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November 12th

Board Mtg. & General Mtg.
Guest Speaker: Zac Johnson HARDI Senior Policy Lead Specializes in Codes and Rebates – see what PA offers!
Place – The Sports Grille Cranberry

December
No Meetings
Happy Holiday's

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The mission of the Air Conditioning Contractors of Western PA is to assist its members in managing their companies more efficiently, therefore becoming more profitable, together with increasing their exposure and credibility within the community.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION...
ACCWPA
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Mark your Calendar!!

Join Us Thursday - November 12th

Don't miss this opportunity to stay informed about relevant codes and rebates going on in Pennsylvania, including upcoming issues for code changes that our members should be aware of!



ZAC JOHNSON - HARDI's Senior Policy Lead for Codes & Rebates

He's responsible for state and local HVACR code adoption and utility rebate programs, analyzing building, mechanical, energy, and fire code proposals that affect equipment installation, compliance, and affordability. Zac brings deep knowledge of the manufacturing industry having managed HVAC product development, test system design, and advocacy efforts on major industry committees shaping codes and standards development. Question and Answer to follow.

The SPORTS GRILLE - Cranberry
1294 Freedom Road - Cranberry Twp., PA 06066

3:00 pm – Board Meeting
5:30 - 6:00 pm - Social (cash bar)
6:00 - 7:00 pm – Guest Speaker Zac Johnson
7:00 pm – Dinner and Social resumes (cash bar)

Dinner - $55.00

RSVP – 724-687-7860, fax or email • No Cancellations after November 6th noon! **SEE PAGE 3 FOR REGISTRATION FORM**

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Next General Meeting - $120.00

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We're pleased to welcome . . .

ZAC JOHNSON – HARDI's Senior Policy Lead

Zac joined HARDI in March 2026 as the organization's policy lead for building codes and rebate programs. In this role, he leads state advocacy efforts, representing HARDI members in state and model code proceedings and in discussions concerning state and utility rebate programs. Before joining HARDI, Zac held roles in the HVAC industry as a research and development mechanical engineer for ventilation manufacturer Ziehl-Abegg, and as a codes and standards engineer for the manufacturing association, AMCA International.

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* Important – RSVP is a must! *

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Company _____

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Email address _____ Cell # _____

The Sports Grille - $55.00

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- **Protecting Profits:** Employees trained to spot risks and respond appropriately can positively impact your bottom line.
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- Relevant technical training and educational classes.
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- Monthly newsletters and email communications filled with industry information and updates.
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PA Codes and Rebates
November 12, 2026

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CHILDREN IN THE WORK PLACE . . .

by Federated Insurance

Question

Summer camps are coming to a close, and school is starting soon. We have employees requesting to bring their children to work during the school year when they have random days off from school. Is this a bad idea? What are some risks of having children in the workplace?

Answer

As a general matter, the presence of children in the workplace may not be conducive to a productive and safe work environment. Some risks of having children in the workplace may include, but are not limited to:

- Injury from a physical aspect in the workplace (e.g., paper shredders, boxes falling or standing on swivel chairs);
- Injury to an employee who trips over objects a child places on the floor, or even from tripping over the child;
- Distractions that prevent an employee's full concentration on the job, thus affecting productivity or service; and
- Additional responsibilities during emergency evacuations or other actions.

That said, employers may wish to allow children in the workplace under limited circumstances, such as for approved events like a "Take Your Child to Work Day" or during emergency situations. Whether employers wish to allow children in the workplace or not, they are strongly encouraged to consult with local counsel to draft a clear policy outlining if and when children are allowed in the workplace, along with any applicable notice or other procedural requirements. Legal consultation may help ensure compliance with all applicable laws while minimizing any risks posed to children, employees and the workplace in general.

This article is for general information and risk prevention only and should not be considered legal or other expert advice. The recommendations herein may help reduce, but are not guaranteed to eliminate, any or all risk of loss. Examples shown are for illustrative purposes only. The information herein may be subject to, and is not a substitute for, any laws or regulations that may apply. Qualified counsel should be sought with questions specific to your circumstances. ©2025 Federated Mutual Insurance Company.

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Inspiration



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- Current info from local suppliers
- Legislative efforts
- Local website
- Technical training courses
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- Information of industry news changes within the industry
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- Code enforcement updates • Local lobbying
- ACCWPA Apprenticeship School
- Voice for the local contractors
- Golf Outing / Trap Shoot
- Education opportunities for your technicians office staff – Associates bring in Mfg. Reps.
- Advocacy agenda promote contractor interest.
- Labor and HR legal advice before utilities
- Helping members to stay ahead of the curve
- 6-8 Monthly informative meetings

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2026 ACCWPA TRAP SHOOT

Trap Shoot loads of FUN!

Tuesday, October 13th, 2026



John Wilcox



1st Place – Chris Belculfine
2nd Place – Steve Boehmer
3rd Place – TIE –
Lenny Crawford &
James Murphy

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Upcoming Meetings!

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November 1st

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Turn your Clocks back 1 hour!

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Membership Advantages:

Networking with other contractors. This source of information is invaluable in handling problems within your own company. ACCWPA members help fellow members to be successful!



ACCWPA distributes ACCWPA Newsletters monthly to members and selected non-members, so that all those in the HVAC/R industry can keep informed of issues regarding our trade, and Chapter activities. We hope the non-members will see this newsletter as an example of the quality services that ACCWPA provides.

Contributions or suggestions can be emailed to **pforker@accwpa.org**

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