	Theme	Closing date	Articles due	Print Date	Feature Articles	Regular Columns
Winter 2016	***Health Issue***	Dec. 1, 2015	Dec. 15, 2015	Feb. 2016	Legalized Marijuana and its Impact on employers	**Global Safety and Health Watch** - *Deep Vein Thrombosis*
					How a VPP site is maintaining a drug free workplace in Colorado	**Association Article** - *Mediation in the Workplace - Submitted by Labor & Management Committee*
					Obesity	**Member Spotlight** - *Hill Air Force Base's 309th Electronics Maintenance Group*
					Diabetes	
					Chemicals	
					VPP Site Wellness Program	
Spring 2016	***Security in the Workplace***	Mar. 4, 2016	Mar. 16, 2016	May 2016	Lessons Learned - Procedural Updates after an Onsite Threat	**Global Safety and Health Watch** - *Contaminated Water in the U.S.*
	What are we looking for?				Proper Handling of an active shooter situation	
	Articles that deal with Security procedures in the workplace such as handling an active shooter situation, mental health policies, secured entry and access controls, keeping workers safe during natural disasters, etc.				TBD - Interested parties should contact the Communications Department at **communication@vpppa.org**	**Association Article** - *Share committee news, membership news or association impacts .* **Guest authors are welcome to submit a 700 - 1,300 word article for the this column.**
						Member Spotlight - *Nominate yourself, your site or another site to tell your VPP story.* **Open**
Summer 2016	***Nanotechnology***	May 20, 2016	Jun. 8, 2016	Aug. 2016	TBD - Interested parties should contact the Communications Department at **communication@vpppa.org**	**Global Safety and Health Watch** - *This feature focuses on a global health issue and its impacts on safety. Previous topics have included mosquito borne illnesses in the Caribbean, WHO funding, deep vein thrombosis, world cup construction safety, OSHA's confined space standards updates and more .* **Open - Guest authors are welcome to submit a short, 650-1100 word article for the this regular column.**
	What are we looking for?					
	Articles that discuss the ramifications of the manufacturing process of nanotechnology on worker health, how nanotechnology can be used to improve the quality of the work environment (such as air filtering clothing or other uses), rules and regulations related to nanotechnology, risks and benefits of nanotechnology, etc.					**Association Article** - *Share committee news, membership news or association impacts .* **Guest authors are welcome to submit a 700 - 1,300 word article for the this column.**
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Autumn 2016	**PPE & New Product Innovation**	Aug. 26, 2016	Sept. 14, 2016	Nov. 2016	TBD - Interested parties should contact the Communications Department at **communication@vpppa.org**	**Global Safety and Health Watch** - *This feature focuses on a global health issue and its impacts on safety. Previous topics have included mosquito borne illnesses in the Caribbean, WHO funding, deep vein thrombosis, world cup construction safety, OSHA's confined space standards updates and more .* **Open - Guest authors are welcome to submit a short, 650-1100 word article for the this regular column.**
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	Articles that discuss how to make PPE more effective, lessons learned and how PPE has prevented an injury or accident, how to ensure workers consistently use their PPE, changes made to PPE that wasn't working, new products that help employees work more safely, innovative new tools, etc.					**Association Article** - *Share committee news, membership news or association impacts .* **Guest authors are welcome to submit a 700 - 1,300 word article for the this column.**
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