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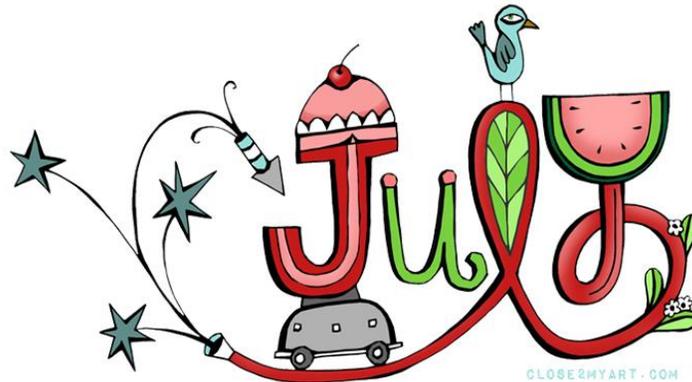
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### Enter the #WhyISafety Contest

Last month we hosted the #HowISafety contest, and loved seeing everyone's safety photos! Congratulations to our winner, Warren Gipson, from Brock. Warren won a free registration for Safety+. You can see his winning photo below.

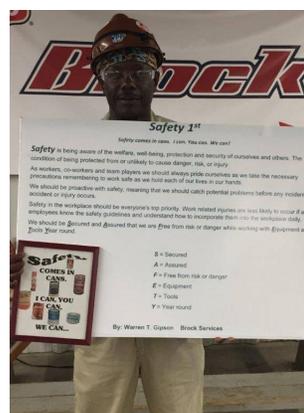
For the month of July we are hosting the #WhyISafety contest, and we will be giving away two \$50 Walmart gift cards. Entering our contest is easy. All you have to do is:

1. Like our Facebook page.
2. Share the [#WhyISafety video](#) to your Facebook page.
3. Leave a Facebook comment on the video, telling us why YOU practice safety. Don't forget to use #WhyISafety in your response.

\*Visit our Facebook page to share the #WhyISafety video to be entered.

*Contest runs until July 31. Winner announced August 1.*

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## OSHA News: Electronic Reporting to Start on August 1

Starting on August 1, 2017, employers may begin electronically submitting required injury and illness data from their completed 2016 OSHA Form 300A. They will do this through the Injury Tracking Application. Last month, OSHA published a notice of proposed rulemaking - extending the deadline for submitting 2016 Form 300A to December 1, 2017. This extension was to allow affected entities enough time to become familiar with the electronic reporting system, and to provide the new administration an opportunity to review the new electronic reporting requirements prior to their implementation. The data submission involves four steps, which include:

1. Creating an establishment
2. Adding 300A summary data
3. Submitting data to OSHA
4. Reviewing the confirmation email

You can read more about the deadline extension, and find more information about the process, [here](#).

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## Volunteer at Safety+

VPPPA is looking for energetic volunteers to assist at Safety+. No previous volunteer experience is necessary; however, volunteers must be from a VPPPA member site. Volunteers are needed starting on **Sunday, August 27** through **Thursday, August 31**. Please be mindful of the workshops you are planning to attend when signing up for spots. All volunteer posts will be located in the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center in New Orleans, LA.

If you have any questions or concerns, please email [conference@vpppa.org](mailto:conference@vpppa.org) or call the National VPPPA Office at **(703) 761-1146**.

You can [sign up to volunteer here](#).

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## UV Safety Tips

July is ultraviolet (UV) safety month. Did you know the skin is the body's largest organ? While it protects us against heat, sunlight, injury and infection, many people still don't consider how important it is to protect your skin. For workers who are outside all day,

protecting your skin is especially crucial.

Here are a few simple tips to protect your skin:

- Wear protective clothing (long sleeves, hats, UV-resistant sunglasses, etc.).
- Avoid sunburns (they significantly increase your lifetime risk of developing skin cancer).
- Stay out of the sun or find shade when it is possible (peak burning hours are between 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM).
- Use caution when you are near reflective surfaces (water, snow and sand).
- Use caution when you are at a higher altitude because you can experience more UV exposure.
- Apply and re-apply broad-spectrum sunscreen.

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## Calling All Writers!

Interested in writing for the VPPPA [blog](#) or the quarterly magazine, [The Leader](#)? We are always looking for fresh content to add to our publications! Blog posts can focus on any aspect of safety and health (PPE, leadership, training, safety programs, etc.) and we update every other Thursday. The next magazine issue will focus on "animals in safety" (animals that can detect for weapons, illegal drugs, allergens, diseases, as well as other roles animals play in safety and health). If you are interested in contributing to a VPPPA publication, or know of someone who is, please email [communications@vpppa.org](mailto:communications@vpppa.org). We look forward to hearing from you!

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## Don't Miss Safety+ in New Orleans

Didn't register for Safety+ before the regular rate deadline? You can still [register here](#) and attend the event! Taking place in New Orleans, LA, and in conjunction with the Louisiana Governor's Safety & Health Conference, this event should not be missed. You can earn CEUs, attend workshops and hear from inspirational speakers at the premier safety and health event of the year.

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