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ASSP PRESIDENTS MESSAGE: AI Is Here to Stay



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Artificial intelligence (AI) emerged as a central theme at Safety 2024 in Denver, CO, sparking conversation across concurrent sessions and informal networking events. AI adoption is moving fast. What started as something many of us were just dabbling in has quickly become a major force in business operations. It is very clear that AI is something we cannot ignore.

In a 2023 article, AI expert and Harvard professor Karim Lakhani stated, “AI is not going to replace humans, but humans with AI are going to replace humans without AI.” While many occupational environmental, health and safety (EHS) professionals have expressed concern with what AI would do to the world of safety and health, most have come to realize that it is truly an amazing advancement that needs our attention. AI may not be able to replace safety professionals, but it can be an effective copilot in our mission to prevent workplace injuries and save lives.

ASSP is committed to serving as a trusted advisor regarding AI and the questions our members are asking. That is why we are investing resources to understand how AI is shaping the future work of EHS professionals. Our AI Task Force recently presented its findings to the Board of Directors and top EHS leaders during the Executive Safety Forum held at Safety 2025. Key takeaways included responsible integration of AI in EHS, competency, development and ethical leadership. ASSP staff are finalizing implementation plans, which will be shared in the near future. A special thanks to all AI Task Force members for their work on this very important project including Saif Ahmad, Richard Barker, Ronald “Chet” Brandon, Christina Brundage, Andrew Chrostowski, Marla Corson, Brittany DeRafelo, Arianna Howard, Boris Kiproviski, Natasha Porter, Tom West, Zhenyu Zhang and chair Stephanie Johnson.

One of ASSP’s first applications of AI was unveiled at Safety 2025 with the introduction of an exciting new tool, ASSP Safety Trekr AI, which enhances the value of the 1,330-page, 6.3-lb Safety Professionals Handbook. Handbook purchasers now have access to Safety Trekr AI, which allows users to quickly ask questions related to book content and receive instant citation--supported answers. With this tool, users can easily access a wealth of information, anywhere and anytime, in just a fraction of the time it would take to search manually. In addition, the tool can also create quizzes, summaries and other useful resources based on the handbook’s content.

At my first job, my boss used to lug around an oversized “mobile” phone. It would be about another decade when cell phones became widespread and yet another 5 years after that for smartphones to reach the same popularity. Early warnings and fears around this new technology included distractions leading to incidents, interference with equipment, reduced productivity and security risks. Eventually, employers realized that mobile phones were permanent and began finding ways to integrate them into the workplace. Much like AI today, there was no putting the genie back in the bottle. Smartphones evolved into important safety tools used for real-time reporting, hazard identification and delivering training, including microlearning and lone--worker protection. Related technology such as QR codes, near-field communication tags and augmented reality overlays now work with smartphones to enhance training and communication, wayfinding and emergency response. Today, it is hard to imagine a workday without mobile phone technology.

From skeptical adopters to AI evangelists, it is clear that AI is here to stay, just like the mobile phone before it. An article from the Kellogg School of Management advises that people should focus on working “in conjunction with AI rather than in competing against it” (Hampole et al., 2023). It is important for EHS professionals to continuously upgrade their skills through professional development and help employers learn how to embrace AI. This benefits not only EHS, but also overall business operations. As always, ASSP is ready to support you on this journey.

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Expand Your Network



Grow Your Knowledge

BIG SKY CHAPTER

The Big Sky Chapter serves safety professionals in the entire State of Montana, Northern Wyoming and Yellowstone National Park. We provide accessible, face-to-face opportunities for ASSP members to get involved with their local professional community and reach their highest level of performance. By joining our chapter, you'll have opportunities to gain leadership skills, expand your network and grow your technical knowledge to become a better safety professional.

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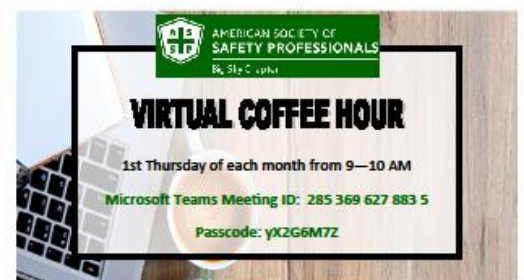
For more than 100 years, ASSP has been at the forefront of helping occupational safety and health professionals protect people and property. Our global membership of over 37,000 professionals covers every industry, developing safety and health management plans that prevent deaths, injuries and illnesses. We advance our members and the safety profession through education, advocacy, standards development and a professional community.

UPCOMING EVENTS

[Montana State Fund Safety Program Evaluation Workshops](#) – September 2025 click for details

[ASSP Big Sky Chapter Safety Social](#) – Great Falls 8.20.25

[ASSP Big Sky Chapter Safety Social](#) – Missoula 8.27.25





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2025 Board Election Results!



