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Burns & McDonnell Celebrates Safety Week, Joins Construction Companies Across North America to Strengthen Industry's Safety Performance

KANSAS CITY, Missouri — [Burns & McDonnell](#), a 100% employee-owned engineering, architecture and construction firm, is joining forces with more than 80 construction firms across the U.S. and Canada to recognize [Safety Week](#) May 6-10. This weeklong spotlight on construction and workplace safety highlights best practices, tools and resources across the industry to enhance overall safety culture and performance.

“Safety is a value ingrained into our culture,” says [Jamie Butler](#), vice president and director of safety and health for Burns & McDonnell. “This week, and every day, we recognize our continued commitment to keeping employees, clients and our communities safe. Together, we make safety our number one priority whether you are in the office or on a project site.”

To celebrate Safety Week, Burns & McDonnell will demonstrate a virtual reality safety training on Wednesday, May 8. This technology provides the opportunity to have workers practice safety procedures and processes in familiar environments through immersive, real-life project scenarios to help mitigate risks for potential hazards.

As part of the training demonstration, the firm will host a safety-focused panel discussion with the firm's chief executive officer, Ray Kowalik, and Butler to highlight the [importance of safety](#) in the firm's corporate culture. In addition, John Trottier, president and chief executive officer of AZCO INC., and Trey Myers, chief executive officer for Ref-Chem, will join Kowalik and Butler. AZCO INC. and Ref-Chem are wholly-owned subsidiaries of Burns & McDonnell, helping to expand the firm's engineer-procure-construct (EPC) capabilities.

Throughout the week, Burns & McDonnell will also host additional safety trainings and deliver messages covering topics like the importance of integrating ergonomics in the workplace, safe driving, hazard recognition, [construction-site safety](#) and fall protection tips.

Burns & McDonnell [ranks in the top 10 of *Engineering News-Record's* top 500 design firms](#) and is in the upper quartile of the top 100 design-build and construction management firms. With a focus on continuous safety improvement and training, Burns & McDonnell places in the top five percent of safest architecture, engineering and construction firms in the U.S.

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About Safety Week

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