



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, Atlantic, ME 04101



Tentative AGENDA (5/15/2026 subject to change)

Day 1 - May 20, 2026				
Start Time	End Time	Event	Location	Location
8:00 AM	5:00 PM	Attendee Registration	Foyer	Main Building - Second Floor
8:00 AM	12:30 PM	Exhibitor Registration and set-up	Foyer	Main Building - Second 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)	Regency 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	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	Atlantic Room	Main Building - Second 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	Atlantic Room	Main Building - Second 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	Atlantic Room	Main Building - Second 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