



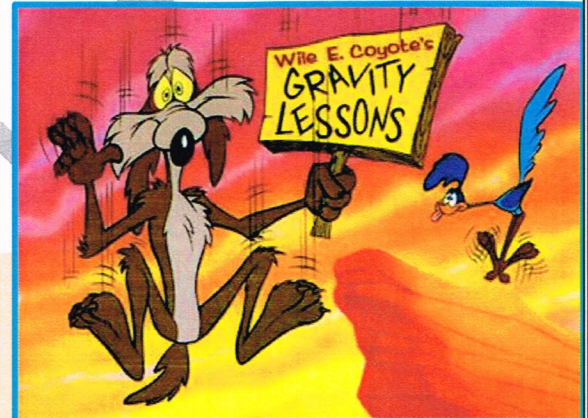
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## Upcoming Training:

January 4, 2021	MSHA 8-hour annual refresher training
January 4-6, 2021	MSHA New Miner Training
January 6, 2021	First Aid Training and Certification
January 25, 2021	MSHA 8-hour annual refresher training
January 25-27, 2020	MSHA New Miner Training
January 27, 2020	First Aid Training and Certification / Working at Elevations (Eve. class 4:00pm-8:00pm)
February 1, 2021	MSHA 8-hour annual refresher training
February 1-3, 2021	MSHA New Miner Training
February 3, 2021	First Aid Training and Certification
February 15, 2021	MSHA 8-hour annual refresher training
February 15-17, 2021	MSHA New Miner Training
February 17, 2021	First Aid Training and Certification
March 1, 2021	MSHA 8-hour annual refresher training
March 1-3, 2021	MSHA New Miner Training

Ask us about audiograms and specialized "ear gear" to protect your hearing! Many of our clients have signed up for audiometric programs designed to protect hearing health at home and at work.

Have you signed up for **Working at Elevations / Fall Protection** training? This is a 4-hr class that costs \$65 per person. We also offer Basic First Aid certification and training during the first and third Wednesday mornings of each month at a cost of \$65 per person.



*Fun Fact: Wile E. Coyote is Dave's Spirit Animal*

## Other Topics...

**A permanent infectious disease standard:** Joe Biden was President Obama's vice president. While that doesn't ensure a one-to-one correlation of policies, it does provide some clues as to the direction of OSHA during the next four years. The Obama administration's OSHA had been working on an infectious disease standard. The Trump administration stopped work on that standard. Expect it to pick up where the Obama administration left off and enact it as quickly as possible.

**More inspectors:** The number of OSHA inspectors has dropped to a 45-year low. The Biden campaign had called for doubling the number of OSHA inspectors. Achieving that will require budgetary cooperation from Congress, which isn't a given at this point. Expect the number of inspectors at MSHA to increase, too.

**More, not less, regulation:** Again, the Obama administration had a number of proposed OSHA regulations in the works. With limited exceptions, the Trump administration didn't move the ball forward much in this area. Questions such as how to regulate new chemicals remain open. Some innovative changes such as control banding were on the table four years ago, and could be again. With the exception of weekly summaries of coronavirus-related violations, the Trump administration stopped all OSHA press releases about fines issued to employers. Expect a return to the Obama administration modus operandi of releasing information about fines above a certain dollar threshold and to include sharply worded statements from OSHA officials about the alleged safety failures of the companies cited.



**Coming in April... Wilderness First Aid (24 hours)!** Learn how to assess and treat health emergencies in the field. This course includes an overnight camping trip where Dave teaches Basic First Aid, and how to save lives when emergencies happen. Cost is \$400, and camp kits are available. Meals are also provided. After this class, you will be well-fed and apocalypse-ready!

**Info about classes, and more, online at [www.thesafetyconsortium.com](http://www.thesafetyconsortium.com)**