



**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 (4/8/2026 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			
		<i>Presenter: 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			
		<i>Presenter: 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			
		<i>Presenter: 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
		<i>Presenter: Myron Harper, Cintas, National VPPPA Board</i>			
		Topic: How Does Maintenance Excellence = Safety Excellence?		Armory Room	Main Building - First Floor
		<i>Presenter: John Perrotti III, Fuss & O'Neill Manufacturing Solutions, LLC</i>			
		Topic: Ensuring Machine Safeguarding Programs are VPP STAR		Portland Room	Main Building - Ground Floor
		<i>Presenter: 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
		<i>Presenter: Peter Susca, OpX Safety</i>			
		Topic: Procedures of the Living Dead: The Science of Usability		Armory Room	Main Building - First Floor
		<i>Presenter: Mike Hanna, Usability Mapping Inc.</i>			
		Topic: Prevention Through Design - Moving from Hazard Management to Hazard Elimination		Portland Room	Main Building - Ground Floor
		<i>Presenters: 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
		<i>Presenter: Miriam Owens, Vermont OSHA</i>			
		Topic: Radiation and Radiation Protection		Armory Room	Main Building - First Floor
		<i>Presenter: Jay Peters, Haley & Aldrich, Inc.</i>			
		Topic: Technology is a Game Changer		Portland Room	Main Building - Ground Floor
		<i>Presenter: 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
		<i>Presenters: 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