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Have You Heard? It's National Protect Your Hearing Month

Have you heard that **October is National Protect Your Hearing Month?**

Quick facts from the Centers for Disease Control:

- Over time, being around too much loud noise can make you lose your hearing
- Once you've lost your hearing, you can't get it back
- Five in ten young people listen to their music or other audio too loudly, and four in ten young people are around dangerously loud noises during events like concerts and sports games

The recent summer issue of VPPPA's quarterly magazine, [**the Leader**](#), featured articles from safety experts at Honeywell, Cintas and the International Safety Equipment Association, about hearing protection. You can read them (for free!) below.

[**Have You Heard? Understanding Hearing Loss Prevention**](#) by ISEA

[**Safe & Sound: Personalized Protection to Prevent Hearing Loss**](#) by Dr. Robert M. Ghent, Advanced Engineer/Scientist—Research Audiologist, Honeywell Safety Products and David Lerch, CSHO—General Industry, Product Development Manager, Cintas Corporation



VPP Policies & Procedures Manual Discussion Webinar

In case you missed it, OSHA published a new VPP Policies and Procedures Manual this past January, and it includes changes in how VPP will operate in the future.

The sweeping changes touch many important subjects, including ways of participating, incorporation of non-VPP related guidance documents, consideration of enforcement activity in reviews and evaluations and returns of certification and recertification applications when OSHA personnel are unavailable.

Join us on **October 29, 2020 at 2:00 P.M. Eastern** for a meeting with OSHA Director of Cooperative and State Programs, Doug Kalinowski, and VPPPA Chairperson, Terry Schulte, to discuss the contents and implications of the new changes.

[Register](#)

Congratulations UCOR!



VPPPA members, **UCOR**, not only received the VPP Innovation Award this year (for the Oak Ridge Environmental Management Cleanup Project), but were also presented with the **U.S. Department of Energy VPP Legacy of Stars Award!**

You can read more about their awesome achievements [here](#).

Join the VPPPA N.O.W.

Are you a woman in safety looking to network with industry peers? Consider joining

the VPPPA N.O.W. (Network of Women) group!

This is a private space to come together as women to encourage, pose questions and empower. We are currently over 130 members strong and growing daily! Don't miss the opportunity to network and learn with us.

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BCSP Virtual Career Fair: October 29

Be sure to check out the **BCSP Virtual Career Fair on October 29 from 8am-7pm Eastern**. This is a unique and significant opportunity that will bring together top employers and BCSP credentialed professionals.



The deadline for employers to register has passed, but job seekers will be able to:

- Search for jobs and instantly submit resumes
- Interact and learn about employers and their current openings
- Chat live with employers and schedule interviews
- Attend educational webinars

Learn More

OSHA News Updates

Respirators for Those at High Risk of COVID-19 Exposure

According to EHS Today, "OSHA has issued temporary guidance for certain respirators, the latest effort to ensure their availability during the pandemic.

Effective immediately, the new enforcement permits the use of NIOSH-approved tight-fitting powered air-purifying respirators when initial and/or annual fit testing isn't feasible because respirator and fit-testing supply shortages. This guidance applies only to healthcare personal and other workers in high or very high exposure risk activities." Read more [here](#).

OSHA FAQs

OSHA has published additional frequently asked questions and answers regarding the need to report employees' in-patient hospitalizations and fatalities resulting from work-related cases of the coronavirus. Read more [here](#).

Safety & Health Industry Job Openings

Facility Safety Program Manager I

It is not often that a role comes along that provides you the opportunity to play a pivotal role in Safety and Health transformation with a leading company in its industry.

Covanta's 40+ Energy-from-Waste facilities provide communities and businesses around the world with an environmentally sound solution to their solid waste disposal needs by using waste to generate clean, renewable energy.

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Cal/OSHA Field Inspector

Cal/OSHA has over 60 field inspector job opportunities available throughout California. These are field positions that conduct compliance inspections in many different settings and consult with employers on a wide range of health and safety issues. Cal/OSHA inspectors help improve health and safety conditions in workplaces and make a positive difference in the lives of California workers.

[Learn More](#)

Region IV Virtual Conference Next Week



Join VPPPA Region IV **next week** (October 20-22) for the 2020 Safety & Health Excellence Virtual Conference!

The event will be a half-day virtual event each day. All sessions are live and will be recorded so that all attendees can watch back any of the sessions for 60-days following the event. For more information visit the [Region IV website](#).

Association Announcements

Write for a VPPPA Publication

Have you checked out the [VPPPA Blog](#)? Send us an article regarding any safety or health topic, and we will consider adding it to our blog schedule.

If you would like to write for a VPPPA publication, or know of someone who is interested, please email communications@vpppa.org. We look forward to hearing from you!

Membership News

If you have any news or pictures from your site that you would like to share (an award, a VPP approval, a member who went above and beyond, etc.), please send it to communications@vpppa.org. We would love to add your updates to the next On The Level newsletter or post it on our social media pages.



Congratulations to the October VPPPA Member of the Month, Chris Davis!



Make sure you visit the [Member of the Month](#) section on our website!

If you would like to nominate someone as the VPPPA Member of the Month, please fill out our [nominations form](#).

Thank you to our Star level sponsors!



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