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Quick Tips For Winter-Proofing Your Home

Being proactive is the key to staying safe, warm and cost-efficient this winter. Check out a few of the most crucial tips from the home advice resource, BobVila.com.

- Replace your screen doors/windows with storm doors/windows and check for cracks in the glass.
- Trim overgrown branches back from your home and away from any electrical wires in case of wind or ice.
- Keep a supply of ice melt or sand for your steps, walkways or driveway.
- Clean or replace furnace air filters to improve heating efficiency and air quality.
- Clean debris out of your gutters.

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Public Stakeholder Meeting on Preventing Workplace Violence in Healthcare and Social Assistance

On **January 10, 2017**, from **9:00AM to 5:00PM ET**, OSHA will hold a public meeting to discuss a standard to prevent workplace violence in healthcare and social assistance settings. This meeting will allow for workers to tell personal stories as well as be a place for

debate and discussion among stakeholders. There will also be sessions that focus on challenges and successes from businesses, workers, representatives from those businesses as well as experts. You can register for this meeting and read more information [here](#).

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We Are Now Accepting Workshop Proposals

Do you have a story to tell other safety professionals like you? Are you a leader in your field? You can now submit your workshop proposals [here](#). Share your expertise with fellow VPPPA members and become a workshop presenter at our annual conference, Safety+, An Integrated Safety & Health Management System Symposium.

Deadlines and Dates:

Proposal Deadline: February 10, 2017

Proposal Review: February-March, 2017

Speaker Notifications: End of March, 2017

Conference Dates: August 29-September 1, 2017

You can find more information [here](#) or email conference@vpppa.org with any questions.

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Write For The Leader

The winter issue of our quarterly magazine, *The Leader*, will focus on "the future of safety" in various industries. This could focus on new tools, regulations, practices, technology, threats and challenges to the future of safety in a specific industry. Do you have knowledge about the future of industries including: mining, oil and gas, fishing, automobile, manufacturing and more - consider writing for our magazine! If you, or someone you know, is interested in writing for us please email communications@vpppa.org. Articles are due on **January 20, 2017**.

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Region III Scholarship Opportunity

The Region III VPPPA Scholarship Committee is excited to announce a new scholarship! They will select and award up to two scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$1,000 to applicants who are already enrolled in or plan to enroll in a course of study at an accredited two-year or four-year college, university or vocational-technical school. You can read more about the application and eligibility requirements [here](#).

***Applications Must Be Received By: January 31, 2017**

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