





### SEPTEMBER 2023

#### 2023 Safety+ Symposium: Photo Recap



















#### **Browse Safety+ Symposium Photos**

Catch more highlights from VPPPA's 2023 Safety+ Symposium! We've just added a ton of photos to our Flickr account! Explore them now.

**SAFETY+ PHOTOS** 

### Save the Date: 2024 Safety+ Symposium

A big thank you to all our attendees, speakers, exhibitors, staff, volunteers, and sponsors who helped make this year's symposium a great success.

We look forward to welcoming you to the 2024 Safety+ Symposium, which will be hosted at the Gaylord Rockies Resort & Convention Center in the picturesque city of Aurora, CO, from August 25-28, 2024. Mark your calendars!

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#### **News from OSHA**

OSHA Launches Compliance Initiative to Protect Workers from Silica Exposure



OSHA as launched an enforcement and compliance initiative to safeguard workers in the engineered stone fabrication and installation industries from silica exposure hazards. This initiative supplements OSHA's existing efforts, prioritizing inspections to identify and mitigate silica dust exposure risks in covered industries. Silica dust poses serious health risks, including silicosis, for workers in stone manufacturing and installation, as highlighted by a recent study. As part of the initiative, OSHA is providing information on dust control methods and safer work practices to affected employers and stakeholders.

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OSHA Awards \$12.7M in Susan Harwood Training Grants to Promote Workplace Safety



Last week, OSHA has awarded \$12.7 million in support for workplace safety, health training, and education, distributing Susan Harwood Training Grants to 100 non-profit organizations nationwide. These grants, divided into three categories, pay tribute to the legacy of Dr. Susan Harwood, a champion of workplace safety standards. The grants aim to reach underserved workers in high-hazard industries, particularly in the southern region, and ensure safe and healthy working environments while recognizing Dr. Harwood's contributions to worker education. Browse grant recipients <u>here</u>.

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# Get Involved - Become a Volunteer

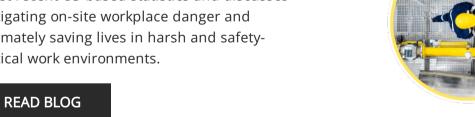
Interested in helping to shape the future of VPPPA? We are seeking qualified volunteers to serve on various committees throughout the year. VPPPA committees help implement the board of directors' vision for advancing health and safety excellence through development of networking events, professional opportunities and best practices to promote the association and VPP to potential members.

Committee service is open to all VPPPA members in good standing; members serve oneyear terms. For more information, please complete the <u>VPPPA Committee Member</u> Volunteer Application.

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# New to the VPPPA Blog

In our latest blog post, Kirk Key looks at the most recent US-based statistics and discusses mitigating on-site workplace danger and ultimately saving lives in harsh and safetycritical work environments.





## **VPP Online**

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# **VPP Site-Based Labor Survey**

VPPPA is gathering data to reflect the impact of the Voluntary Protection Programs (VPP) on worker safety and health, and your input is needed! This short survey will help identify the breadth of labor representation on VPP sites nationwide and aid in promoting VPP involvement to industry.



**TAKE SURVEY** 

## Safety Star of the Quarter

## Congratulations, Julie Smith!

The VPPPA Safety Star of the Quarter is a program to honor and recognize an employee's achievements in safety performance and professionalism. Help us showcase an exceptional VPPPA member by submitting a nomination today.



**Operations Assistant** E & J Gallo Winery - Spirits Plant

Learn More About Julie



