



St. Louis Chapter Newsletter



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Check to see if a new [job posting](#) may be perfect for you!

April Chapter Meeting - Monday, April 13

Topic: Suicide Postvention in the Workplace

An examination of various evidence-informed models with a focus on the acute phase.

**Speaker: Dr John Gaal,
Ed.D., CPS, CWP, CWH-C, LAP-C
Director, Missouri Works Initiative**

Where: Syberg's, 2430 Old Dorsett Rd, Maryland Heights, MO 63043

When: Registration @11, Lunch @11:30, Presentation @12

Register here: <https://stl.assp.org/events/april-lunch-meeting-2/>

	
DR. JOHN GAAL EDD, <u>CHW-C, CSP, CWP, LAP-C</u> <u>Worker Wellness Director – Missouri Works</u> <u>Initiative (MO AFL-CIO)</u> <u>Suicide Postvention in the Workplace:</u> An examination of various evidence-informed models with a focus on the acute phase.	

Registration is open through the Wednesday before the chapter meeting. Please register by then so we can provide an attendance count to Sybergs, and you will be entered into the attendance prize drawing. Walk-in registrations *are* accepted but should be limited whenever possible.

May Chapter Meeting - Monday, May 11

Topic: From Accident Scene to Subpoena: What Safety Pros Shouldn't Do

Learn the key mistakes safety pros must avoid from accident response to the courtroom to protect people, evidence, and their careers.

Speaker: J. Bradley Young
Harris Young Kayser

Where: Syberg's, 2430 Old Dorsett Rd, Maryland Heights, MO 63043

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Kids Poster Contest - Deadline Extended to May 11

Share this fun opportunity with kids of all ages to create a poster for the theme "How Am I Safe?" showing how kids stay safe at home or school, or how their parents and guardians stay safe at work or in every day life. Submit your form [here](#) so they can be viewed and voted on by the chapter meeting attendees.

You can also email your submission to Mary Claire Hogan at mhogan@stlzoo.org

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ST. LOUIS CHAPTER

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2026 KIDS' SAFETY POSTER CONTEST



The ASSP St. Louis Chapter invites children from preschool to high school to participate in our 2026 Safety Poster Contest. The theme is "How Am I Safe?", which encourages students to creatively illustrate how they stay safe at home, at school, or how their parents and guardians stay safe at work or in everyday life.

SEE BACK FOR
FULL RULES!

POSTER CONTEST INFO:

- Create a poster showing how you and/or your guardian stay safe at home, at school, at work, etc.
- Open to all students in preschool through high school
- Your artwork must be original
- Winners will be chosen in each age group
- Winners will be announced at the July 13th chapter meeting
- Each winner will receive a special prize!

SUBMISSION DEADLINE:

**MONDAY,
MAY 11, 2026**



**SCAN THE
QR CODE
TO SUBMIT
YOUR
POSTER!**



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FOR QUESTIONS OR MORE INFORMATION
EMAIL MHOGAN@STLZOO.ORG

2026 ASSP KIDS' SAFETY POSTER CONTEST

RULES

Eligibility

Children in preschool, elementary school, middle school, and high school are eligible to enter. Participants must be children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, or children special to ASSP St. Louis Chapter members. Children of anyone who becomes an ASSP member by February 9, 2026, are also eligible.

Theme Requirements

All artwork must reflect the contest theme "How Am I Safe?". Posters should illustrate how the child stays safe at home, at school, or how their parents or guardians stay safe at work or in everyday life.

Original Artwork

All entries must be original posters created by the child. Only one submission per child is allowed.

Submission Details

All entries must be received by February 9, 2026. Posters may be uploaded via the QR code/Google Form, emailed to Mary Claire Hogan (mhogan@stlzoo.org), or delivered in person at the February 9th meeting at Syberg's in Maryland Heights.

Judging Criteria

Posters will be judged based on creativity and how effectively they communicate the theme "How Am I Safe?" for the child's age group. All ASSP members will be able to participate in voting.

Winner Announcement

Winners from each age group will be announced at the ASSP/AIHA Professional Development Conference (PDC) on March 2, 2026. Each age-group winner will receive a prize.



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SafeConExpo - Registration and Call for Vendors - May 13 & 14

Registration is open for the the SafeConExpo conference and all the many pre-conference options. This year's conference is May 13-14 (Wed-Thurs) at The University Plaza Hotel (333 John Q Hammons Parkway, Springfield, MO, 65806.)

Register here: <https://shcmoks.com/safeconexpo/registration.aspx>

Vendors are also wanted to share their products and services with a wide range of safety professionals. Booths are still available at the same registration site.

#SAFECONEXPO Learn
Network
Energize

CALLING ALL
Vendors!

