



Gulf Coast Chapter Newsletter



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OSHA releases updated recommended practices to encourage workplace safety and health programs

by The Department of Labor

On October 18, 2016 "the Occupational Safety and Health Administration released a set of [Recommended Practices for Safety and Health Programs](#) to help employers establish a methodical approach to improving safety and health in their workplaces.

The recommendations update OSHA's 1989 guidelines to reflect changes in the economy, workplaces, and evolving safety and health issues. The recommendations feature a new, easier-to-use format and should be particularly helpful to small- and medium-sized businesses. Also new is a section on multi-employer workplaces and a greater emphasis on continuous improvement. Supporting tools and resources are included.

The programs are not prescriptive; they are built around a core set of business processes that can be implemented to suit a particular workplace in any industry. OSHA has seen them successfully implemented in manufacturing, construction, health care, technology, retail, services, higher education, and government.

Key principles include: leadership from the top to send a message that safety and health is critical to the business operations; worker participation in finding solutions; and a systematic approach to find and fix hazards."

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Chapter Highlights



Past October ASSE & AIHA Chapter Meeting!

We want to thank Reggie Wills for the wonderful talk over manual tank gauging hazards. Safety professionals were able to take away great safety information while networking with well-versed professionals in the safety industry.

FAST FACTS:

1-4 days

The number of days when symptoms begin from when a person is first exposed to flu virus.

Learn more:

<http://www.cdc.gov/flu/keyfacts.htm>

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OSHA Updates continued

"Since OSHA's original guidelines were published more than 25 years ago, employers and employees have gained a lot of experience in how to use safety and health programs to systematically prevent injuries and illnesses in the workplace," said Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health Dr. David Michaels. "We know that working together to implement these programs will help prevent injuries and illnesses, and also make businesses more sustainable."

The OSHA recommendations include seven core elements for a safety and health program: management leadership; worker participation; hazard identification and assessment; hazard prevention and control; education and training; program evaluation and improvement; and communication and coordination for host employers, contractors and staffing agencies.

Dr. Michaels released the new document today at the National Safety Council Congress in Anaheim, Calif. In his remarks, he asked business groups and safety and health professionals to help spread the word through a [campaign](#) that encourages creation of a safety and health program using OSHA or other program recommendations that may be more appropriate to their businesses.

The recommendations are advisory only and do not create any new legal obligations or alter existing obligations created by OSHA standards or regulations.

Under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, employers are responsible for providing safe and healthful workplaces for their employees. OSHA's role is to ensure these conditions for America's working men and women by setting and enforcing standards, and providing training, education and assistance."

Additional information can be found at: www.osha.gov

U.S. Department of Labor. "OSHA releases updated recommended practices to encourage workplace safety and health programs" Occupational Safety & Health Administration. Web.23 Oct 2016

Interested in being a Vendor at the Monthly Chapter Meeting?

- One vendor per meeting.
- Vendor may set up booth or table to present their products or services.
- Vendor allowed up to 5 minute floor time to speak about company.
- First come & pay first service.
- Fee \$1000 non-refundable.

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Free Safety Trainings
September-November 2016:
<http://www.com.edu/gcsi/free-training>

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Upcoming Meeting and Events

ASSE & AIHA Gulf Coast General Chapter Meeting

Date	Thursday, November 3, 2016
Time	11:30-1:00pm
Location	Brady's Landing 8505 Cypress St Houston, Texas
Speaker	Matthew Deffebach
Topic	Personal and Corporate Safety-Related Liability: Who and What can be Sued?
Description	Who is legally responsible for safety violations that occur on your jobsite? OSHA can impose liability on various entities and in some cases even individuals. Increasingly, OSHA is expanding the avenues for liability, including criminal liability for individuals and civil penalties on host employer and their staffing agencies. In addition to OSHA knocking on the door, employers and the individuals who work for them may face civil liability in private lawsuits, including a variety of tort claims such as negligence and wrongful death. This presentation will provide you with an invaluable legal primer of liability issues so that you know who is on the hook when it comes to workplace safety liability.

Energy Corridor Section Meeting

Date	Thursday, November 10, 2016
Time	11:00-1:00pm
Location	Wood Group Mustang, Inc. - Stallion Building 17325 Park Row, Houston, Texas, 77084, United States
Speaker	TBA

North Section Meeting

Date	Thursday, November 17, 2016
Time	11:30-1:00pm
Location	10000 Energy Drive Spring, Texas 77389
Speaker	TBA

Downtown Section Meeting

Date	Thursday, October 27, 2016
Time	11:30-1:00pm
Location	Birra Poretti's (500 Louisiana) in the Tunnel Level meeting room
Speaker	Sean Roark, CPIM
Topic	OSHA's New "Anti-Retaliatory" Rule
Description	Sean has been Secretary of the ASSE Downtown Section for eight years, and is regularly invited to speak as a Safety Incentive Expert at National Safety Council and ASSE meetings, as well as being a recurring contributor for OH&S Magazine. He is currently the President of the Incentive Marketing Association, in which capacity he has appeared as a speaker around the world, and is the only person ever to be certified as a Fellow by both the Incentive Marketing Association and Promotional Products Association International. Sean will use his experiences as a Broadway Stage Manager and from working on the first three seasons of Saturday Night Live to entertain and inform you.