

W5 WINGO COMPANY NEWSLETTER

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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!!

Wingo Service would like to thank the following people for their dedication to their positions and teams!!

- Marla – 9th Anniversary
- Alexis – 1st Anniversary
- Gerson – 1st Anniversary
- Brent – 14th Anniversary
- Steve – 16th Anniversary
- David – 27th Anniversary
- Josh – 1st Anniversary
- Al – 30th Anniversary
- Derek – 6th Anniversary

NEW HIRES

Wingo Service Company would like to congratulate and welcome our newest employees to the team:

- Anthony R. - Apprentice
- James S. - Apprentice

We are grateful to have you and hope that you find success in your new position!

The Risks of Falls, Slips, and Trips

Falls are among the most common cause of serious work-related injuries and deaths. Most of incidents occur due to improper training in the use of fall protection or negligence.

Concerning Numbers in Texas Workplaces:

- **2016**
 - 545 Deaths. 90 due to falls.
- **2017**
 - 534 Deaths. 93 due to falls.
- **2018**
 - 488 Deaths. 71 due to falls.
- **2019**
 - 450 Deaths. 99 due to falls.

What Can You Do?

Start by assessing the area you will be working in, even if someone else has already claimed to have done it, for potential risks.

- Look for wet or oily areas
- Unstable work surfaces
- Improperly stored tools
- Objects or cords that may trip you
- Anything that can get hung up on equipment you may be moving
- Wet surfaces that may cause shoes to become slick

If you feel uncomfortable with anything in your area, immediately stop work and inform your supervisor.



Appropriate use of Fall Protection Equipment will also help decrease the likelihood of an incident. Properly fitted safety harnesses, safety lanyards, self-retracting lifelines, guardrails/railings, ladder hooks and stabilizers are all ways to protect a worker against a fall hazard. These pieces only work, though, if the person using them knows how to do so properly. Again, if you do not feel comfortable with a piece of safety equipment, please speak to your supervisor. There are **NO** foolish questions when it comes to safety!!

Keep in mind that the general industry recognizes 4 feet as cause for fall protection and construction is no more than 6 feet. A worker in 2019 died from falling off the back of a trailer while moving furniture and, while these heights may seem innocent, all it takes is a head first fall to end a life. No matter how minor or quick it may seem, violating safety rules can have catastrophic consequences that not only impact the individual, but the entire staff and company as well.

Here at Wingo Service, we have worked very hard to maintain the staff we have currently. We've kissed a lot of frogs to get our team to where it is now, and it would be devastating to lose any of you to something that is so easily preventable. Please –

- Be cautious.
- Take your time.
- Stay alert.
- Ask questions.
- Don't cut corners.
- Stop any work you deem unsafe.

Be safe out there; for you and for all of us at Wingo Service Company.



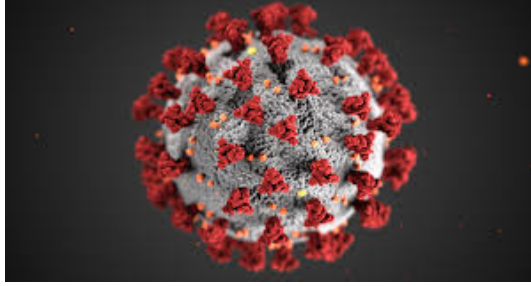
Drivers Safety Course

In January, Wingo Service Company and Brady, Chapman, Holland & Associates sat down for a Motor Vehicle Safety course. While the subject of safety on job sites is well known in the industry, we wanted to focus on the in-between. For many, commuting to a job is a very normal and almost automatic task; because of this, people are more likely to let their guard down and that leaves a lot of room for something to go wrong. In an effort to protect our employees, and with the cost of car insurance dwarfing our other expenses - including the insurance that covers our employees in plants - we want to ensure that driver complacency does not become the norm for our employees. While the class was quite early, we had an excellent showing of participation and we thank all who attended!



IN OTHER NEWS!

I normally leave this little note at the foot of every newsletter but I'm not sure people really see it! If anyone would like to contribute, maybe something more cheerful, to a future newsletter, please do! I am looking for any projects, personal achievements, or company/personal news that you would like shared! It helps to keep the postings light and brings us closer as a company. Send any information to Alexis at adelaney@wingocompanies.com!



How Wingo Service Company is Handling COVID-19

Across the globe, businesses are facing an unprecedented shutdown of economic activity. While some people are self-isolating, others work from home, while many still make the commute, every day, to get to their essential jobs - keeping the critical parts of the country in motion. The following is a statement from Wingo Service Company's President about what steps we here at Wingo are taking to help keep our employees safe:

At Wingo Service Company, the health and safety of our customers and employees is always our primary concern.

As we continue to learn more about COVID-19, we focus on how it could affect anyone who interacts with our business.

With this in mind, and Wingo Service Company remaining open, we are closely following the guidelines by the Centers for Disease Control and local health agencies for staying healthy and by understanding our role in maintaining a safe community.

Among other measures, throughout our organization, we have:

- Instructed employees to frequently wash their hands and stay home if they feel sick
- Encouraged social distancing and eliminated handshakes
- Added new hand-sanitizer stations throughout our facilities
- Increased the frequency of cleaning each day
- Increased cleaning of high-traffic areas, such as countertops, door handles and restrooms
- Instructed employees to follow CDC guidelines and closely monitor their health
- Mandated sanitizing of vehicle touch points (i.e.- inner and outer driver's door handles, arm rest, steering wheel, and shifter)

We will continue to closely monitor the situation and do all we can to protect you and our employees.

Edgar E. Wingo Jr.
President