

## 2023 | Q4 Edition

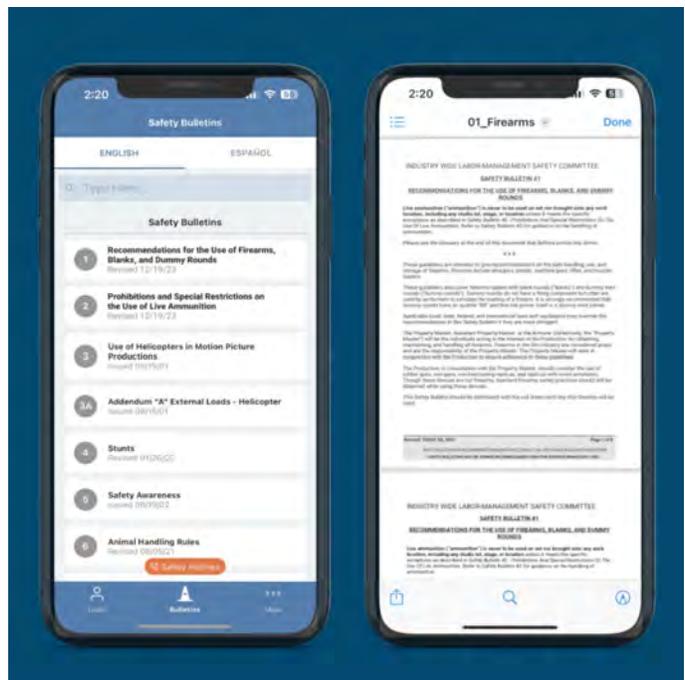
We're pleased to bring you another installment of our Quarterly Newsletter! This edition includes:

- Revised Safety Bulletins regarding Firearms, Ammunition, Inclement Weather and Lightning Safety
- Our Mobile App – CS Access – Improves with New Updates
- Contract Services On the Road! (Local #892 and #705 Resource Fair)
- New Training Requirements for Directors Guild of America Classifications
- 2023 Holiday Hours (In-Person Courses are Still Available!)

## Safety Bulletins #1, #2 and #38 Revised

The Industry-Wide Labor-Management Safety Committee has released four revised Safety Bulletins, which are now available on our [website](#) and [mobile app](#):

- Safety Bulletin #1 – Recommendations for the Use of Firearms, Blanks, and Dummy Rounds
- Safety Bulletin #2 – Prohibitions and Special Restrictions on the Use of Live Ammunition
- Safety Bulletin #38 – Guidelines for Inclement or Severe Weather
- Safety Bulletin #38A – Addendum "A" – Lightning Safety



Safety Bulletins #1 and #2 were updated to make them more user friendly and comprehensive. To improve clarity, they contain revised definitions of commonly used terms. They have also been re-organized to highlight important protocols and clearly identify responsibilities of specific production professionals involved in the firearm sequence as well as those who may be working in proximity to firearms.

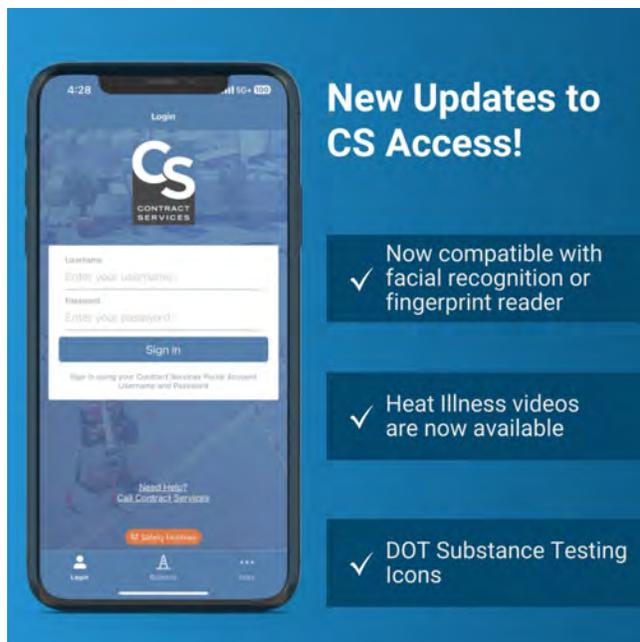
“While the former Safety Bulletins were effective, the revised Bulletins offer clear guidance when using blanks and dummy rounds on set as well as providing strict rules in the limited instances when the use of live ammunition would be permitted,” said Matt Antonucci, Contract Services’ Senior Vice President of Production Affairs & Safety and Co-Chair of the joint Safety Committee.

There are currently 45 Safety Bulletins covering a wide range of topics, including stunts, pyrotechnics, water hazards, poisonous plants and food safety, among many others.

The Bulletins are not binding law but are guidelines recommended by the Industry-Wide Labor-Management Safety Committee, which is composed of representatives from industry unions and the major studios. For decades, the Bulletins have played an important part in reinforcing our industry’s safe practices and creating a culture of safety on set.

