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Free Spotting and Wet Cleaning Seminar May 24, 2012

Live Demonstrations! Learn the latest in pressing & tentioning equipment.

Keynote Speakers

Dan Goldman, Wascomat - *Wet Cleaning*
Greg Reinhardt, ADCOA - *Spotting*
Bob Crawford, Unipress - *Tentioning Equipment*

Location

Hudson Equipment Inc.
35 S. Oviatt Street
Hudson, OH 44236

Agenda

3:00 - 6:00 p.m.
(Pizza, wings and beverages provided)

Registration

Registration is complimentary. Space is limited. RSVP today by calling Carol at 330.342.9900 or 800.684.9838.

Questions

Contact Nancy Waterhouse, Director of Services, OCA, at 614.228.4716 or e-mail OCA@AssnOffices.com.

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New Way to Settle Customer Complaints Coming Soon!



**Governor
John R.
Kasich**

Governor Kasich has signed legislation that will provide a useful new tool for quickly resolving Consumer Sales Practices Act (CSPA) cases for businesses. House Bill 275 will give businesses the opportunity to offer a reasonable settlement, known as a "right to cure", to a person who has filed a lawsuit alleging a violation of the CSPA. The new law will also encourage the suing party to accept that offer.

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Action Follows Dry Cleaner Complaints

PUCO Publishes Schedule for Considering New AEP Rates

The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio set out a schedule for considering evidence and testimony on a replacement rate schedule for AEP Ohio, whose earlier rate plan was revoked following a deluge of outcry over sharp rate hikes from dry cleaners and other small businesses, churches, schools and other groups. A decision is planned for summer.

The process will begin in a week with an April 9 technical conference "to help customers and stakeholders better understand AEP Ohio's application." It will begin at 10 a.m. at the PUCO's Columbus offices, 180 E. Broad St., and be webcast live at <http://www.puco.ohio.gov/>.

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Workplace Wellness Grant Program

Employers wanting to improve the health and wellness of their workers can benefit from one of the BWC's newest programs, the Workplace Wellness Grant Program. It

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Ohio EPA Calendar

Legislative Representation

provides funding to assist employers in establishing training and programs to reduce health risk factors specific to their employees.

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Free Small Business Seminar Series

The Ohio Department of Development (ODOD) will offer a series of seminars for small business owners from April through September. Designed to strengthen and expand small business ownership across the state, the free seminars are sponsored by the ODOD's Office of Business Assistance, the Small Business Development Centers (SBDC) of Ohio, and the U.S. Small Business Administration (U.S. SBA).

"This series of seminars provide Ohio's small business owners and entrepreneurs with the information they need to create, sustain and grow their businesses," ODOD Director Christiane Schmenk said in a statement. "The strength of Ohio's entrepreneurial and small business community is essential to the overall health of Ohio's economy. At development, we are committed to providing these business owners with the resources they need to succeed."

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Lifting: A Daily Routine

Whether you're at work or conducting daily activities at home, the potential exists for injuries to occur as a result of lifting. Lifting principles applied before, during and after working hours should lower the risk of back strains and sprains, the most common ailments that humans experience.

How big is the problem?

According to the National Safety Council, 60 percent to 80 percent of all workers will experience a back problem at some time during their working careers. Back strains and sprains are the largest source of workplace claims. Conditions in the workplace which, increase the likelihood of back pain, are called risk factors. Back pain risk factors associated with lifting include:

1. Lifting heavy loads;
2. Carrying bulky loads or loads far away from the body;
3. Frequent lifting;
4. Bending the body's trunk, as when picking items up off the floor;
5. Twisting the body's trunk;
6. Static loading (for example, holding objects for long periods of time).

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lower-cost financing for equipment purchases click the logo or call 614-224-3383.