



Workplace Safety in the Gig Economy

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The gig economy has created a seismic shift to the traditional workplace model. With new – and oftentimes inexperienced – workers performing dangerous tasks in a “faster is better” manner, workplace safety has the potential to fall through the cracks. The Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) Act does not currently provide protection to most individuals working in the gig economy – the OSH Act covers employers/employees, not independent contractors – and many employee advocacy groups are calling for more safety protections. In a bylined article published in *Occupational Health & Safety*, Paul Goatley discusses why companies operating in the gig economy should face the safety issues impacting their contingent workers head on. In his conclusion, Goatley warns, “While there may not be specific safety regulations yet for gig companies, take note that OSHA and worker advocacy groups are definitely watching.”

To read the full article, visit [Occupational Health & Safety](#).