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**May is Electrical
Safety Month!**

NEWSLETTER

Message from the Editor...

Greetings Maine Chapter members and welcome to our monthly newsletter!

At work we've been conducting our annual LOTO equipment inspections and authorized personnel certifications. The company I work for subscribes to the BRADY Link360 system and I will say it makes the process so much simpler (shameless plug!!)

We've also enrolled our maintenance team in an online ARC Flash refresher course.

The weather is so much nicer just since last month – if you can, get outside and enjoy it while it lasts!

- Kurt

Have you ever seen a cell phone spontaneously combust?

It's rare. In the US there are approximately 330,800,000 cell phones and of those, only 183 have caught fire in the last 5 years.

Still...would you know how to put it out?

Water would work. If you have access to running water, or better yet, a pan or container of water, just immerse the phone under the water and that should extinguish the flames. But...you should know that lithium-ion batteries extinguished with water have a documented history of re-ignition.

For best results dousing a lithium-ion fire, use a foam extinguisher, CO2, ABC dry chemical, or baking soda (calcium carbonate).

Why would a cell phone catch fire?

It's all due to a chain reaction called thermal runaway. When a battery heats up quickly or during heavy usage, the chemical makeup of the battery can become damaged. That's why you don't leave a cell phone in direct sunlight like on a car dashboard, or near any heating element in the home (woodstove, radiator, etc.)



We have an immediate need for someone to deliver a 20–25-minute presentation at the upcoming virtual meeting.

We are scheduled to have the next Maine Chapter Virtual Meeting on Thursday, May 23rd @ noon but we don't have a speaker lined up...would you like to deliver a 20-minute presentation to the group?

If you are interested in hosting one of these presentations, please reach out to either:

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**Have you Checked Out
ASSP's New OHSMS
Certificate Program?**



The new Occupational Health & Safety Management System (OHSMS) Certificate program will help you learn how to implement, integrate, and audit your organization's occupational health and safety management system with ANSI/ASSP Z10 and ISO 45001. Complete any three courses in the program to earn the OHSMS certificate; complete all five to earn the Advanced OHSMS Certificate.

To learn more:

<https://www.assp.org/education/certificate-programs/occupational-health-and-safety-management-system>



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to promote Electrical
Safety Month?**

**Share your best
practices with the
Maine Chapter!**

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The Board typically meets every other month; we maintain all our meeting minutes on the ASSP Maine Chapter website.

To contact your Board Members, go to: <https://maine.assp.org/>

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 15th & 16th – FREE
Temperature Extremes
Training @ SafetyWorks!

May 20th @ 10:00 to 1pm
May CSAM Meeting
NFPA 70E presentation

May 23rd @ noon – ASSP
Maine Chapter Virtual
Meeting
Aug 7-9th ASSP Safety
2024 -Denver, CO

Oct 15-17th 97th Annual
Maine Safety & Health
Conference

Here's a chance to feature your business in the newsletter!

Are you a safety consultant, or do you have a safety-related business you'd like to promote in the monthly newsletter?

We want to promote the businesses and interests of the ASSP Maine Chapter members and are offering the chance to do so through our monthly newsletter.

If so, send me a copy of your advertisement or promotional brochure and we can add you to the newsletter. Even a copy of your business card will do!

There is no fee to do so – we're just looking for opportunities to promote our members and add more content to the newsletter.

Interested? Reach out with your questions or promotional material to our email address: president@maine.assp.org

Please send your questions, comments, suggestions, and feedback and I will respond as soon as I am able.
This Newsletter is not possible without the input from the Chapter Membership!

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