



**COLUMBIA-WILLAMETTE
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April 2025 Membership Meeting

Joint meeting with Oregon State Association of Occupational Health Nurses

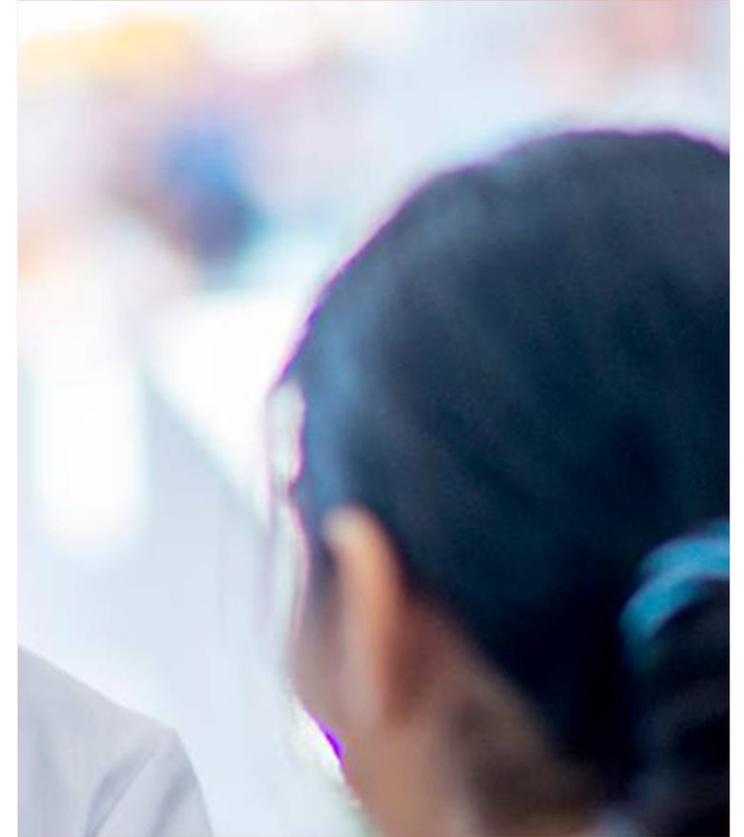
Welcome ASSP members, Nurses & Guests!

Occupational Health Nursing



OHN Role

- Improving worker health, engagement, and productivity
- Population health management
- Case management
- Health counseling
- Legal and regulatory compliance and oversight





Thank you!

Proud to be
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OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH
Nurses Week 2025

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ASSP Columbia Willamette Chapter Announcements

2025 – 2026 Officer Election Results



Nichole Guilfoy,
President



Kyle DeHart,
President - Elect



Matt Harper,
Vice President



Caity Benston,
Secretary



Peche Barteaux,
Treasurer



Deb Bridges,
Treasurer - Elect



Delta Blurton,
Advisory Group
Member



Ameer Standring,
Advisory Group
Member



Jackie Boyd,
Delegate at Large



Elena Estrada,
Delegate at Large



Brittany Johnston,
1st Past President



Steven Frost,
2nd Past President

Thank you for voting!



Committee Volunteer Opportunities

- Membership Engagement
- Media (recording meetings)
- Awards and Recognition
- Continuing Education/Certification Prep

Please contact Nichole Guilfoy at nichole.Guilfoy@providence.org



A SUCCESSFUL GOSH – THANK YOU!

- WISE Award Recipient – Linda Spaulding!
- 202 speakers – 168 sessions – 1.8 CEUs
- 1,322 attendees
- 150+ exhibitors
- Sponsorship goal met!
- 59 room volunteers



Member resources on our website!



<https://cwc.assp.org/>

Government Affairs

Government Affairs & Advocacy Update:

Sign up to receive email updates from ASSP on government affairs and advocacy related to occupational safety & health: [LP – 2023 GA Update Subscription Form](#)

February 2025

Through the activities and engagement of the Government Affairs Committee, ASSP supports its commitment to advocating for evidence-based policy decisions and engages with policymakers to ensure our members' voices are part of important deliberations. ASSP also supports efforts by federal agencies to advance workplace safety and health through public awareness campaigns.

