



MAY NEWSLETTER



UPCOMING EVENTS

- 1st Thursday of every Month- Battleground, Deer Park
(Last meeting of the Chapter year)
- **ASSP Safety 2025**
Orlando 7/22-7/24
- Energy Corridor and North Monthly Meetings – first, second and third Thursdays of the month
- Clear Values
- ASSP Memberships
- Government Affairs
- Grants & Scholarships

We thank our guest speaker !!



Topic: Exposure to wildfire smoke: Response in Eastern Canada and Northeastern U.S. Case Study
Dustin Hickey, Isabela Bacarella, MPH,CIH,CSP, Tim St.Pierre

Member Appreciation Crawfish Boil was a success





2025
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ANNUAL PDC

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SEPT. 22 - 24th
Hard Rock Hotel
Tulsa, OK

SAVE THE DATE NOW FOR
ORLANDO

SAFETY 25
CONFERENCE + EXPO

Tuesday, July 22 -
Thursday, July 24, 2025

Get event updates at
Safety.assp.org

Leading with our CLEAR Values



ASSP's new strategic plan incorporates these five values:

- **Community:** We provide a welcoming and collaborative environment that creates belonging and inclusivity for all.
- **Leadership:** We exemplify integrity and empower others.
- **Excellence:** We strive always to deliver our best.
- **Accountability:** We are ethical, reliable and trustworthy in all we do.
- **Respect:** We act with humility, listen to others and foster strong working relationships.

Together, they form the acronym CLEAR, which can help us easily recall and readily share them with other stakeholders across the ASSP ecosystem. Let's take a closer look at each.

ASSP Provides Support for Members Experiencing Hardship

If you've been affected by job loss or another hardship, ASSP is here to help. Contact ASSP Customer Service at customerservice@assp.org or (847) 699-2929 to learn about our hardship program, which offers 1 year of complimentary membership to support members during challenging times. If you are seeking a new career opportunity, turn to ASSP's Career Center for help. Members can search for open positions in environmental, health and safety, environmental compliance, safety management, loss control, risk management, safety engineering, & more. Upload a résumé, apply for positions and create personalized alerts to be notified of job postings. Employers can post positions on the site and use the résumé database to search for qualified candidates.

Learn more at www.assp.org/resources/career-center.

Help us GROW & Refer a Member Annual Member-Get-A-Member Program

ASSP's annual member referral program returns for 2025. Share the benefits and resources ASSP offers with safety colleagues, directing potential members to the ASSP website to encourage them to join the Gulf Coast Society.

The more people you refer, the more rewards you can earn, such as a **1-year membership** extension, an on-demand webinar, or a \$50 Amazon gift card.

For every complete member referral, the referring member will receive an entry in the grand prize drawing for a trip to ASSP's annual professional development conference, which includes full conference registration, 3 nights' hotel accommodations, and a \$250 gift card for expenses.

Learn more at <https://assp.us/38VZ7kF>



Government Affairs Update

FMCSA - DOT NEWS

- May 12, 2025** - FMCSA Removes Eight Devices from List of Registered ELDs
- April 28, 2025** - Trump's Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy: Truck Drivers Who Want to Share Our Roads Must Share Our Language
- April 11, 2025** - U.S. Department of Transportation Proposes Removal of Non-Compliant Medical Examiners from National Registry as Part of Commitment to Roadway Safety.

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Technical Update: ANSI B11 Addressing Machine Guarding and Machinery Safety

Machine guarding is an essential safety measure that protects employees from machinery-related injuries and flying objects and sparks. OSHA lists inadequate machine guarding as one of its most frequently cited violations. The [ANSI B11 standards](#) and ANSI registered technical reports include nearly 35 documents that deal with machine/machinery/machine tool safety, and they specify requirements for both the manufacturers (suppliers) and machine users. While ASSP is not the secretariat of the B11 Committee, the Society [sells the standards](#) under an agreement with the committee.

Anne Mathias and Ted Sberna represent ASSP on the committee, which met Feb. 11-12, 2025, in Tampa, FL. They shared several key updates on issues before the committee:

- The following standards are under active revision and hope to be balloted in 2025:
 - B11.1-2009 (R20), Mechanical Power Presses
 - B11.2-2013 (R20), Hydraulic & Pneumatic Power Presses
 - B11.4-2003 (R20), Shears; B11.16-2014 (R20) Powder/Metal Compacting Presses
 - B11.5-1988 (R20), Ironworkers
 - B11.18-2006 (R20), Machines Processing or Slitting Coiled or Non-Coiled Metal
- Four standards are up for revision:
 - B11.6-2022, Manual Turning Machines (Lathes) With or Without Auto Control
 - B11.22-2002 (R20), Turning Centers and Auto. Num. Controlled Turning Machines
 - B11.8-2021, Manual Milling, Drilling and Boring Machines
 - B11.23-2002 (R20), Machining Centers and CNC Milling, Drilling and Boring Machines
 - Interested parties who build or use lathes and mills are invited to join the subcommittee(s). This group will also assess whether combining several of these standards is appropriate. Please send an email to Dave Felinski at dfelinski@b11standards.org if interested.
- The committee reaffirmed these documents with no changes:
 - B11.7-2020, Cold Headers and Cold Formers
 - B11.13-2020, Single and Multiple-Spindle Automatic Bar and Chucking Machines
 - B11.TR5-2006 (R17), Noise Measurement
- The committee withdrew one technical report:
 - B11.TR4-2004 (R15), Selection of Programmable Electronic Systems

Two organizations are no longer on the committee – Presence Sensing Device Manufacturers Association (disbanded) and General Motors – and Banner Engineering was approved to join.

