



About the National Safety Council

The National Safety Council saves lives by preventing injuries and deaths at work, in homes and communities, and on the roads through leadership, research, education and advocacy. Visit us at nsc.org for up-to-date industry news, information and tools to take your safety program to the next level.



Featured Safety Poster



Share this poster with your employees to remind them that safety is everyone's responsibility.

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[12 Key Success Strategies for New Safety Managers](#)

Member Benefit Guide



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NSC Safety Awards



Has your organization had zero injuries or fatalities in a consecutive five-year period? It might be eligible for a Safety Leadership Award from NSC. Get the rules and application [here](#).

The Journey to Safety Excellence

Employers can join the Journey to Safety Excellence to improve safety culture, reduce incidents and help save lives.



Set your team up for success. [Get more information on the Journey to Safety Excellence here.](#)

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Get the latest safety news, tips and sharable information.



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Welcome to *Safety Spotlight*, an e-newsletter brought to you by the Department of the Interior Office of Occupational Safety and Health, in partnership with the National Safety Council. We hope you find the newsletter of value and we welcome feedback and ideas on topics you'd like to see featured. Please email us at membershipinfo@nsc.org and put "Department of the Interior feedback" in the subject line.

5-Minute Safety Talks

Everyone is responsible for creating a safe work environment. There are steps you can take to be successful in eliminating workplace injuries. Use this 5-Minute Safety Talk, [Best Practices to Improve Safety Performance](#), to get your employees on board in developing a solid commitment to safety.



[Ten Steps to Safety](#) outlines some basic safety principles for those in construction who deal with hazardous equipment, tools and materials, and consistently face circumstances that affect safety and health.

Leaders Set the Tone for a Strong Safety Culture



the same way.

According to a [recent poll](#) conducted by the National Safety Council, 33% of workers surveyed felt their employers prioritize productivity over safety. Sixty percent of employees in high-risk construction jobs responded

Employees are regularly faced with myriad competing priorities. They confront daily production deadlines, sometimes walking a fine line between being safe and being on time. Often they are afraid to report an incident because they don't want to disturb a perfect safety record.

The bottom line is, without an overarching safety culture, death, injury and cost increase, while efficiency and morale decrease.

The good news is that 70% of employees say that safety training is part of their orientation and that employee health and well-being is promoted at their workplace. Research has shown that workers employed by organizations with a positive safety culture were less likely to take risks. Following [best practices in risk perception management](#) can build employee engagement in risk awareness and lead to safer work practices.

What is a Safety Leader?

Creating an environment where employees want to engage in safety and move toward safer behaviors is the job of safety managers and supervisors. These leaders are ultimately responsible for:



- Implementing safety management systems
- Ensuring employees [complete safety training](#)
- Resolving safety challenges before injuries occur
- Interacting with employees, creating a culture of safety and motivating employee engagement
- [Responding to incidents](#)

The most successful safety managers are not overly authoritarian. They are accessible, set an example, are open to change, and they interact with all departments and get feedback from employees.

You Don't have to be a Manager to be a Safety Leader



It's a big job that requires energy and enthusiasm, but safety managers are not the only employees responsible for safety. Every member of an organization should be a safety leader, regardless of title.

How do you help engage every employee in safety? It starts with creating a safety culture.

- Empower employees to report hazards and share innovative ideas
- Involve them in creating a safety mission statement
- Hold regular safety meetings and provide data on your organization's vulnerable areas
- Recognize safety achievement
- Avoid seeking fault or blame for an incident

While safety training is critical, if it is accompanied by a strong safety culture and positive interactions with workers, it is more likely to change behavior and decrease incident rates.

Your NSC Membership Eases the Burden of Creating Additional Resources

Take advantage of the tools and resources currently available to you as a NSC member to help you accomplish your safety goals. The resources were created by professionals to help you immediately create an atmosphere of engagement and education within your organization. The downloadable resources cover a wide variety of safety topics from Hazard Awareness, Employee Wellness, Slips, Trips and Falls to OSHA Compliance, First Aid and Defensive Driving.



Proud Member

Access the following [tools and resources](#) to help you quickly impact your safety culture.

- Safety Posters and 2-Minute Safety Videos
- 5-Minute Safety Talks and PowerPoint Presentations
- Safety Checklists and Tip Sheets
- Workplace Safety Tool Kits
- Best Practices and Safety Articles
- White Papers and Research
- Webinars and e-learning sessions
- Safety games, quizzes and scrabbles
- And so much more

Bring Safety Home



It's that time of year again, the kids will soon be going back to school. The roads are about to become much more congested with school buses, kids on bikes and hurried parents dropping their children off before they head to work.

National Safety Council reminds to you [slow down and pay close attention while driving](#), especially before and after school hours when children are present.

Remind children to keep their [heads up and their phones down](#) while walking. About 6,300 pedestrian deaths and 145,000 injuries due to motor vehicle incidents were recorded in 2014, according to Injury Facts 2016, and that's far too many.

2016 NSC Congress & Expo

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Inspirational speakers provide insight on how to overcome today's toughest safety challenges.

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