TOP STORIES

Bill Introduced to Abolish OSHA Representative Andy Biggs (R-AZ) has introduced the NOSH Act (H.R. 86), aiming to eliminate OSHA. Similar legislation has been proposed in the past. While the bill is unlikely to gain traction, ASSP is monitoring developments and will share updates as needed. [Track the bill](#)

ASSP Offers Key Insights on OSHA's Proposed Heat Injury & Illness Prevention Standard

Informed by member input, ASSP submitted technical comments on OSHA's proposed heat standard. Overall, ASSP supports a federal rule on preventing heat injury and illness but recommends revising the proposal to better align with ANSI/ASSP A10.50-2024. [Read more](#)

Common Interest Groups

Hispanic Safety Professionals

Navigating Ethical Challenges in Safety & Health

Complimentary Education | Monday, April 28 | 3 p.m. CT | 0.1 CEUs

Explore the complex ethical dilemmas that EHS professionals encounter in their daily practice. Learn how to identify, analyze and resolve ethical conflicts while maintaining professional integrity and ensuring optimal workplace safety outcomes. [Register today](#)

Emerging Professionals in OSH

Networking: What's Your Reason?

Complimentary Education | Wednesday, March 26 | Noon CT Networking can play an important role in personal and professional growth. Discuss tips, tricks and techniques for successful networking.

[Register today](#)

Practice Specialty Communities

Safety Think-Along: Deliver Targeted Training Using Data Insights

Complimentary Education | Tuesday, April 8 | 11 a.m. CT

Get ready to roll up your sleeves and think through safety data like never before! This isn't a talking heads webinar — it's a hands-on, collaborative journey into using data to make safety training more impactful. [Register today](#)

Improving Safe Patient Handling & Mobility in Long-term Care

Complimentary Education | Thursday, April 10 | 11 a.m. CT | 0.1 CEUs

Certified ergonomics consultant, Andrea McKinney, will discuss key mobility challenges in long-term care, as well as the benefits of a safe patient handling program for residents including facts versus fiction, types of transfers, technology, and new and emerging solutions. [Register today](#)

Fire Protection Practice Specialty

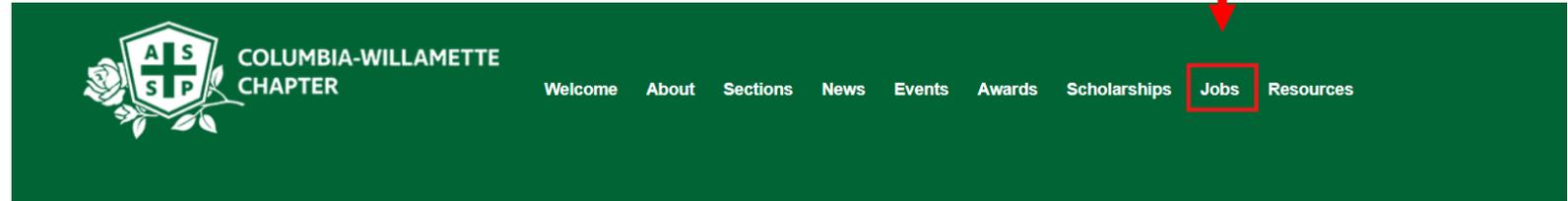
PFAS Substances & EHS Professionals: Forecasting the Future of Forever Chemicals

Complimentary Education | Friday, April 11 | 2 p.m. CT

Learn about PFAS exposure in the workplace, emerging workplace regulations and strategies to minimize risks. [Register today](#)



Job postings on our website!



Jobs

Is your company looking for a qualified Safety Professional? Contact us by email at jobposting@cw.assp.org

All job postings must include:

- Title
- Description
- Location of job
- Date job posting closes
- Contact information for questions
- Link to apply

For jobs throughout ASSP Region I (OR, WA, ID, AK, CA) you can also access the ASSP Region 1 [jobs page](#).

Recruiters—Please contact us when your posting is filled to have your post removed so we can keep only available positions active on the site. Thank You.