STANDARDS UPDATES

STAY ONE STEP AHEAD OF HEAT STRESS

Thursday, June 19, 2025 10 am CT - 0.2 CEUs

Up next in our Stand Up for Standards webinar series, where we deep dive into ASSP standards with expert insights, we'll explore ANSI/ASSP A10.50 and provide valuable guidance on preventing heat illnesses. Get practical implementation advice from A10 professionals and bring your questions for an interactive Q&A.

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PROTECTING WORKERS FROM THE EFFECTS OF HEAT



Protecting Workers from the Effects of Heat

Every year, dozens of workers die and thousands more become ill due to heat exposure in the workplace. Hazardous heat exposure can occur indoors or outdoors and during any season, not only during heat waves. Heat exposure may result in serious illness or even death, both of which are preventable. This fact sheet provides information on how to recognize and respond to symptoms of heat illness, the risk factors for heat illness, and methods to mitigate heat hazards in both indoor and outdoor workplaces.

Know the signs of heat illness

Take action at the first sign of heat illness. Heat illness can worsen quickly. When in doubt, call 911!

If a worker experiences:

- Headache or nausea
- Weakness or dizziness
- Heavy sweating or hot, dry skin
- Elevated body temperature
- Thirst
- Decreased urine output

Take these actions:

- Leave the confined space
- Move to a cooler area
- Give water to drink
- Remove PPE and unnecessary clothing
- Cool with water, ice, or a fan
- Do not leave alone
- Seek medical care if needed



The following are signs of a medical emergency!



- Abnormal thinking or behavior
- Slurred speech
- Seizures
- Loss of consciousness

- 1 > CALL 911 IMMEDIATELY
- 2 > COOL THE WORKER RIGHT AWAY WITH WATER OR ICE
- 3 > STAY WITH THE WORKER UNTIL HELP ARRIVES

What you can do to prevent heat illness

Create a plan and provide training

- Develop a plan that aids in preventing heat illness and communicate it to supervisors and workers. Include elements such as monitoring, acclimatization, work-or rest-schedule, and emergencies.
- Train all workers on heat illness risks, symptoms, and response procedures, as well as prevention measures.

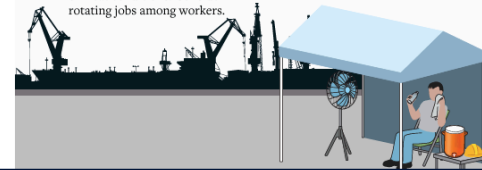
Plan work schedules

- Allow new and returning workers to build tolerance to heat (acclimatize) and take frequent breaks. Follow the 20% rule. This safety practice prescribes that no more than 20% of the shift's duration is worked at full intensity in the heat for the first day. Increase the duration of time at full intensity by no more than 20% a day until workers are used to working in the heat.
- Adjust work durations or period of day work is scheduled based on heat conditions. Consider rotating jobs among workers.

- Allow frequent rest breaks. Breaks should be long enough for workers to recover from heat given the temperature, humidity, and working conditions.

Set controls and monitor on-site activity

- Check the temperature in the space before work. Use the OSHA-NIOSH Heat Safety Tool App when planning outdoor activities.
- Ventilate the space to bring in cooler air and create airflow.
- Implement a buddy system where workers monitor themselves and each other for signs of heat illness.
- Designate a cool or shady area for breaks.
- Provide cool drinking water. Encourage workers to drink at least 1 cup every 20 minutes.
- Have workers wear loose-fitting, breathable clothing, where possible.





Student Services Update

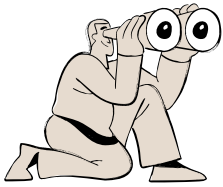
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SPRING STUDENT MEMBERSHIP DRIVE



Our student membership drive is a vital activity for your student section. The number of members your section recruits propels growth and enables you to expand your programs. It also helps build the professional network for your section members. The peers you meet as a student will become the colleagues you rely on throughout your career.

Help us recruit graduating students to join the
Gulf Coast Chapter!



ASSP Grants & Scholarships

The ASSP Foundation offers career development grants that you can use to support your professional development. Applications for Grants are accepted year-round, with awards made on a rolling basis, based on availability.

Apply here

<https://asspfoundation.secure-platform.com/a/organizations/main/solicitations/login/10>

join us

For the last 2024-2025 chapter meeting on June 5th

DON'T FORGET TO ATTEND THE ENERGY CORRIDOR MEETINGS IN THE SUMMER.