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**CONNEXION ANNOUNCES THEIR 2ND ANNUAL SAFETY TRAINING  
EVENT AND TOOL & SAFETY PRODUCT EXPO**

***“Complying with OSHA’s Silica Dust Hazard Standard” training is featured amongst the  
day long training curriculum and safety product expo***

*Chicago, Illinois, United States of America – August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017* – Connexion announced their 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Safety Training Event and Tool and Safety Product Expo. The event, scheduled to take place on September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at Connexion’s headquarters in Buffalo Grove, IL, is aimed at providing safety directors and electrical workers the required knowledge and training they need towards achieving OSHA compliant hazard avoidance and risk mitigation.

“We have made it easier for our industrial and contractor customers to invest in a culture of safety,” said Matthew Gajda, Sales Manager and Developer of Connexion’s Contractor and Facility Solutions Division. “Without placing value in it, safety can often take a backseat to getting a job done quickly. With advancements in training and product technology, safety and efficiency do not have to be exclusive of each other.”

The timing of this year’s event coincides with the September 23<sup>rd</sup> 2017 enforcement of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA)’s Crystalline Silica Standard for Construction under 29 CFR 1926.1153. OSHA cites that “about 2.3 million workers are exposed to respirable crystalline silica in their workplaces, including 2 million construction workers who drill, cut, crush, or grind silica-containing materials such as concrete and stone”. Key provisions of the OSHA standard call for NIOSH-certified filtering facepiece respirators and compliant dust extraction/mitigation measures.

Aside from the obvious risks to concrete and stone tradespeople, electrical contractors are also very much at risk. Prolonged exposure to silica dust while performing tasks such as installing concrete anchors, core drilling for poke-thru devices, and trenching for wireway can be a serious health hazard.

Connexion will be providing an informational presentation on Silica Dust hazards, as well as the product solutions available to meet OSHA’s standards. Manufacturer representatives from Bosch, 3M and Milwaukee Tool will be available to answer any additional questions regarding product solutions addressing OSHA’s Crystalline Silica Standard. Additional manufacturers will also be on hand to showcase their safety-focused tools and equipment.

In addition to this informative session, attendees can acquire completed course certifications for the balance of Connexion’s safety curriculum including; Firestop Selection and Applications, Lockout/Tagout, Fall Protection & Ladder Safety and Powder Actuated Tools.

For more information about this Safety Training Event or to register, please visit <http://www.connexiones.com/safetytraining-expo>. For media inquiries, please contact Daniel Dobski at 847-499-8300, or email at [ddobski@connexiones.com](mailto:ddobski@connexiones.com).

### **About Connexion**

*Connexion, headquartered at Buffalo Grove, IL is a privately held, independent provider of electrical equipment, supplies and facility solutions. Connexion is a quality driven company with the goal of providing the optimal selection of products and services enabling their clients to operate with greater efficiency, profitability and safety.*

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