9th Annual SAFECONEXPO 2026

Reserve your booth **TODAY** for **9 hours** of face-to-face networking
with safety professionals from a wide range of industries.



SINGLE BOOTH
\$595



MULTIPLE BOOTHS
\$570 EACH

WHAT'S INCLUDED:

- 1 - 8 x 8 Booth Space
- 1 Table + 2 Chairs
- Meals for May 13th & 14th (2 per booth)
- Free Wi-Fi

REGISTER NOW!

Additional Booth Costs:

- Electricity in booth: \$85
- Additional booth workers: \$140 per person

**MAY 12, 13, & 14, 2026**

**UNIVERSITY PLAZA HOTEL**
333 John Q Hammons Parkway, Springfield, MO 65806



Created By:  Questions? SHC@SHCMOKS.COM | 816-842-5223 | REGISTRATION LINK: <https://shcmoks.com/safeconexpo/registration.aspx>

[Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament](#)

[Register today for the 2026 Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament Fundraiser!](#)

Money raised by this event funds three scholarships for local students working towards safety related degrees. We are limited to 144 players, so don't wait and register today!

We are also accepting donations for the goodie bags and prize raffle. Earn some goodwill and get your company's name out there by contacting Patte at ackermat@ssm-select.com



The poster features a scenic background of a golf course at sunset. In the top left corner is the St. Peter's Golf Club logo. The main title 'ASSP Scholarship Golf Tournament Fundraiser' is in large, bold, red letters with a white outline. Below the title is a green shield logo with 'ASSP' and the text 'Protecting People Property and the Environment since 1911'.

ST. PETER'S GOLF CLUB

ASSP Scholarship Golf Tournament Fundraiser

ASSP
Protecting People Property and the Environment since 1911

RESERVATIONS

FRIDAY - JUNE 5, 2026

7:15 am - Registration
8:00 am - Shotgun Start
1:30 pm - Lunch and Awards

St. Peter's Golf Course
200 Salt Lick Road St. Peters, MO 63376
Phone: (636) 397-2227

Please complete the attached Registration Form promptly to guarantee your reservation.

Payment can be made online at:
<http://stl.assp.org/>

MAKE YOUR RESERVATION EARLY!!!
Limited to 144 PAID golfers!
\$150 per person - \$600 for a team of four
PAYMENT is due in FULL by May 22, 2026

ALL PLAYERS will be entered into a drawing for prizes. Additional tickets may be purchased on event day.

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

- 1) Co-host for refreshments & meal for \$200
- 2) Sponsor ONE golf hole for \$150
- 3) Sponsor TWO golf holes for \$200 (One on the front 9 and one on the back 9)
- 4) Corporate Level Sponsor - Includes a golf foursome with mulligans, skins, two hole signs, a large banner displayed at registration, lunch and awards ceremony for \$1,000
- 5) Donate raffle and "goodie bag" items
Call Patte Ackermann at (314) 346-3079

All beverage and meal sponsors will be listed on a banner at registration and awards ceremony

Mark your calendar now for the these chapter meetings and events.
 Note the new date for the Golf Scholarship Tournament on June 5th at St. Peters Golf Course.
 Please register in advance at <https://stl.assp.org/>



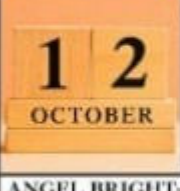
ASSP CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2026



UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED

MONTHLY MEETINGS ARE HELD THE SECOND MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH AT SYBERGS
 2430 OLD DORSETT ROAD, MARYLAND HEIGHTS, MO 63043
 11 AM TIL 1 PM

PLEASE REGISTER IN ADVANCE!!! → [HTTPS://STL.ASSP.ORG/EVENT/](https://stl.assp.org/event/)

