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Safety+ Symposium News

Register

Registration for the 2019 Safety+ Symposium is officially open! Be sure to [register](#) before **April 12** to receive the early bird rate.

Present A Workshop

In addition, don't forget to [submit a workshop proposal](#) if you are interested in presenting at the symposium. The deadline to submit is tomorrow, **March 22!** If you have any questions, please reach out to the National Office via email at conference@vpppa.org or call us at **(703) 761-1146**.

Celebrate With Us!

At this year's annual event, we are celebrating VPPPA's 35th birthday! You won't want to miss our birthday bash on Thursday night. As we lead up to the big event, be sure to play VPPPA trivia each month. You can enter our current contest and be eligible to win an Amazon Echo. [Click here to play trivia.](#)



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Applying Construction Fall Protection Concepts to General Industry

On January 17, 2017, the revised Walking-Working Surfaces Subpart D for General Industry standard went into effect. This webinar will discuss key components to this new standard and will help employers understand how they need to take proven concepts that have worked for the construction industry and apply them to their general industry work environment.

Speaker: Michael Tesmer, WESCO Safety

Date: April 18

Time: 1:00PM EST

Cost: \$65 for members, \$85 for non-members

[Register for this webinar here!](#)

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OSHA's 2019 Safe + Sound Campaign

VPPPA is proud to be an organizer for the Safe + Sound campaign this year! It is a year-round campaign to encourage every workplace to have a safety and health program. In addition, Safe + Sound Week (**August 12-18**) is a nationwide event to celebrate the successes of businesses that have implemented safety and health programs in the workplace.

Throughout the year, businesses show their commitment to safety by focusing on management leadership, worker participation, and a systematic approach to finding and fixing hazards in workplaces. Each August we invite them to celebrate their safety successes and efforts to be **#SafeAndSoundAtWork**.

Throughout the campaign, there will be webinars and other events. The first webinar: **Learning to Lead - One CEO's Safety and Health Journey is today at 1:00pm Eastern Time**. You can register for the webinar [here](#) (or tune in to the recording afterwards).

You can learn more about the campaign, and sign up to participate, [here](#).

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2019

Management Leadership 03 MAR 04 APR

Find and Fix Hazards

05 MAY 06 JUN 07 JUL 08 AUG

Register! Safe + Sound WEEK!

Worker Participation 10 OCT 11 NOV

SAFE + SOUND
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Congratulations Cintas!

Cintas Corporation has reached 100 VPP Star sites! Their newest addition being the Dayton Rental (G62) location. Cintas is the only company with this many Star sites - making them the leading participant in the nation. Cintas also has approximately 250 facilities throughout the world actively pursuing VPP recognition by OSHA or the equivalent under a similar certifying body.

[Check out their video here!](#)

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OSHA News

OSHA is requesting information as the Agency considers rulemaking to update the powered industrial trucks standards for general, maritime, and construction industries. The standards became effective in 1971, and were based on industry consensus standards from 1969. Since then, national consensus standards have been updated several times. OSHA is requesting information on: the types, age, and usage of powered industrial trucks; maintenance and retrofitting; how to regulate older powered industrial trucks; types of accidents and injuries associated with operating these machines; costs and benefits of retrofitting the machines with safety features; and other components of a safety program.

OSHA will use the information received in response to this request to determine what action, if any, it may take to reduce regulatory burdens and create jobs while improving worker safety. **Comments must be submitted on or before June 9, 2019.**

You can read more about this on OSHA's website, [here](#).

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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!

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 March Member of the Month is Tony Frazier. You can read about him [here](#).

Congratulations, Tony!

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