6 WAYS EMPLOYEES CAN TAKE PART IN OSHA'S SAFE + SOUND WEEK

Safe and Sound Week is an annual campaign organized by OSHA and other safety organizations. It will take place from Aug. 10–16 this year. This event aims to recognize the successes of workplace safety and health programs across the country and provide additional resources to help organizations and their employees kick-start or improve upon program initiatives. Nearly 4,000 organizations of all sizes and sectors register for this event each year.

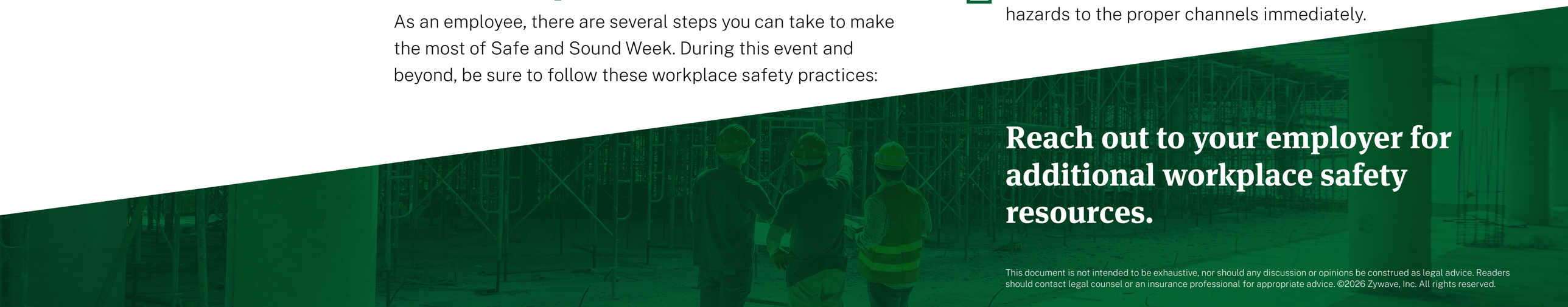
Why Participation Is Important

According to OSHA, more than 5,000 U.S. workers are killed and 3.6 million are seriously injured on the job every year. Considering these findings, it's crucial for organizations and workers alike to participate in Safe and Sound Week and dedicate this time to bolstering their overall safety awareness. These efforts can aid in reducing potential job hazards and minimizing the likelihood of future occupational injuries and fatalities.

How to Participate

As an employee, there are several steps you can take to make the most of Safe and Sound Week. During this event and beyond, be sure to follow these workplace safety practices:

- ☑ Attend workplace safety meetings, activities and training sessions and carefully review related resources (e.g., flyers, manuals and handbooks). Pay attention to posted safety signage on-site.
- ☑ Uphold all workplace safety policies and procedures and encourage co-workers to do the same. Don't rush through assignments; your safety is always more important than the task at hand.
- ☑ Ensure you understand the risks associated with work tasks before starting them. Wear the required personal protective equipment for these assignments.
- ☑ Share your safety knowledge with others. Especially if you are a more experienced employee and well-versed in common occupational hazards, providing tips to your shorter-tenured co-workers can help them gain valuable on-the-job insights.
- ☑ Communicate openly with your co-workers and management regarding any ongoing safety concerns you may have.
- ☑ Report all safety incidents, near-misses or unaddressed hazards to the proper channels immediately.



Reach out to your employer for additional workplace safety resources.

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