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## **ClickSafety launches training to help construction leaders and workers meet new OSHA respirable crystalline silica standards, maintain safer work environments**

**WALNUT CREEK, Calif., June 27, 2016** – ClickSafety, a leading provider of online safety training for the construction and general industries, today announced its latest offerings, *Respirable Crystalline Silica Awareness in Construction* and *Respirable Crystalline Silica in Construction for the Exposed Worker*. This new training is designed to educate construction professionals on the newly released OSHA Respirable Crystalline Silica standard found in 29 CFR 1926.1153, and foster safer work environments.

The prevalence of silica and respirable crystalline silica dust in and around construction sites has long been known as a health hazard. OSHA estimates that the new rule regarding uses and exposure will save more than 600 lives and prevent more than 900 new cases of silicosis annually, once its effects are fully realized.

ClickSafety's awareness course is for workers with limited or potential exposure to silica and respirable crystalline silica dust. The training identifies basic health hazards associated with exposure, evaluation and control techniques, and OSHA's new requirements to protect workers.

*Respirable Crystalline Silica in Construction for the Exposed Worker* is for those who routinely work near, or are otherwise exposed to silica dust and/or respirable crystalline silica dust, and those who supervise them. This one-hour course provides a thorough, up-to-date understanding of the magnitude of silica in the construction environment, identifies basic hazards, evaluation and control techniques, and provides an in-depth review of OSHA's new requirements. The course enables professionals to identify examples of potential exposure to silica and respirable crystalline silica and the associated dangers, and learn safe practices and techniques to minimize risks.

"Statistics cite more than two million workers are exposed to respirable crystalline silica in their workplaces," said ClickSafety General Manager Doug Kaplan. "We are very glad to see OSHA's more stringent direction in this area, and share the commitment to curbing lung cancer, silicosis and other COPD diseases caused by exposure. These courses further validate ClickSafety's dedication for helping our clients create and maintain safe work environments."

*Respirable Crystalline Silica Awareness in Construction* and *Respirable Crystalline Silica in Construction for the Exposed Worker* are available immediately. For more information, call ClickSafety Support at 1.800.971.1080 ext. 2. or visit [clicksafety.com](http://clicksafety.com).

#### **About ClickSafety**

ClickSafety is a leader in online training solutions for the construction, environmental and general industries. It has delivered award-winning interactive safety training to more than 10,000

organizations worldwide, and was the first to offer the OSHA 10-Hour and OSHA 30-Hour safety courses online. ClickSafety's course library has more than 300 courses – with more than 55 courses available in Spanish – developed by certified safety professionals and industrial hygienists. Key products include OSHA regulatory training for general industry and construction, and several web-based applications that manage risks associated with training large groups of employees, subcontractors and contract laborers.

Founded in 1999 with regional offices across the USA, ClickSafety is a subsidiary of [Ascend Learning, Inc.](#), a leading provider of technology-based educational curriculum and assessment solutions for healthcare and other vocational fields. Ascend is renowned for delivering solutions that produce higher-performing student results at a lower cost, from nursing to health and fitness training to OSHA compliance and training.