

# Northampton County Offering Free Workplace Safety & Health Awareness Training

By Jessica Berge

[Northampton County, PA] – The Northampton County Department of Community & Economic Development (DCED) and Northampton Community College will host a FREE Workplace Safety and Health Awareness Training designed to help individuals and organizations reduce the risk of workplace injuries and health hazards.

This 4-hour training session will be held on Wednesday, July 30, 2025, from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the Northampton County Human Services Building, located at 2801 Emrick Blvd., Bethlehem, PA 18020.

The training will provide essential awareness and prevention strategies on the following topics:

- Walking and Working Surfaces: Eliminating & Controlling Hazards
- Fall Prevention & Protection
- Fire Prevention & Emergency Response
- Hazardous Materials Awareness: Storage & Handling
- Electrical Safety Basics: Recognize & Prevent Shock & Overheated Devices
- Environmental Health Concerns: Including Lead & Radon Gas Exposure

"This training is an important opportunity to strengthen safety practices in workplaces throughout our community," said Lamont G. McClure, Northampton County Executive. "We encourage municipal staff, first responders, nonprofit organizations, and public works employees to take advantage of this free resource."

Registration is required by July 20, 2025.

To reserve a seat, contact Dawn Tomaino at 610-829-6309 or dtomaino@norpca.gov.

Ideal attendees include, but are not limited to:

- Municipal Officials and Employees
- First Responders
- Grounds and Facility Workers
- Public Works Employees
- Nonprofit Organizations

Northampton County is committed to supporting safe and healthy workplaces through accessible education and training opportunities.

## Leading in Innovation

By PA Department of Community & Economic Development

PA - Governor Josh Shapiro's proposed 2025–26 budget includes a \$50 million investment to strengthen our innovation ecosystem. At the BIO 2025 International Convention in Boston, Governor Shapiro joined industry leaders to promote Pennsylvania's growing life sciences sector and reinforce why the state is a top destination for cutting-edge research and development. His message is resonating, with the proposed investments for a new PA Innovation program.



Pennsylvania's focus on innovation is paying off. Philadelphia jumped 12 spots to break into the world's top 15 startup hubs, according to Startup Genome, which praised our life sciences strength and proposed innovation funding. In Pittsburgh, local tech firms Gecko Robotics (now valued at \$1.25 billion, reaching unicorn status) and Abridge AI earned spots on CNBC's Disruptor 50 list, proving that Pennsylvania's tech and innovation scene is gaining global recognition.

## Competing to Win

Pennsylvania is open for business—and making history. Governor Josh Shapiro recently announced Amazon's plans to invest \$20 billion in data center campuses across the Commonwealth. It's the largest private sector investment in Pennsylvania's history and a major win for our economy. DCED's BusinessPA team played a key role in the negotiations, supported by the Administration's efforts to accelerate permit approvals and cut red tape.

We're also seeing strong momentum in manufacturing. Volvo Construction Equipment will invest \$40 million to expand its Franklin County facility and plans to produce more than half of its machinery in North America in Pennsylvania.



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## Wind Gap Fire Company Carnival

By State Rep. Ann Flood

My staff and I had a great time at the Wind Gap Fire Company Carnival over the weekend. It was a fantastic community event, with plenty of games, delicious food, free rides and friendly faces.

Thank you to everyone who stopped by our tent to say hello and pick up information on state services and upcoming events. We always appreciate the opportunity to connect with 138th District residents and hear what's on your mind.

And a special thank-you to the Wind Gap Fire Company for hosting and for your ongoing service to our community!

## An Electrifying Week in Harrisburg

By State Rep. Ann Flood

On Tuesday, I met with representatives from Lime Rides and Ridge Policy Group to discuss legislation related to electric scooters and other micromobility options in the Commonwealth. Ridge Policy Group is led by former Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Ridge.

On Wednesday, Rep. Doyle Hefley and I had the opportunity to test out Lime Rides' electric scooters and e-bikes during their demonstration at the Capitol. These low-speed vehicles could help improve access, reduce congestion and offer cleaner, more efficient ways to get around. It's a great way to get out and explore the cities and natural surroundings wherever you are.

Thank you to Lime Rides and Ridge Policy Group for the informative discussion and hands-on experience.

