

JULY 2023

Upcoming Events and Deadlines

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| JULY 28 Deadline | 2023 Safety+ Symposium Regular Rate Ends Act now! Only eight days remain to register for Safety+ at the regular rate. Secure your spot before Friday, July 28, and take advantage of the discounted rate at this year's premier safety and health conference! CLAIM DISCOUNT |
| AUGUST 9 2pm ET | End User Panel: Challenges in Mitigating Heat Stress on the Job In this virtual end-user panel, moderated by ISEA, VPPPA members will chat about their experiences mitigating heat stress for workers. Participants will share best practices, highlight ongoing and new challenges, and discuss worker needs. REGISTER NOW |
| AUGUST 22 Conference | 2023 Region I VPPPA Safety Conference Coming soon next month! Don't miss the VPPPA Region 1 Safety and Health Excellence Conference & Exposition in Southbridge, MA from August 22-24. Connect with safety professionals from across New England, representing various industries, for insightful workshops and collaborative networking. Register before Friday, July 21, to lock in the regular rate and enhance your safety expertise! LEARN MORE |



Act Now and Save: Safety+ Regular Rate Ends Friday, July 28!

Join us this September in Orlando at Safety+, the ultimate gathering for safety-conscious professionals from various industries and experience levels. Don't miss out on abundant networking opportunities, where you can collaborate with like-minded peers and gain valuable insights into best practices, innovative strategies, and approaches to enhance safety processes and performance.

Register by **Friday, July 28**, to take advantage of the discounted rate. [Secure your spot now](#) and save!



News from OSHA

Federal Protections for Whistleblowers in the Workplace



Do you know your whistleblower rights and protections? Join OSHA Region 4 on Wednesday, August 16 at 1:00pm ET for a webinar on whistleblower requirements, processes, and more! In addition to an open Q&A, the free 2-hour session will provide valuable insights on whistleblower protections, including OSHA's mission, identifying the statutes, elements of retaliation claims, filing complaints, and investigation procedures.

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New Rule Proposed to Clarify PPE Standards in Construction



Yesterday, the U.S. Department of Labor announced a proposed rule to clarify the personal protective equipment (PPE) standard for the construction industry. The proposed change would clarify that PPE must fit each employee properly to protect them from occupational hazards. The proposed rule is available to view on the [Federal Register](#). Interested parties may submit comments and hearing requests no later than September 18.

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VPPPA and ASSP to Collaborate on Worker Safety

VPPPA and the American Society of Safety Professionals (ASSP) have entered into a memorandum of understanding (MOU) to advance health and safety excellence. The 18-month agreement brings the safety organizations together to focus on assisting OSHA in modernizing and expanding its longstanding Voluntary Protection Programs (VPP).



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Get Involved - Become a Volunteer

Interested in helping to shape the future of VPPPA? We are seeking qualified volunteers to serve on various committees throughout the year. VPPPA committees help implement the board of directors' vision for advancing health and safety excellence through development of networking events, professional opportunities and best practices to promote the association and VPP to potential members.

Committee service is open to all VPPPA members in good standing; members serve one-year terms. For more information, please complete the [VPPPA Committee Member Volunteer Application](#).

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Spring Leader Magazine

In case you missed it: The 2023 spring issue of VPPPA's *Leader Magazine*, **Global Safety**, is now available. VPPPA members, take advantage of your exclusive digital benefits and read it online!

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VPP Online

Did you know? VPP Online can help strengthen your worksite's safety program? Here's how:

- ✔ Organize all safety initiatives in one platform
- 📊 Track progress and assess performance
- 👥 Collaborate with 20+ team members
- ⚡ Complete VPP ASE 3x faster



For information on subscriptions and account setup, contact [Dave Miller](#).

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Safe + Sound Week 2023

OSHA's [Safe + Sound Week](#) is rapidly approaching. Mark your calendars for August 7-13 and join us in raising awareness about workers' health and safety. Get ready to explore effective strategies that can enhance your safety program and delve into ways to prioritize mental health and overall well-being in the workplace.

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New to the VPPPA Blog

In this blog post, VPPPA Executive Director Chris Williams discusses OSHA's ambitious efforts to modernize the Voluntary Protection Program (VPP), a renowned safety and health management system. The post highlights the program's core principles, OSHA's public input initiative, and the key areas of focus for VPP's evolution.

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Safety Star of the Quarter

Congratulations, John Frattali!

The VPPPA Safety Star of the Quarter is a program to honor and recognize an employee's achievements in safety performance and professionalism. Help us showcase an exceptional VPPPA member by [submitting a nomination today](#).



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