



Safety & Health Excellence Conference and Exhibition Schedule of Events ~ May 20-21, 2026

Region 1 New England
Voluntary Protection Program Participants Association (VPPPA)
Regency Hotel & Spa
20 Milk St, Portland, ME 04101



Tentative AGENDA (3/24/2026 subject to change)

Day 1 - May 20, 2026					
Start Time	End Time	Event		Location	
8:00 AM	5:00 PM	Attendee Registration		Foyer	Main Building - First Floor
8:00 AM	12:30 PM	Exhibitor Registration and set-up		Foyer	Main Building - First Floor
1:00 PM	2:00 PM	Session A: KEYNOTE SPEAKER		Ballroom	Mariners Ballroom - Across the road
		Topic:	Transformational Safety Leadership: Building Workplace Occupational Safety and Health from the Inside/Out		
		Presenter:	<i>Scott Lesnick</i>		
2:00 PM	2:30 PM	Break & Exhibitor Hall		Ballroom	Mariners Ballroom - Across the road
2:30 PM	3:30 PM	Session B		Ballroom	Mariners Ballroom - Across the road
		Topic:	OSHA's VPP Readiness		
		Presenter:	<i>Andy Palhof (OSHA Region 1 VPP Manager)</i>		
3:30 PM	4:00 PM	Break & Exhibitor Hall		Ballroom	Mariners Ballroom - Across the road
3:30 PM	5:00 PM	ASSP Maine Chapter Meeting (Invitation Only - Contact Carl Delong)		Armory Room	Main Building - First Floor
4:00 PM	5:00 PM	Session C		Ballroom	Mariners Ballroom - Across the road
		Topic:	Region 1 VPPPA Annual Safety Business Meeting		
		Presenter:	<i>Board Members (All attendees welcome)</i>		
5:00 PM	6:00 PM	Social Reception & Exhibit Hall Opening		Ballroom	Mariners Ballroom - Across the road
6:00 PM	8:00 PM	Exhibitor Hall & Networking Dinner & SAFETY TRIVIA NIGHT		Ballroom	Mariners Ballroom - Across the road
Day 2 - May 21, 2026					
Start Time	End Time	Event		Location	
7:00 AM	8:00 AM	Breakfast & Exhibit Hall		Ballroom	Mariners Ballroom - Across the road
8:00 AM	3:00 PM	Attendee Registration		Foyer	Main Building - First Floor
7:00 AM	3:00 PM	Exhibit Hall Open		Foyer	Main Building - First Floor
8:00 AM	8:15 AM	Opening		Ballroom	Mariners Ballroom - Across the road
		Welcome & Board Introductions			
		National VPPPA Updates/OSHA Boston Region Updates			
8:15 AM	8:30 AM	Transition to Main Building for Sessions		Ballroom	Main Building - First Floor
8:30 AM	9:30 AM	Session D: Breakouts			
		Topic:	Journey Toward Safety Excellence	Regency Room	Main Building - First Floor
		Presenter:	<i>Myron Harper, Cintas, National VPPPA Board</i>		
		Topic:	How Does Maintenance Excellence = Safety Excellence?	Armory Room	Main Building - First Floor
		Presenter:	<i>John Perrotti III, Fuss & O'Neill Manufacturing Solutions, LLC</i>		
		Topic:	Ensuring Machine Safeguarding Programs are VPP STAR	Portland Room	Main Building - Ground Floor
		Presenter:	<i>Jack Popp, CSP</i>		
9:30 AM	10:00 AM	Exhibitor Booth Visits & Break & Raffles		Ballroom	Mariners Ballroom - Across the road
10:00 AM	11:00 AM	Session E: Breakouts			
		Topic:	Organizational Decision-making: Maintaining Benefit & Risk Balance	Regency Room	Main Building - First Floor
		Presenter:	<i>Peter Susca</i>		
		Topic:	Procedures of the Living Dead: The Science of Usability	Armory Room	Main Building - First Floor
		Presenter:	<i>Mike Hanna, Usability Mapping Inc.</i>		
		Topic:	Prevention Through Design	Portland Room	Main Building - Ground Floor
		Presenters:	<i>Steve Gauthier</i>		
11:00 AM	11:30 AM	Exhibitor Booth Visits & Break & Raffles		Ballroom	Mariners Ballroom - Across the road
11:30 AM	12:30 PM	Session F: Breakouts			
		Topic:	Leadership in Safety	Regency Room	Main Building - First Floor
		Presenter:	<i>Miriam Owens, Vermont OSHA</i>		
		Topic:	Radiation and Radiation Protection	Armory Room	Main Building - First Floor
		Presenter:	<i>Jay Peters, Haley & Aldrich, Inc.</i>		
		Topic:	Technology is a Game Changer	Portland Room	Main Building - Ground Floor
		Presenter:	<i>Jason McCree, Everguard Ai</i>		
12:30 PM	1:30 PM	VPPPA and OSHA Region 1 Awards Luncheon & Exhibit Hall		Ballroom	Mariners Ballroom - Across the road
1:30 PM	2:30 PM	Session G			
		Topic:	Panel Discussions: Living a Culture of Collaboration	Ballroom	Mariners Ballroom - Across the road
		Presenters:	<i>Jay Culbert, Jeff Houle, John Mullin, Matt Twerdy</i>		
2:30 PM	3:00 PM	Wrap Up & Agenda Overview & Raffles		Ballroom	Mariners Ballroom - Across the road