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Heat Illness Prevention Stand Down

The summer months are a wonderful time of year, but they can be dangerous. According to OSHA, in 2014 alone, 2,630 workers suffered from heat illness and 18 died on the job from heat stroke and related causes. Under OSHA guidelines, employers are responsible for providing workplaces free of known safety hazards - including extreme heat. Heat illnesses and deaths are preventable, so take the steps to protect yourself and fellow co-workers. A few tips include: drink water every 15 minutes (even if you are not thirsty), rest in the shade to cool down and learn the signs of heat illness. [The Heat Illness Prevention Stand Down](#) takes place **June 27 - July 1** this year. [Educate yourself](#) and stay healthy this season!

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Show Your Pride in the Onsite Program

The *Onsite Program* is the essential guide for VPPPA's national conference, distributed to over 2,500 attendees. Pay tribute to your VPP Star sites, new safety programs, outstanding worksite achievements or just your pride in being a VPPPA member by placing an ad in the *Onsite Program* to show our attendees you are one of the best in the industry. Reservations are available for full, half and quarter page ads. To reserve your space, please contact our advertising department at **703-761-6511** or email advertising@vpppa.org. **Reservations are due by June 20, 2016.**

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Construction Confined Space - Compliance Checkup Webinar

Don't miss the webinar [Construction Confined Space - Compliance Checkup](#), led by Abby Ferri, on **June 22, 2016 at 1 p.m. Eastern Time**. Attendees will finish this session with the self-assessment tools to audit your written program and permits, including extensive information on the required communication for confined space entry on multi-employer worksites. In addition, attendees will receive pertinent information regarding mitigating engulfment hazards, employee training and rescue services.

Abby Ferri is the CEO and Chief Consultant for The Ferri Group LLC. She holds a master's degree in environmental health and safety, is an OSHA outreach trainer for construction and is also a Certified Safety Professional (CSP). Abby is known for taking intellectual, practical and creative approaches to the toughest health, safety and environmental challenges.

Cost is \$65 for members and \$85 for non-members. For more information please email conference@vpppa.org.

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Tree Care Work: Falls & Falling Object Hazards

A new [OSHA Hazard Bulletin](#) regarding tree care work outlines the dangers associated with the industry. Whether it is a falling object incident or a fall incident, both can be serious and deadly. Many steps should be taken before any tree care operation. Employers should always assess the worksite for fall and falling object hazards, have a qualified arborist survey the worksite as well as complete a myriad of other preventative measures. Workers always have the right to a safe workplace.

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Check Out Our Brand New Blog

Do you love reading the latest in safety and health news? We recently launched a VPPPA [blog](#), providing an opportunity for anyone in the community to share their expertise. Our first article, [Lack of Training at Fault in Employee Death?](#) went live last week. New posts will be released bi-weekly on Thursdays and we want to hear your feedback and comments! Interested in writing for the blog? Email communications@vpppa.org to inquire about openings in the schedule.

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Update Your Roster and Win a Gift Card

Only about two weeks left to take part in our roster contest! 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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