



# AEA SAFETY COMMITTEE

## DECEMBER 2024 NEWSLETTER

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### LOOK BACK AT YOUR 2024 SAFETY PROGRAM

and take assessment of the effectiveness of your organization’s safety programs and initiatives. The goal of a safety review is to make sure your safety programs and policies are working as intended, while also identifying opportunities for improvement in the year 2025.



[Safety Management and Program Evaluation](#)

[OSHA Accident Investigation Data Base Search](#)

[Injuries, Illnesses, and Fatalities US Bureau of Statistics](#)



In addition to cold stress, there are other winter weather-related hazards that workers may be exposed to:



[Winter Hazard Resource Link](#)

### DECEMBER INCIDENT DISCUSSION

Employee was unclogging a 20” intake pipe that was inside another 48” line. A large chunk of ice slid down the larger pipe and hit the employee on the back of his head.\*

**QUESTION FOR SAFETY COMMITTEE/EMPLOYEE DISCUSSION:**  
**What safety precautions should be in place to avoid this type of accident?**

### ENJOY A SAFE HOLIDAY SEASON!

[Ways to Cope with Holiday Stress](#)



[Holiday Safety Tips](#)

[Holiday Fire Safety](#)

[Holiday Pet Safety](#)



[\\*OSHA Ice/Pipe Accident Report Detail](#)

[OSHA Near Miss Incident Template](#)

[OSHA Severe Injury Reporting](#)



## WHAT HAZARDS MIGHT AN EMPLOYEE FACE WHEN ENTERING A CONFINED SPACE?

- Atmosphere.** A hazardous atmosphere is depleted of oxygen or contains toxic gases like hydrogen sulfide, or flammable gases like methane.
- Engulfment.** Engulfment occurs when a substance such as water or sand overwhelms workers, suffocating or crushing them.
- Trapping.** Trapping occurs when the configuration in a confined space prevents workers from leaving the space safely.

[OSHA Confined Space Standards and Resources](#)

If you have any safety or risk management issues the AEA Safety Committee is here to help!

Need answers or resources email [JKessler@acua.com](mailto:JKessler@acua.com) or [Karen@aeanj.org](mailto:Karen@aeanj.org)

Our committee meets quarterly if you would like to join us!

Our next scheduled Zoom meeting is Friday, January 17th at 10:00 am

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