All 45 Safety Bulletins, as well as several Informational Fact Sheets, are available on our [website](#) or by downloading our free mobile app, [CS Access](#) and may be reproduced and attached to call sheets or otherwise distributed on production as necessary.

# Our CS Access Mobile App Continues to Improve with New Updates



Since launching last year, the CS Access mobile app has been a convenient way for Industry Professionals to keep up with their training requirements, and more.

In addition to being able to track their roster placement process, view training deadlines, receive important notifications and review Safety Bulletins, safety hotlines and other notices, recent updates have made the app even more advantageous:

**Easier Sign-In** – You no longer need to enter your username and password every time you sign in. Instead you can use your phone’s facial recognition or

fingerprint reader (whichever method you use to log into your phone) to automatically sign you into the app.

**Safety Bulletin Videos** – The app not only puts the Safety Bulletins at your fingertips, but you can now watch video versions of the Bulletins, too. The first video we’ve released is for Safety Bulletin #35 (Safety Considerations for the Prevention of Outdoor Heat Illness).

**DOT Substance Testing Icons** – For Teamster Local #399 classifications with substance testing requirements, we’ve added new icons indicating whether the Industry Professional is currently in the DOT Random Testing Pool or not. For more information about how to interpret the icons, please click [here](#), or contact the Substance Testing Program at 818.565.0550 ext. 1140 or [testing@csatf.org](mailto:testing@csatf.org).



Click [here](#) for more information about the CS Access mobile app.

## Contract Services On the Road!

In October, we were thrilled participate in a resource fair hosted by the Costume Designers Guild (Local #892) and Motion Picture Costumers (Local #705). The event included a number of other service organizations such as the Motion Picture Television Fund, MPI Health, Entertainment Community Fund, and more, as well as panel discussions on industry topics.



Chief Operating Officer, Tulima Tuanaki, and Associate Director of Operations, Jennifer Aguilar, staffed the Contract Services booth, answering general questions about Contract Services’ programs and services, and providing personalized assistance for Industry Professionals who needed help with their specific issues.

A common topic of discussion was the new Industry Hub ([thehub.org](http://thehub.org)) and how Industry Professionals can [claim their new Portal account](#), which they’ll need to start an application, track their progress, and keep up with their classification and training requirements.

“We were really grateful to be invited by the Costume Designers Guild and Motion Picture Costumers and found the event to be very worthwhile for us and the attendees we had the chance to talk to,” said Tulima Tuanaki. “There were several ‘Aha!’ moments, where we were able to explain a process or help clear up a misunderstanding, and Industry Professionals walked away with the clarity they were hoping for.”

If you’d like Contract Services to participate in an upcoming event at your organization, please reach out to [communications@csatf.org](mailto:communications@csatf.org).

## Claimed Your Portal Account Yet?

Claim your account now to get started!

**Why it matters:** Use your Portal to stay compliant with your classification requirements, including your training requirements.

**What should I do? Claim your account!** If you’ve ever started an application with us in the past, you shouldn’t create a new account because you already have one!

To claim your account...

1. Visit [thehub.org](http://thehub.org) and select “Forgot Your Password?” or click [here](#).
2. Enter your email address (the one you’ve given to us already).
3. You’ll then receive an email with a link to reset your password.
4. Click the link and enter a new password.
5. Congrats! You claimed your account and you can now check out your personalized Portal!

Please contact us at 818.565.0550 ext. 1100 if you need help claiming your account.

## New Training Requirements for DGA Classifications in 2024



Under the terms of the recently negotiated 2023-2026 DGA Basic Agreement and Freelance Live and Tape Television Agreement, two new safety training courses will soon be required for DGA-represented employees working as Assistant Directors (including 2AD-Location Managers), Unit Production Managers, Associate Directors or Stage Managers.

Starting in 2024, the **S — Firearm Safety for the Entertainment Industry** course and **A2 — Environmental Safety** course will be added to the existing Safety Pass training courses required for these employees. Both courses are available online through the [Contract Services Training Launchpad](#).

The deadline to complete these courses will be March 31, 2024 or 90 days from the employee’s initial date of employment, whichever is later. If you have never signed up for an account with Contract Services, or if you have any questions about these courses, please contact DGA Contracts Coordinator Chloe Christiansen at 310.289.2058 or via email at [cchristiansen@dga.org](mailto:cchristiansen@dga.org).

# 2023 Holiday Hours (In-Person Courses are Still Available!)



Contract Services will be open for training and other services between the Christmas and New Year's holidays to accommodate Industry Professionals looking to complete in-person training and remain compliant with their training requirements.

We will be closed on Christmas Day and New Year's Day, and we will close at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, December 22 and Friday, December 29.

If you need to enroll for in-person training, our Burbank campus will be open on December 26, 27, 28 and 29.

As our industry transitions back to work, now's a great time to make sure you're up to date with your roster or other training requirements. Sign into your [Portal](#) to check your requirements.

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