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### #VPPPA32 Recap

Thank you so much to everyone who attended the 32nd Annual National VPPPA Safety & Health Conference in Kissimmee, Florida! We hope everyone had a wonderful experience. You can check out all of the conference photos on our Flickr account [here](#). In addition, all of the workshop presentations we have received have been uploaded [here](#) and more are soon to come!



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## **Congratulations to our Winners**

### **Sergeant Safety Scholarship**

Congratulations to Toya Beiswenger from Kennewick, WA, who was awarded the Sergeant Safety Scholarship! The VPPPA DoD scholarship (aka Sergeant Safety Scholarship) is intended for students pursuing either an undergraduate or graduate degree in the safety/health/environmental field. The scholarship is open to students enrolled in or enrolling in a college or university.

### **Selfie Contest Winners**

Thank you to everyone who submitted your fun conference selfies to this year's contest! We loved seeing them all. Congratulations to Terry Gray, Brannon Hampton and Kimberly Cooper who each won a \$100 Amazon.com gift card!

### **Mobile App Contest Winners**

The first 250 people to download our conference mobile app were entered to win one of five \$100 Amazon.com gift cards. Congratulations to Lance Hofmann, Daniel Hoke, Rufus Flurry, Jennifer Thomas and Kathleen Ryan!

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## **Autumn Safety Tips**

Fall is a beautiful time of year, but as the season changes be sure to stay safe while you enjoy the crisp weather and new scenery.

- Candles are a fun way to create a warm glow in a room, but they can also cause significant damage. Never leave candles burning if you leave the house or go to sleep and keep your candles away from pets and kids.
- Keep your driveway and walkway clear of falling leaves. Wet leaves can create a hazard for pedestrians in the fall by making sidewalks slippery. Later in the season, snow can mix with leaves and increase the risk of falling.
- Be sure to have your furnace serviced before the temperature drops to check for leaks and verify that everything is working properly.
- Use caution with space heaters. Always allow for three feet of space around a heater.

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## DOL Announces Start Date For Federal Contractor Disclosure Requirements

Starting October 25, 2016, prospective federal contractors will be required to disclose previous labor law violations as part of final guidance recently announced by the Department of Labor (DOL) and the Federal Acquisition Regulatory (FAR) Council. President Obama directed DOL and the FAR Council to issue regulations and guidance based on the Executive Order, which aims to ensure federal contractors adhere to basic workplace protections. These regulations will require employers bidding for a federal contract worth at least \$500,000 to disclose any of 14 established violations of workplace protections cited during the previous three years. Violations that must be disclosed include those related to safety and health, family and medical leave, civil rights protections, collective bargaining and wages.

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