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Subject: Online Training FAQ's - Turner Safety Newsletter

Turner Safety is proud to provide both Instructor Led and On-Line OSHA Safety Classes.

However, I want to address a number of questions regarding the growing trend to do OSHA Safety Training online. First let me say that Turner Safety's Online Classes are OSHA compliant and we're proud to offer them. We will continue to offer both On-Line & Instructor Led OSHA Safety courses.

Here are some pros & cons of On-Line vs. Instructor Led training:

- FAQ- Is Online Training really more convenient? Does it cost less?
 - Answer: That depends on how much value you place on your own free time. Most people would say it's just as valuable as any other part of your day. Logging-in to your class, finding your place and getting back in the groove do take time. Online training programs are a very valuable resource, but generally speaking, they take more time to complete than an instructor led course

- FAQ- Can I can do ALL my OSHA Safety Training online and still be in compliance?
 - Answer: Many OSHA standards such as fall protection, scaffolding, forklift training, rigging, pneumatic nail guns, powered actuated tools, scissor lifts and aerial lifts require comprehensive testing or hands-on testing to demonstrate skills. These are referenced either through OSHA or ANSI standards.

A good example would be Cal-OSHA Article 24, Fall Protection. (This article references ANSI Z359) ANSI 359 calls for hands on training for gear inspection, restraint, anchor points, and rescue systems.

Scaffolding Inspection would be another example where OSHA points to "qualified person" as one by experience and instruction "able to identify hazards and make corrections". This would be difficult to accomplish using an Online Training format.

- FAQ- Are On-Line training classes approved by OSHA?
 - Answer: Due to the large number of Online Training providers, OSHA has very little opportunity to scrutinize and verify the majority of these classes.

Final thoughts-

A Qualified instructor can help explain the meaning of a regulation. A good teacher can make safety a lot easier and less time consuming.

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