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Improving Tracking of Workplace Injuries and Illnesses

OSHA has issued a new rule in an attempt to modernize injury data collection that would be used to inform workers, employers, the public and OSHA about workplace hazards. Under this new regulation, all establishments with 250 employees or more must electronically submit all injury and illness information from OSHA Forms 300, 300A and 301. This rule promotes employee's rights to report injuries and illnesses without retaliation or being met with discouragement from employers. These new requirements will take effect on August 10, 2016, with data submissions phased in starting in 2017. For more information or to read FAQs regarding this topic please visit [OSHA's](#)

[website.](#)

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Congratulations to the Illustrated Journey Contest Winner!

Congratulations to Shermco Industries! Look out for their creative entry in the summer edition of *The Leader*. Thank you to everyone who entered the contest this year, we had several wonderful entries and enjoyed learning about all of your VPPA journeys.

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Update Your Roster and Win a Gift Card

It's that time of year again! Take part in a contest that helps everyone involved. To ensure each member is receiving the benefits they deserve, we need your site's roster to be updated. To enter the contest, update the roster that was included in your membership mailing. Once we receive the updated version, the prime contact will be entered into a drawing to win a gift card! Sites that have returned their rosters are already entered into the contest. Return your updated roster by fax at **(703) 761-1148** or email it to membership@vpppa.org by **July 1**. Why not get a reward for doing something you would have done anyway? To request a new roster, contact the Membership Department using the email address above.

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OH&S and VPPPA Present: Preventing Dangerous Falls From Heights

OH&S and VPPPA have teamed up to bring you a free webinar focusing on improving your fall hazards assessment system, Preventing Dangerous Falls From Heights. It will take place on **June 9, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. Eastern Time**. This session will take attendees through the process of completing a fall hazards risk assessment and identifying often overlooked exposures that are common to general industry. The fall hazards will then be reviewed to identify program requirements or recommendations for inspections and training. Attendees will come away from this session with a foundation for developing or enhancing their fall protection programs. The speaker, John P. McCroskey, is a division environmental, health and safety manager with Raytheon Intelligence, Information and Services with over 35 years of experience in managing safety programs. Learn more and register for this opportunity [here](#).

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Association Announcements and Approaching Deadlines

Get involved in VPPPA this year! The deadlines for awards, scholarships and leadership positions are quickly approaching. [Nominate](#) yourself or a colleague to the VPPPA National Board of Directors by **May 27, 2016**. There are seven open positions. Not looking to join the board but interested in getting involved nationally? [Join a committee!](#) Submit interest forms by **May 27**. In addition, submit any [award or scholarship](#) entries by **June 3, 2016** to awards@vpppa.org for the chance to be recognized. The winners will be announced at the national conference during a special reception on Sunday, Aug. 28, 2016.

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Get Involved in Congressional Outreach: You Can Make a Difference

VPPPA's next congressional outreach is taking place **June 8-9** in Washington, D.C. following the National VPPPA Board of Directors meeting. We are seeking volunteers from VPP sites to inform and spread awareness of the impacts of VPP. This is your opportunity to meet with Senators and Representatives from all over the United States and share your personal VPP stories and accomplishments. We'll provide training and materials for these visits - all you need is your passion for VPP. For more information, or to volunteer, email kpagliuca@vpppa.org.

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