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VPPPA Will Unveil A New Logo at the Safety+ Symposium

We are very excited to announce that the VPPPA has developed a new logo for the association. This is the first refresh of the logo since its inception. Taking the logo in a new and fresh direction coincides with the Association's 35th birthday. "The rebranding of our logo is a joint effort between our National and ten Regional Board of Directors, our National Staff, and membership," said J.A. Rodriguez Jr., Chairman of the Board at VPPPA. "Our new logo represents a major step in our forward-thinking mindset and commitment to drive innovation, deliver value, grow strategic partnerships, enhance global presence and be the ultimate resource for safety management system excellence."

The new logo will be unveiled at VPPPA's annual Safety+ Symposium in New Orleans, Louisiana, this August 27-30. Safety+ will be held at the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center.

There's Still Time to Win A FREE Trip to the Safety+ Symposium!

The #HowISafety contest is heating up! Tomorrow is the deadline to submit your entry for the chance to win a free registration, flight and hotel for the Safety+ Symposium.

How to enter:

- Submit a photo of yourself representing how you are promoting/practicing safety in the workplace, or at home. Examples: Wearing your PPE, teaching a safety class, attending training, following safety procedures, etc.
- Write a short description or caption explaining the photo
- Include the #howisafety hashtag in your photo description
- If you don't have a Facebook or Twitter account, you may email your photo entry to membership@vpppa.org
- The photo will be posted to VPPPA's Facebook page in the "How I Safety" photo album

The photo with the most likes will win a **complimentary Safety+ Symposium registration, free airfare and lodging** at the New Orleans Marriott or the Sheraton New Orleans on Monday, August 26-Friday, August 30.

The rules and requirements to enter this contest are as follows:

- Must be a member of VPPPA
- VPPPA has all rights to use the pictures submitted
- No nudity, graphic language or content, firearms or alcohol may be shown in any artwork or pictures submitted

Submit your entry by June 21, 2019.

You can check out the 2017 contest entries on the VPPPA Facebook page, in our [photo album here.](#)

The Leader Magazine is Now in Spanish

Are you a native Spanish speaker? Or perhaps you would like to practice your skills? We are thrilled to announce that we will now be offering the feature articles from our quarterly magazine, the *Leader*, in Spanish. You can find the Spanish version of our spring issue of the magazine online [here](#). A special thanks goes out to everyone who has graciously offered to translate articles for us.

If you are interested in being a translator for future magazines, please email communications@vpppa.org.

Safe-in-Sound Excellence in Hearing Loss Prevention Awards

Since 2007, The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health has partnered with the National Hearing Conservation Association to create an award for Excellence in Hearing Loss Prevention. This award is called the Safe-In-Sound Award. In 2018, the partnership was extended to include the Council for Accreditation in Occupational Hearing Conservation.

The Safe-in-Sound Excellence in Hearing Loss Prevention Awards™ honor excellent hearing loss prevention (HLP) practices in the work environment. Applicants are evaluated against key performance indicators in a review process designed to evaluate hearing loss prevention programs in the workplace. In addition, individuals, organizations, and/or business entities from any industrial sector may also be recognized for innovative advances in the prevention of noise-induced hearing loss applicable to occupational exposures, with an award for Innovation in Hearing Loss Prevention. The awards recognize those who demonstrate, by example, the benefits of developing or

following good hearing loss prevention practices. Safe-in-Sound Award™ winning stories are shared and showcased at special award ceremonies and in press releases disseminated to the occupational health and hearing research communities.

Nominations are due **July 15**. Interested? [You can read more and apply here.](#)

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Let's Get Social

We are in the process of revamping our [VPPPA LinkedIn page!](#) Be sure to follow the page for membership updates, job board postings and more.

For even more association news, contest announcements and fun Safety+ Symposium updates, be sure to "like" us on [Facebook](#) and follow us on [Twitter](#).

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Want to Win A Gift Card?

Membership Survey

We are offering a few easy ways to win a gift card! First, you can take our quick [membership survey](#), and provide valuable feedback about what VPPPA is doing well, and what we can do to improve your membership experience. If you take our survey by tomorrow, June 21, you will be entered to win **one of 10 Amazon gift cards!**

Roster Contest

In addition, we are still accepting site **rosters**. Send your updated roster to membership@vpppa.org by **July 1** for a chance to win one of three **\$50 Amazon gift cards**. If you need another copy of your site's roster, please contact the Membership Department via the email address above or call (703) 761-1146. If you have already submitted your site's roster, you are entered into our random drawing. The winner will be chosen by July 5.

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OSHA 30/30 Series



Keller and Heckman Partner Manesh Rath hosts **OSHA 30/30**, a webinar series that covers OSHA issues for 30 minutes every 30 days. Rath is a trial and appellate attorney with experience in general commercial litigation, wage and hour and class action litigation, occupational safety and health (OSHA) law, labor law and employment law. These webinars cover a wide variety of safety and health topics, and feature a new episode monthly. You can listen to past episodes [here](#), and check out the schedule for future segments to mark your calendar.

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The Safety+ Symposium is Only Two Months Away

We are so excited to see everyone at the 2019 Safety+ Symposium in August! Once you have registered, please take a moment to book your room in an official event hotel. [You can read more and reserve your spot here.](#)

You can celebrate our 35th birthday during the Safety+ Symposium from August 27-30, in New Orleans, LA. We will be giving away more birthday "presents" (prizes) than ever before, throwing a Birthday Bash on Thursday night with specialty birthday cocktails, 35 more prizes, a DJ, food, a fortune teller and more! We also have a few other new things up our sleeve...

[Register for Safety+](#)



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VPPPA Trivia Contests

VPPPA trivia is still going on throughout the year - and it's a super easy way to win a unique prize! All you have to do is answer a question to be entered for a prize. You can enter our current contest and be eligible to win a Weber Smokey Mountain Cooker.

[Click here to play trivia.](#)

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!

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

Have you checked out 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 June Member of the Month is Mike Troutman. You can read about him [here](#).



Congratulations, Mike!

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