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Taunia Cherry



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2022-2023



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2019-2020



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2018-2019



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Management



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Business
&
Leadership



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DID YOU KNOW... ASSP has professional certificate programs??? Click on the title below to learn more about each!

[Risk Management Certificate](#)

The **Risk Management Certificate** prepares occupational safety and health (OSH) professionals who seek to learn the fundamentals of risk assessment and management and explores tools and strategies for implementing and evaluating a risk management program. Learn how to apply risk management principles that can help you proactively reduce risk, advance risk analysis and drive a return on investment from your safety programs.

[Safety Management Certificate](#)

The **Safety Management Certificate** is designed for occupational safety and health (OSH) professionals who want to learn fundamental concepts and processes for implementing recognized approaches to safety management. This program is ideal for OSH professionals with fewer than three years of experience or seasoned professionals who have recently taken on more safety management responsibilities.

[Leadership in Safety Management Certificate](#)

Our **Leadership in Safety Management Certificate** is a natural extension of our Safety Management Certificate. Learn to apply contemporary safety management methods and use influential leadership strategies to achieve the highest level of performance.

[Occupational Health and Safety Management System \(OHSMS\) Certificate](#)

The **Occupational Health and Safety Management System (OHSMS) Certificate** is designed for occupational safety and health (OSH) professionals who want to learn the key elements of an effective OHS management system, gain practical techniques to implement ANSI/ASSP Z10 or ISO 45001 and develop a deeper understanding of the auditing process and best practices.



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UPCOMING WEBINARS:

Click each for more information or to register:

- [The Dark Side of AI: The End of Traditional Training as We Know It](#) – 8/7/25 11 am - Noon
- [Stand-Up for Standards: Fleet Safety & Risk Control with ANSI/ASSP Z15.1](#) – 8/21/25 11 am – Noon
- [Positive Reinforcement: A Scientific Approach to Safer Driving](#) – 8/27/25 11 am – Noon
- [Smarter Safety Strategies: Using Risk Assessments to Drive Resource Allocation](#) – 9/11/25 11 am - Noon
- [Stand-Up For Standards: City of Houston's Success with ANSI/ASSP Z10](#) – 9/18/25 11 am – 12:30 pm



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UPCOMING ONLINE COURSES:

Click each for more information or to register:

- [Risk Assessment and Management for Safety Professionals \(25Aug28\)](#) – 8/28/25 – 9/25/25
- [Safety Management I \(25AUG28\)](#) – 8/28/25 – 9/25/25
- [Advanced Safety Management Methods \(25SEPT18\)](#) – 9/18/25 – 10/16/20
- [Virtual Associate Safety Professional \(ASP\) Preparatory Course](#) – August 20, 2025 – September 10, 2025
- [All Safety Certificate Exam Prep Courses and Information](#)

PRIZE AT
EACH
LOCATION!

SAFETY PROGRAM EVALUATION!



There are many safety requirements and best practices out there! As an employer, where do you even begin? Do you have a safety professional who can translate all these regulations and best practices for you? What do they even mean?

Safety and health programs should be assessed to make sure they work as intended and achieve the goals set by the organization. Periodic review of your programs ensures that they are working effectively, can allow for employee input and will drive continual improvement.

This FREE training will provide strategies, worksheets and resources to help fill any programmatic gaps and ensure your safety program is on the right track!

Register online at
www.safemt.com/initiatives/safety-workshops/



Workshop Dates/Locations

Billings, Monday September 8th 9 am – 11 am
Hampton Inn & Suites – 3350 Ember Lane
Kalispell, Thursday, September 11th 9 am – 11 am
Hampton Inn & Suites – 1140 US 2
Butte, Tuesday, September 16th 9 am – 11 am
305 W Mercury Butte MT
Bozeman, Wednesday, September 17th 9 am – 11 am
Hilton Garden Inn – 2023 Commerce Way
Great Falls, Wednesday, September 10th 9 am – 11 am.
Holiday Inn – 1100 5th Street South
Missoula, Tuesday, September 16th 9 am – 11 am
Best Western Grant Creek Inn– 528 Grant Creek Road
Helena, Thursday, September 18th 9 am – 11 am
Holiday Inn Express – 3170 North Sanders Street



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ASSP Big Sky Chapter would like to invite our members to join us at The Old Chicago in Great Falls on Wednesday, August 20th 5:30—7 pm

It will be a great opportunity for us to network! We hope to see you all there!

WHEN

Wednesday, August 20, 2025
5:30—7 pm

WHERE

The Old Chicago

1101 7th St S, Great Falls, MT 59405



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It will be a great opportunity for us to network! We hope to see you all there!

WHEN

Wednesday, August 27, 2025
5:30—7 pm

WHERE

The Highlander Brewery
200 International Dr, Missoula, MT 59808

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