SENIOR SAFETY MANAGER-INTUITIVE SAFETY SOLUTIONS, INC. (ISS)

Locations in Oregon, Washington, Ohio, Virginia, Mississippi, Texas, Indiana, Pennsylvania

Job Description: ISS is searching for a Senior Safety Manager to oversee safety operations at data centers construction projects. The role will involve developing and implementing safety policies,

jobs.assp.org

With limitless opportunities tailored to the field of safety, as well as automated notifications when jobs become available that match your interests and qualifications, OSH Jobs is the first step you should take on your journey to a post-college career in safety. [Click here](#) to create an account with ASSP's OSH Jobs. There is no cost for searching positions and posting resumes!

[ACCESS OSH JOBS](#)

ASSP Career Center

The Career Center includes a new career resources website from ASSP. It includes training modules on topics such as resumes, cover letters, job boards, and interviewing. The Networking Partners Program is designed to pair job seekers with individuals that can help them network and search for job leads. Get started today!

Take Action: Support NIOSH



Please contact Brittany Johnston
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ASSP Statement on NIOSH Realignment

April 2, 2025

The following statement is attributed to ASSP President Pam Walaski, CSP, FASSP:

For more than 100 years, the American Society of Safety Professionals (ASSP) has been a steadfast champion of occupational environmental safety and health (EHS), grounded in solid science, sound technology and effective public policy. Our members, along with organizations and companies across industries, understand that workplace safety and health function most effectively through strong partnerships between the public and private sectors.

ASSP has long supported governmental agencies that prioritize occupational EHS excellence. We are deeply concerned by reports regarding the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) being moved under the newly created Administration for a Healthy America (AHA). This change is part of a broader restructuring of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) that has already resulted in the loss of thousands of agency positions.

These reductions, which include significant cuts to NIOSH, threaten to weaken the scientific foundation of workplace safety and health. We believe this change could severely limit occupational EHS research, which is a major part of NIOSH's mission. NIOSH's contributions have been pivotal to advancing workplace safety and health through evidence-based research and the development of life-saving interventions. Without a strong commitment to research and data-driven safety advancements, the ability to prevent workplace injuries and fatalities would be severely compromised. This shift represents a serious risk to the continued progress of workplace safety, which is integral to American workers, businesses and industries.

The Occupational Safety and Health Act, enacted by Congress and signed into law by President Nixon in 1970, established a framework that has significantly improved workplace safety through agencies such as OSHA and NIOSH. The data and evidence are clear: these agencies have made a measurable difference in protecting workers and enhancing workplace safety. The value of safety is also reflected in its role as a competitive advantage for businesses, driving both innovation and operational excellence.

As the workplace continues to evolve with shifting trends, NIOSH's research is crucial in ensuring that safety professionals and companies remain on the cutting edge of safety practices. By promoting the right and good approach to safety for all, it drives both business success and a culture of innovation. This is consistent with the Intersociety Forum's [core principles of modern occupational EHS practices](#), which emphasize the integration of safety into operational strategies for enhanced competitiveness.

ASSP urges the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate to carefully review this decision and take appropriate action to preserve NIOSH's critical role in safeguarding the health and safety of American workers.

Key Position Statements Related to the Role of Government in EHS

- [The Role of Voluntary National Consensus Standards in Occupational Safety & Health](#)
- [Government Recognition Programs for Occupational Safety & Health](#)
- [The Role of Government in Occupational Safety & Health](#)
- [Support for Occupational Safety & Health Activity by the Public Sector](#)
- [Universal Coverage of Government Employees](#)
- [ASSP Press Release](#)

Share Your Voice: Contact Your Lawmakers

ASSP encourages you to contact your congressional representatives to express your support for NIOSH. Find contact information for your lawmakers and use our template to craft your personal message to them.

[Find your members of Congress](#)

[Download our template](#)

ASSP Government Affairs



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Sign up for Govt Affairs updates
Get involved!

