

OSHA “Safe + Sound Week”



Every August, OSHA promotes Safe + Sound Week, highlighting their year-round campaign to encourage workplaces to develop a workplace safety program. Nevada state law requires a written workplace safety program for employers with more than 10 employees. The Safe + Sound campaign focuses on realistic steps employers can take to increase workplace safety.

Campaign topics include:

Management Leadership - When you reinforce sincere leadership with actions that increase safety, your workers know you value the steps they take to improve safe work practices because those translate to business success. Try this step: Accept the “3 in 30 Challenge”, to choose 3 safety-improving actions you’ll take this month.

Worker Participation – Your employees intimately know the potential hazards associated with their jobs. Involve them in finding solutions and they become more invested. To maximize participation, let workers know there’s no need to fear retaliation or discrimination (e.g., for reporting an injury or hazardous condition). Try this step: Make safety personal. Ask an employee who they go home to and why that person is important to them.

Find & Fix Hazards – One way to find and fix a workplace hazard is to wait until it injures an employee. But what if you could proactively find and fix a hazard *without* injuring an employee? As you grow and modernize your operations, you incorporate new technologies, processes, materials, and workers. Having a proactive and systematic approach to safety allows you to stay ahead of emerging hazards that could cause injury or illness. Try this step: Use the “Walkarounds for Safety Officers” handout to guide a jobsite inspection. You can find it and other materials at www.osha.gov/safeandsound/. If you haven’t visited OSHA’s website recently, their page for Safe + Sound is the place to start. It has resources to help your company, whatever level your safety administration skills are. And there’s no registration to use any or all of the materials. For materials and information on the Safe + Sound Program, visit www.osha.gov/safeandsound/. For more safety resources and assistance in making real safety improvements at your workplace, please contact PGM Safety Services, an affiliate company of Pro Group Management. Visit us www.pgmnv.com or call (800) 859-3177.