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Ohio Safety Congress & Expo

March 20 - 22, 2007

International Exposition Center • Cleveland, Ohio



Each year, thousands of employers and employees assemble at the Ohio Safety Congress & Expo — the industry's leading annual event — to personalize professional development plans that fit their unique needs. The event combines world-class educational opportunities with a platform for professional and social networking. It also gives attendees exposure to leaders who shape the safety industry.

The annual conference is one of the largest gatherings in the United States singularly dedicated to this cause. The free event is designed to provide a flexible yet customized, industry-focused learning approach to promote safety in the workplace.

You will find valuable information no matter what combination of days or events you choose at safety congress. At the expo marketplace, you'll also learn about products and services to enhance your existing safety programs and to reduce costs in the workplace.

Make plans now to join the more than 5,000 employers and employees at the Ohio Safety Congress & Expo on March 20-22, 2007 at Cleveland's International Exposition Center.

For more information, visit us online at ohiobwc.com or call **1-800-OHIOBWC**, and press option 2, 2 and then 2 again. Additional information is also available via e-mail at SafetyCongress@bwc.state.oh.us.

Schedule of events

Tuesday, March 20

8:30 to 9:30 a.m.	Opening session
9:45 a.m. to noon	Educational sessions
1:15 to 3:30 p.m.	Educational sessions
3:35 to 4:45 p.m.	General session
4:45 to 6 p.m.	Expo marketplace

Wednesday, March 21

8:30 to 10:45 a.m.	Educational sessions
8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.	Expo marketplace
11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.	Safety Incentive Program awards luncheon
1 to 3:15 p.m.	Educational sessions
3:30 to 4:30 p.m.	General session

Thursday, March 22

8 to 9 a.m.	General session
8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.	Expo marketplace
9:15 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.	Educational sessions
12:30 to 4 p.m.	Educational sessions

Registration

Free registration begins Jan. 1, 2007, by calling **1-800-OHIOBWC** (press option 2, 2 and then 2 again), or on the Web at ohiobwc.com. You may also register at the event.

Extreme Safety

Special emphasis sessions

With more than 125 educational sessions available, you will find something valuable. The Ohio Safety Congress & Expo presents special learning opportunities that fit the unique needs of virtually all workplaces in Ohio from agricultural, to manufacturing and professional services. In addition to the seminars listed below, targeted programs are available for employers and workers in the public sector, health care, construction, mining, and much more.

Extreme safety

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Wednesday, March 21

Designed for the safety and health professionals with a high degree of skill and knowledge, these in-depth sessions are presented by nationally recognized experts in the fields of safety, construction, ergonomics and industrial hygiene. Continuing education units (CEUs) are available for those requiring accreditation from their nationally recognized safety and health organizations.

Youth safety

Thursday, March 22

Working safely doesn't just happen by accident; it is learned. And it is never too soon to introduce the importance of safe work practices. This 4-hour program is designed for young adults, ages 16 to 18, who are preparing or have recently entered the workforce. Young attendees must be sponsored by an educational institution and accompanied by an adult chaperone.

First responders

Tuesday, March 20 and Wednesday, March 21

Each day, emergency medical personnel and first responders risk their lives while providing protection and care for others. The Ohio Safety Congress & Expo offers two days of programming dedicated to these professionals, providing them with training on procedures for safely performing rescues in unique settings, caring for geriatric patients, and responding to situations that become violent.

Self-insured employers

Wednesday, March 21

With sole responsibility for administering their workers' compensation claims, self-insured employers have a vested interest in keeping their work force safe. Sessions will focus on reducing injuries and costs by coordinating safety and risk management functions, establishing effective safety management systems, and building a strong safety culture.

Small businesses

Thursday, March 22

Small businesses constitute a majority of Ohio's employers and employ the bulk of its work force. Yet small employers find it challenging to adequately manage the safety and health of employees. On this day, the Ohio Safety Congress & Expo offers five educational sessions specifically designed to meet the needs of small businesses.

BWC's discount programs

BWC customers participating in the Premium Discount Program+ (PDP+) or One Claim Program (OCP) may earn credit toward Step 6 requirements by attending this event. PDP credits are available for most sessions, but you can maximize your time by attending all sessions on Thursday, March 22 to earn the necessary six credits to meet Step 6 requirements. Of course, partial credit can be earned each day of the event and combined to earn the necessary six credits to meet Step 6 requirements. After attending sessions, simply visit the Cyber Café at the event. You can also download documentation from your home or office computer.

Safety Expo

Lose yourself in a sea of safety products and services; and if it suits your needs, take some home with you. The expo marketplace will feature Ohio's largest gathering of leading safety and health companies. And most of their wares will be for sale during the event. Additionally, live presentations and hands-on demonstrations of new equipment throughout the expo marketplace will awe you.

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General sessions

Each day, the general session will feature multiple keynote speakers who have boundless enthusiasm for sharing their expertise and knowledge. These dynamic individuals will present insightful and entertaining topics to energize and motivate you. Our distinguished speakers represent a broad cross-section of industries. They include:

Rusty Wallace

Throughout his personal and professional life, Wallace has always engaged in extremely risky activities. As a celebrated former NASCAR driver, he darted around racetracks at speeds near 200 mph. Now, an entrepreneur and racing analyst on ESPN, Wallace still finds the time to participate in his passion—piloting his private jet. The 55-time race winner knows first-hand that no one becomes a champion without valuing safety. That is the message he preaches to his race team, RWI Racing, and his son Steve, one of the team's drivers. Wallace will share his belief in extreme safety and discuss how coveting it is not exclusive to motor sports; regardless of the level of danger, every business can benefit from promoting injury prevention in the workplace.



Robyn Benincasa

A San Diego firefighter by day, Benincasa has always been active in sports. But it wasn't until she tried her hand at extreme multi-sport expedition races around the world that she learned some unique life lessons about teamwork. That experience, coupled with her work as a firefighter, led Robyn to create an executive management training organization that helps companies build teams that succeed in highly time-critical environments. Benincasa utilizes gripping tales and humorous stories from her past in both adventure racing and firefighting to not only illustrate the essential factors for a team's success, but how to better manage time when you are battling fires all week at work.



David Hart

A motivational speaker, writer and former Army ranger, Hart offers experiences gained from decades of parachuting. With thousands of safe parachute jumps completed, David believes that while some types of work come with severe risk, the risk should not deter anyone from participating. The danger can be managed and employees trained to react appropriately to avoid getting injured. Hart has been the subject of many articles and is the author of *Jump! Leaps in Organizational Performance and Teamwork*. He will share his experience in limiting risk while participating in dangerous work, and pass on his wisdom about how to motivate teams to take safety seriously.



Edwin Foulke (invited and is scheduled to be a keynote speaker)

As an assistant secretary of labor, Edwin Foulke heads the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and its staff of more than 2,200 safety and health professionals and support personnel. At the agency, his role is to assure the safety and health of America's workers by providing leadership for the agency tasked with setting and enforcing standards; providing education, training, and outreach; establishing partnerships; and encouraging continual improvement in workplace safety and health. During the Safety Incentive Program awards luncheon, Foulke will provide a general update of OSHA standards relevant to Ohio's workers and their employers, as well as preview important items on the agency's agenda.



Continuing education

Earning continuing education credit is easy! Visit the event's Cyber Café to download the necessary documentation confirming your attendance. You can also download the documentation from your home or office computer. International Association for Continuing Education and Training (IACET) units and industrial hygiene certification-maintenance points (CMs) are available for most sessions and are accepted by the Board of Certified Safety Professionals. Credits for emergency medical service professionals are also available for some sessions.