Government Affairs Position Statements

ASSP has long viewed government action as a cornerstone of the occupational safety and health (OSH) profession. Legislation and regulation affect every OSH professional, so it is vital that members are able to view and understand the positions of the Society.

The American Society of Safety Professionals (ASSP) strives to elevate the safety profession and the individuals who choose it. We set the occupational safety and health community's standards for excellence and ethics. ASSP strives to uphold and elevate the value of the safety profession through innovation and thought leadership, and supports the development and dissemination of objective, data-driven, solutions-based safety and health practices.

- ✔ Exploitative Child Labor
- ✔ Professional Certification: Legislation and Regulation
- ✔ OSHA Emergency Temporary Standard for COVID-19
- ✔ OSHA Standard and Emphasis Program on Heat Stress
- ✔ The Role of Voluntary National Consensus Standards in Occupational Safety and Health
- ✔ Access to Voluntary National Consensus Standards for Occupational Safety and Health
- ✔ Government Recognition Programs for Occupational Safety and Health
- ✔ Injury and Illness Recordkeeping Required by OSHA
- ✔ Professional Safety Practice
- ✔ The Role of Government in Occupational Safety and Health
- ✔ Support for Occupational Safety and Health Activity by the Public Sector
- ✔ Universal Coverage of Government Employees
- ✔ Use of Independent Auditors
- ✔ Workplace Violence
- ✔ Occupational Health and Safety Management Systems
- ✔ Opioids, Cannabis and Other Impairing Substances in the Workplace
- ✔ Role of Risk Assessment in Managing Worker Safety and Health
- ✔ The Value of Total Worker Health in Occupational Safety and Health Programs
- ✔ Distracted Driving



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Upcoming Events

CWC Community Service

This Saturday, April 12th!
10:00-11:30am

Meet @ the Parking Lot of Dairy Hill Ice Cream (36th & Hawthorne)

All ages and free ice cream!

Contact Paula Jones to RSVP

- 503-577-7920
- paujon@saif.com



Learn more at <https://cwc.assp.org/events/>



Upcoming Free Meetings

- **ASSP Mt St Helens Section (Kelso)**
 - April 17th @ 7:30am – Environmental Compliance Review
- **ASSP Santiam Section (Salem)**
 - May 14th @ 12:00pm – topic TBD
- **[Address the Stress: Mental Health Support for You and Your Teams](#)**
 - Oregon Zoo – May 1



Upcoming Conferences

- **Northwest Safety & Health Summit by Region X VPPPA**
 - Portland - May 13-15
- **[Pacific Northwest Safety Symposium](#) (Puget Sound ASSP chapter)**
 - Auburn, WA - May 22
- **Blue Mountain Conference**
 - Pendleton - June 2-3
- **[ASSP Safety 2025 Conference + Expo](#)**
 - Orlando, FL - July 22-24
- **[Santiam Section 2025 PDC – Fall Protection](#)**
 - Salem - September 16
- **Central Oregon – September**
- **Southern Oregon – October**
- **Western Pulp & Paper – December**

More info: <https://osha.oregon.gov/conferences/Pages/index.aspx>





ASSP CWC Social



Pizza, Appetizers, Drinks, Games, & Camaraderie!

Tuesday, April 29th | 5pm - 8:30pm

Free to attend

Steeplejack Brewing Beaverton

4439 SW Beaverton Hillsdale Hwy., Portland, OR 9722



Connect with fellow safety professionals, share experiences, and expand your network – all while enjoying great food and drinks!

REGISTRATION REQUIRED



2025 Officer Installation and Awards Ceremony



June 6th, 5:30 pm – 9:30 pm at Top Golf, Hillsboro
FREE for members; \$50 for guests



Next meeting: May 8th

PNS-AIHA Joint Meeting

Methylene Chloride Risk Management

Mr. Matt Harper, CIH, CSP

Principal Consultant, BSI Group

Join ASSP CWC and PNS-AIHA as we review essential strategies for complying with the new EPA TSCA rule and existing Oregon OSHA standards for methylene chloride covering monitoring, exposure controls, and administrative requirements.



Please take our meeting survey!



CEU forms available at the registration table!

