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"Know Before You Go" to the Safety+ Symposium

Attending the Safety+ Symposium later this month? Whether you are a first time attendee, or an event veteran, be sure to check out our "Know Before You Go" Webinar. The webinar provides a detailed look at the week's events and tidbits you will be glad you knew ahead of time.

[***Listen to the "Know Before You Go" Webinar***](#)

In addition, be sure to **download the Safety+ Mobile App**.

If you are a registered attendee, you should have received an email with instructions to

download the mobile app. But in case you missed it:

Step 1:

Go to either the Google Play or the iTunes Stores.

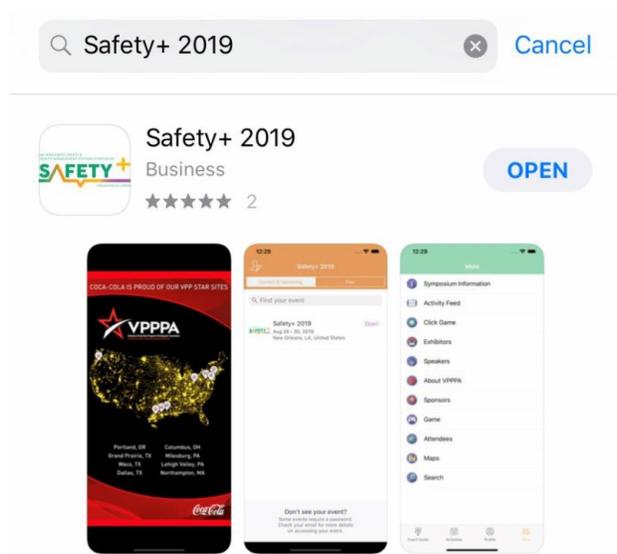
Step 2:

Search for "Safety+ 2019" or "VPPPA" and download.

Step 3:

Log in to access all of the fun features!

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Winding Down Safe + Sound Week 2019

This year's Safe + Sound Week is almost over, but that doesn't mean the fun has to end! Here at the VPPPA we have been having a blast posting on social media using #SafeandSoundatWork and seeing other partners' and organizers' posts, too. There is still time to participate in Safe + Sound Week and show us how you stay safe and sound at work or at home. Please tag VPPPA on social media and use the #SafeandSoundWeek2019 or #SafeandSoundatWork hashtags so we can find and share your posts. You can read more about OSHA's Safe + Sound Week, and find out ways to participate, [here](#).



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VPPPA Announces Partnership with ISEA

We are excited to announce a new collaborative partnership with The International Safety Equipment Association (ISEA). The goal of this partnership is to improve occupational safety and health at workplaces throughout the world and the role safety management systems, safety equipment manufacturers and certified safety equipment plays in its achievement. VPPPA and ISEA will work cooperatively through this partnership to provide communication, outreach and occupational safety and health development opportunities.

The partnership was officially signed on Thursday, July 25, 2019, at the ISEA headquarters, located in Arlington, VA. Both J.A. Rodriguez Jr., Business EHSS Leader at Raytheon Company and VPPPA Chairperson, as well as Sheila Eads, President and CEO

of ERB Industries and ISEA Chairperson, were present for the ceremony.

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VPPPA Mentors & SGEs of the Year Nominees

Congratulations to the nominees for Special Government Employee and Mentor of the Year! Winners will be announced at the 2019 Safety+ Symposium in New Orleans, LA. Great work everyone!

Region I

SGE of the Year: Brad Bittenbender, Jacobs Engineering
Mentor of the Year: Paul Ludington, Dominion Energy Millstone Power Station

Region II

SGE of the Year: Raymond Robbins, Lockheed Martin Corporations

Region III

SGE of the Year: Tony Frazier, Sysco
Mentor of the Year: Tom Ozog, Seward Power Station

Region IV

SGE of the Year: Danny Province, General Electric (GE) Appliances (a Haier Company)

Region V

SGE of the Year: Deborah Krajicek, Marathon Petroleum Company LP
Mentor of the Year: Afton Chemical, Sauget, IL

Region VI

SGE of the Year: Les Ducote, Valero - Houston Asphalt Terminal

Region VII

SGE of the Year: Terry Bass, PlyGem Industries, Inc.

Region VIII

SGE of the Year: Michael Courouleau, BakerHughes

Region IX

SGE of the Year: Danielle Heinze, Marine Corps Logistics Base

Region X

SGE of the Year: Cliff Butler, Sherwin Williams- Purdy
Mentor of the Year: Eileen Tanner, Covanta Marion, Inc.

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OSHA News: Respirable Crystalline Silica Standard for Construction

OSHA has issued a request for information on Table 1 of its Respirable Crystalline Silica Standard for Construction. Specifically, OSHA is requesting information on:

- The effectiveness of engineering and work practice control methods not currently included for the tasks and equipment listed on Table 1.
- Tasks and equipment involving exposure to respirable crystalline silica that are not currently listed on Table 1, along with information on the effectiveness of engineering and work practice control methods in limiting worker exposure to respirable crystalline silica when performing those tasks.
- Additional circumstances for which it would be appropriate to permit employers covered by the silica standards for general industry and maritime to comply with the silica standard for construction.

Comments are due by **November 13, 2019**. For more information, see the [OSHA trade release](#) and the public inspection version of the [Federal Register Notice](#).

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Congratulations to the Roster Contest Winners

Congratulations to the winners of the 2019 VPPPA Roster Contest! Thank you to everyone who submitted an updated roster. The winners are:

- **Austin Industrial in La Porte, TX**
- **Covanta Plymouth Renewable Energy in Conshohocken, PA**
- **Cintas in Grayson, KY**

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Association Announcements

Write for a VPPPA Publication

Have you checked out the [VPPPA Blog?](#) Send us an article regarding any safety or health topic, and we will consider adding it to our blog schedule.

If you would like to write for a VPPPA publication, or know of someone who is interested, please email communications@vpppa.org. We look forward to hearing from you!

In case you didn't hear, the *Leader* magazine is now offered in Spanish! We are always looking for people to help us translate. If you are interested, please email communications@vpppa.org.

Membership News

If you have any news or pictures from your site that you would like to share (an award, a VPP approval, a member who went above and beyond, etc.), please send it to communications@vpppa.org. We would love to add your updates to the next On The

Level newsletter or post it on our social media pages.

Member of the Month

Make sure you visit the [Member of the Month](#) section on our website? If you would like to nominate someone as the VPPPA Member of the Month, please email membership@vpppa.org.

The August Member of the Month is Bret Skellenger. You can read about Bret [here](#).



Congratulations, Bret!

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