return these products, please contact your Crosby Distributor. For more information concerning this Important Safety Notice, contact Crosby Technical Support at 1-800-772-1500.

HAPPY
HOLIDAYS



Santa's Roof Safety Checklist

- 1. Identify roof slope*
- 2. Locate any openings (skylights, etc.)*
- 3. Beware of unprotected edges*
- 4. Wear non slip boots*
- 5. Always wear Personal Fall Arrest System*
- 6. Don't overload my sack of toys on the roof*

**MERRY CHRISTMAS & BEST WISHES FOR A
HAPPY, HEALTHY NEW YEAR
FROM YOUR FRIENDS AT NERCA!**

LEGISLATIVE CORNER

NATION:

Congress is close to passing a \$1.3 trillion federal spending deal which includes a repeal of several taxes associated with the 2010 health care law, including the tax on Cadillac health insurance plans which were expected to hit building trades unions especially hard. The bill also includes \$22 billion for Pentagon funding but does not eliminate the Trump Administration's ability to use those funds for a border wall as was hoped for by House Democrats.



CONNECTICUT:

After homeowners in Connecticut had issues with crumbling foundations and basement walls due to defective concrete manufactured by a single supplier, they tried to make claims on their homeowners' insurance policies, which were subsequently denied. Now, in a series of recent lawsuits, the Connecticut Supreme Court was asked to resolve questions concerning certain terms within these policies which may apply to the issue. In *Karas v. Liberty*, the Court ruled in favor of the insurance companies and their right to deny all claims related to the concrete manufacturer's defects.

MAINE:

Maine residents are weighing whether to allow a hydro-electric transmission line from Canada to pass through the state on the way to Boston and other southern metropolitan areas. Many townships are wary of approving the project which includes transmission lines 300 feet wide for 145 miles from Canada to Lewiston, ME where it could connect to the New England power grid.

MASSACHUSETTS:

Massachusetts lawmakers passed a distracted driving bill which bans all manual cellphone use while driving. The law requires cell phones to be connected through a handsfree device if used for talking or navigation. It does make a provision that a single tap or swipe can be performed while driving in order to activate or deactivate it. Pushed by public safety officials and police departments, the distracted driving bill also includes requirements to collect demographic information on those cited in order to monitor whether the law is used for racial profiling.

NEW HAMPSHIRE:

A report by a legislative committee tasked with looking at recycling and waste management in the state has found that the state's Solid Waste Management Bureau has fallen far behind other state programs. The report found that funding cuts were the primary issue and recommended that the state begin to charge a solid waste disposal surcharge to towns and municipalities. In addition, the report recommended better planning from the source of such waste to the recycling of reusable waste. The committee discussed bans on construction and demolition material being deposited at state managed landfills and other requirements.

NEW JERSEY:

New Jersey's largest municipalities could soon have the authority to levy a new 3.5 % tax on parking to help raise money for pedestrian-access improvements at mass-transit stations. The bill is awaiting final approval from Gov. Phil Murphy after winning a slim majority in the Democratic-controlled Legislature; it would go into effect immediately. The proposed tax could be levied in Edison, Elizabeth, Jersey City, Newark, Paterson, and Woodbridge. Only these six municipalities would be permitted to charge the parking-fee tax, since the bill restricts it to only those that had a population of at least 100,000.

NEW YORK:

A Brooklyn City Council member has introduced legislation requiring city school districts to study the feasibility of installing green roofs on at least two schools in each district. Under the legislation, the School Chancellor would have to consult with the city's School Construction Authority, Department of Environmental Protection, and Department of Buildings to make a determination. The chancellor would then have no more than 180 days to submit the findings to the speaker, according to the text of the bill.

PENNSYLVANIA:

In their final session of the year, the Philadelphia City Council unanimously passed reforms to the 10-year tax abatement, effectively cutting the subsidy in half. The changes will go into effect in January 2021 and are expected to generate \$270 million over a decade. Under the new program, owners of new residential construction projects will pay no property taxes on the added value in the first year, 10% in the second year, 20% in the third year and so on until they are paying the full tax assessed on the property. The full 10-year tax break for commercial and the rehabilitation of residential properties will be unchanged.

RHODE ISLAND:

Rhode Island Senate leaders said they won't support legalizing recreational marijuana if Democratic Gov. Gina Raimondo chooses to propose it next year. Raimondo has said she's likely to propose legalizing recreational marijuana in her upcoming 2020 budget. The General Assembly denied her attempts to propose legislation in the last budget, but six new medical marijuana dispensaries were authorized in the state.

VERMONT:

The Climate Solutions Caucus in the State Legislature plans on introducing a Global Warming Solution Act which would turn the state's emissions reductions goals into mandates and require state agencies to adopt rules to reduce emissions. Vermont has aggressive greenhouse gas emissions goals on the books, but emissions have increased as 2015 emissions were 16% higher than in 1990 when they are supposed to be 50% below that target.