

Grain Handling Safety Workshop Set

URBANA, ILL.

Since 1978, there have been 900 fatal and nonfatal engulfments, entrapments, falls, and entanglements in grain storage and handling facilities, according to Purdue's Agricultural Confined Spaces database. This 6-hour Grain Handling Safety workshop is focused on general grain bin operation, safety, and rescue.

The Grain Handling Safety Coalition developed the workshop in cooperation with the University of Illinois. Making the public aware and teaching people how to handle grain safely is the dedicated function of the Coalition – their message is “Learn and live.” The workshop's goal is to help make safety the standard operating procedure on farms.

Robert Aherin, U of I professor of agricultural

and biological engineering and extension agricultural safety specialist, will lead the event. Topics covered will include entanglement hazards, grain bin entry, and safe handling and storage of grain.

The workshop will be hosted from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 27, at the Ogle County Farm Bureau building at 421 W. Pines Road, Oregon, Ill. Cost for this program is \$15 per person and \$10 for each additional family member and for youth (under age 18). Pre-registration is required by Friday, Nov. 16.

For more information or to register, please call University of Illinois Extension, Ogle County, at 815-732-2191 or visit <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/bdo/>. Δ



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