

## Valley Fever Warning

Individuals involved in on-location film production, particularly those in California's Central Valley, should be aware of Valley Fever risks.

### **When and where do people get Valley Fever?**

Valley Fever infection can occur year-round. In California, it has been reported from most counties, but especially from the San Joaquin (Central) Valley. Anyone who lives in, works in, or visits a place with Valley Fever can be infected.

### **What are the symptoms of Valley Fever?**

About 60% of infected people will not get sick. People who do get sick can have symptoms that last a month or more.

- Fever
- Tiredness
- Cough
- Chest pain
- Muscle or joint aches
- Headaches
- Weight loss
- Rash

Valley Fever can also infect the brain, joints, bone, skin, or other organs. This type of infection is rare. It can be very serious and sometimes fatal.

Most people who get Valley Fever fully recover and are usually protected from getting Valley Fever again.

[Click here](#) for a brochure with more information.

## Contract Services Spotlight

### **Employee of the Year**

Chelsea Hakalmazyan has been voted by her colleagues as 2018 Employee of the Year.



A St. Louis, Missouri native who moved to California in 2014, Chelsea joined the Contract Services team as a "temp" in February 2015. Within a few short months, Chelsea was hired on full-time to handle front-desk services for Safety Pass. Two promotions later, Chelsea is currently administrative assistant in the Training department. In her current role, Chelsea is responsible for updating schedules/planners and course lists for the individuals taking training and the Labor and Safety representatives who receive these updates. She also assists with online course development, creates support materials for computer labs, classrooms and instructors, and handles administrative functions for several Contract Services executives simultaneously.

In her free time, Chelsea enjoys oil painting, reading, and exploring the San Fernando Valley's local food scene.

Chelsea has a B.A. in Youth Ministry from Urshan College in Missouri. She and her husband reside in North Hollywood, where they both serve as youth leaders in their church.

## Winter Is Coming

Winter weather is around the corner. Whether your location is on a mountain top or right here in Southern California, bad weather can make for a very bad day. The best advice is to be prepared — monitor local weather, have appropriate clothing, and have a reliable method of communicating with coworkers and family.

### **Interesting weather facts:**

- Lightning can strike several miles away from a storm
- It does not have to be raining at your specific location for a flood to occur
- Wind can be destructive whether it is a hot or cold wind

Safety Bulletin #38 — Guidelines for Inclement or Severe Weather covers extreme conditions, including tornados, blizzards, and hurricanes. If you will be working at a location that is prone to severe weather, check this safety bulletin for tips.

## Winter Driving Safety

Traveling or working on-location this winter? Prepare yourself for the snowy and rainy driving conditions you could encounter. Keep your vehicle in proper working condition and know how it operates in bad weather. Always plan ahead, giving yourself plenty of time to arrive, and stay off the roads if weather conditions prevent safe driving.