

2019 Vermont Safety & Health Council Expo - Session Abstracts

Fatality & Serious injury (FSI) assessment is a fatality prevention risk identification process engaging multiple levels of an organization in eliminating life altering/fatality potential. The FSI process focuses on people dependent actions while considering a task or activity. An FSI assessment can be process related (molten metal or high temperature process) or hazard specific (fall prevention, forklift/pedestrian interface). There are a vast number of regulatory and compliance driven activities, prioritizing and recognizing the risk associated with the work we do each day is key in understanding organizational risk and a focused risk reduction strategy.

NOTE: There will be a plenary session to begin the day, then a breakout session for a group of 20, where a deeper dive on FSI will occur. A sign-up sheet will be available at the Expo.

Distracted Driving continues to be a workplace safety and a public health challenge. This session will cover what distractions are, work-specific distractions, why distracted driving is a problem and what available data show. We will use the distracted driving simulator and hands-on activities to demonstrate the limitations of 'multi-tasking.' We will cover the science behind task-switching. We will facilitate a group discussion around distracted driving in the workplace, including how employers can impact distraction through policies. We will also provide resources for employers and employees who are interested in changing work cultures around distracted driving.

NOTE: This is a breakout session with attendance capped at 20 participants so that everyone has an opportunity to try the driving simulator. A sign-up sheet will be available at the Expo.

Leading Indicators/Incentive programs - Do you feel that Incentive Programs can be an important tool in promoting workplace safety and health in your workplace? Let's talk about it. OSHA's take on them, the good, the bad and the ugly.

OSHA/VOSHA Update includes a review of the top ten OSHA citations, top ten in region 1 and top ten VOSHA citations. What steps can you take to avoid them? Are there any "gotcha's" out there – i.e. a simple oversight that resulted in a large citation. The presenters will also cover information and updates on the ITA – injury tracking app and any other relevant news pertaining to OSHA and/or VOSHA.

Hear from your peers during the **EHS Excellence panel discussion**. Our panelists represent companies who have been recognized for their environmental, health & safety leadership. Each panelist will make a brief statement outlining a couple of specific accomplishments in their program that have made an impact to their success. After the panelists share their stories, they will engage with each other in a moderated discussion and respond to questions from the audience.

Bridging the Gap between Corporate and Emergency Services is essential in today's growing environment of workplace violence, natural and man-made disasters and lawsuits. What should be included in workplace safety training and what are the missing critical components to making it successful? We talk about workplace safety as a culture, but do employees look forward to safety training? Have they experienced hands-on, dynamic scenario-based education that truly prepares them for an incident, and does it integrate with emergency response agencies that will arrive to assist? If not, then don't miss this session about how to make that happen. Silo planning does nothing for anyone except prepare them for failure, lost wages, increased injuries and potential loss of life or assets.