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June is National Safety Month

We are currently in the midst of National Safety Month. Thousands of organizations across the U.S. observe this throughout June to bring awareness to increased safety at home and on the job. The four weeks of the month each have a specific theme, including:

- Week 1: Emergency Preparedness
- Week 2: Wellness
- Week 3: Falls
- Week 4: Driving

Share with us how you are participating in National Safety Month at your site or at home via social media @VPPPA. You can find more information about National Safety Month [here](#).

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Microlearning & Behavior-Based Safety Webinar

EHS Today is hosting a free webinar on Tuesday, July 17, regarding microlearning and behavior-based safety. This webinar opportunity will feature real-world examples of organizations that have been leveraging microlearning as a critical component of their safety excellence strategy and behavior-based safety programs to change behavior, drive down safety incidents and instill a safety culture.

Date: Tuesday, July 17
Time: 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM EDT
Cost: Free

[Learn more and register for the webinar here.](#)

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Ridesharing Safety Tips

The popular ridesharing service, Uber, recently updated their safety features in an attempt to increase the safety of their riders. For example, they added a Safety Center, where riders can learn safety information like information on the driver screening process, insurance protections, community guidelines and more. The Uber app also now reminds riders to share trip details with their Trusted Contacts (up to five friends/family members). This action will share your driver's name, vehicle information and your real-time location on the map with your Trusted Contacts. The app also will include an emergency button that shares your location with a 911 operator. Finally, Uber will now run background checks each year - even in cities where it is not required by law.

Whether you are using Uber, Lyft, Via, or one of the other ridesharing services, there are a few tips you can utilize to stay safe while riding.

- Request your ride indoors to avoid spending time outside alone with your phone in-hand.
- Before getting into the car, check that the license plate, driver photo and name match what is listed in the app.
- If you are riding alone, sit in the backseat. This ensures you can exit on either side of the vehicle to avoid traffic. It also gives you and the driver some personal space.
- Buckling your seatbelt is an easy way to reduce injuries in case of an accident.
- Share your trip details with a friend.
- Give feedback on your trip. If you felt unsafe, saying something could help someone else in the future.
- Trust your gut and use your best judgement when ridesharing. If you ever feel like you are in an emergency situation, call 911.

You can read more about ridesharing safety [here](#).

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OSHA Safe + Sound Campaign Webinar

VPPPA is a proud partner of OSHA's 2018 Safe + Sound Campaign. On **Tuesday, June 26, from 1:00 - 2:00 pm EDT**, the webinar, "Safe + Sound Week 2018 - Are you ready to show your commitment to safety?" will take place. This opportunity will help you understand what Safe + Sound Week is, the tools and resources available, and how to participate. Joining in on Safe + Sound Week can help get your safety program started or energize an existing one. The official **Safe + Sound Week** takes place **August 13-19**.

[Register for the Safe + Sound Campaign webinar here.](#)

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Association Announcements

Be sure to register for the 2018 Safety+ Symposium before the regular rate deadline on **June 29**. You can find more information, including the preliminary agenda, workshop descriptions, pre-symposium workshops, FAQs and more on [our website](#).



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Write for a VPPPA Publication

Have you checked out the [VPPPA Blog](#)? Send us an article regarding any safety or health topic, and we might add you to our blog schedule for 2018.

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!

The Leader Magazine

The Autumn 2018 issue will focus on the drug epidemic in the workplace, and how this can impact the safety and health of workers. Feature articles will be due on **September 13**.

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. In addition, please send us any safety "lessons learned" and we can share them with our membership.

Member of the Month

Have you checked out the new [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.

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