 MEMBER APPRECIATION MEMBERS ONLY Held at Bristol Seafood 11801 Olive Blvd, Creve Coeur, MO 63141 5 pm til 8 pm Appetizers & Drinks	 LATINA BERRYHILL <u>Building the Human Firewall</u> Discover how safety professionals can become a "human firewall" in an AI-driven world through real stories, simple habits, and practical insights that turn everyday awareness into powerful cybersecurity protection.	 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE (ASSP & AIHA) <u>Held at the Liuna Event Center</u> 4532 S Lindbergh Boulevard St. Louis, MO 63127 7:30 am til 3:30 pm
 DR. JOHN GAAL EDD, CHW-C, CSP, CWP, LAP-C <u>Worker Wellness Director – Missouri Works Initiative (MO AFI-CID)</u> <u>Suicide Prevention in the Workplace:</u> An examination of various evidence-informed models with a focus on the acute phase	 J. BRADLEY YOUNG HARRIS YOUNG KAYSER <u>From Accident Scene to Subpoena: What Safety Pros Shouldn't Do</u> Learn the key mistakes safety pros must avoid from accident response to the courtroom to protect people, evidence, and their careers.	 ANNUAL GOLF SCHOLARSHIP TOURNAMENT <u>Held at St. Peter's Golf Course</u> 200 Salt Lick Road St. St. Peters, MO 63376 7:15 am to 3:00 pm
 DREW COMPTON <u>TERRITORY MANAGER- MO/TN/AR</u> <u>Cut the risk. Not your Hands</u> What does a glove/hand protection program look like with changes in standards over the last 10 years? We will focus on these changes and applying them to a stronger program.	 ALEX SAFAYA <u>KEY ACCOUNT MANAGER NORTH AMERICA</u> <u>Introduction to Industrial Exoskeletons by SUITx</u> Explore the fundamentals of exoskeletons, how they can be applied in industrial settings, and best practices for implementing this technology to improve safety, ergonomics, and worker's health.	 TBA
 ANGEL BRIGHT-KENDRICK, CSP <u>Sr. Safety Consultant With The EI Group</u> <u>Lockout Tagout Program Requirements</u> Angel share practical tips and real-world lessons to help you build and maintain a compliant LOTO program that meets OSHA 29 CFR 1910.147 and actually works in the field.	 KAYLEA M. BOUTWELL, MD <u>Interventional Pain Mgmt & Concussion Specialist</u> <u>Excel Orthopedics & Pain Centers</u> <u>The Value of Interventional Pain Management in Workers' Compensation</u> Learn how interventional pain management supports faster recovery, reduces reliance on opioids and surgery, and lowers overall workers' compensation costs.	 MARYANNE HEUER, MS, CSP, CHST <u>COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE SPECIALIST & BILL MCDONALD, AREA DIRECTOR</u> <u>Annual Update with OSHA - Greater St. Louis</u>

Created By: Paige Deane, CSP

Have a topic you want to see covered, or a presenter you want to suggest?
 Contact any one of your [chapter officers](#) today.

Missouri Employment Conference - May 6 & 7

Check out the Safety sessions at the Missouri Employment Conference, led by chapter members and firends Mark Woodward, Flint Walton, and Sheila Schmidt! Register or find more information here:

<https://missouriemploymentconference.com/>



SAFETY TRAINING

Safety training is more than checking a box—it's where HR makes a real impact. By leading compliance efforts, reducing risk, and creating a culture of safety, HR professionals protect both people and the organization every single day.

SPEAKER SAFETY SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

- Mark Woodward – New Employee Training, B.U.I.L.T To Succeed
- Flint Walton – Your EMOD Explained
- Sheila Schmidt – Hire for Safety

**LEAD WITH KNOWLEDGE
BUILD WITH CARE**

May 6 & 7

OLD KINDERHOOK GOLF CLUB & SPA
CAMDENTON, MO



Professional Development Conference Recap

What an incredible turnout for Monday's [ASSP St. Louis Chapter](#) PDC Conference (3/2/26)! 🍕

It was amazing to see so many professionals come together for a day of learning, connection, and meaningful conversation. The energy in the room was outstanding, and it's clear this event continues to bring together an incredible community of safety and industry leaders.

A huge thank you to our vendors, sponsors, speakers, attendees, and conference committee members who helped make the day such a success. Events like this do not happen without the support, participation, and dedication of so many people behind the scenes.

A special thank you to our keynote speakers, [Brye Sargent, CSP](#) and Dr. [Merle Heckman](#), for sharing your time, insight, and expertise. Your presentations helped make the conference even more impactful and memorable.

And a very special shoutout to [Domini Montgomery, MPH, ASP, CSP, CEAS](#) for putting together such a fantastic event. Your hard work, organization, and commitment truly showed, and it helped create an experience that was meaningful, polished, and successful for everyone involved.

So grateful to have been part of such a great conference and already looking forward to the next one!





St. Louis Safety & Health Conference - Call for Presentations

Take advantage of this great opportunity to share your experience and knowledge and support your profession. Due by April 30th, send your proposal to Mary Beth Proost at mb.proost@stlsafety.org or find out more information here: <https://www.stlsafety.org/conference2026>

23rd Annual Greater St. Louis Safety & Health Conference

Thursday, October 8, 2026

The River City Casino Event Center

777 River City Casino Blvd. | St. Louis, MO 63125

CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS

The 23rd Annual Greater St. Louis Safety & Health Conference will be held **Thursday, October 8, 2026**. The Conference Committee welcomes your participation and presentation proposals. Proposals are now being accepted for the 2025 conference.

- The deadline for proposals is **Thursday, April 30th**. Alternate Proposals will be considered after that date.
- Presentations are 40 minutes in length and will conclude with a five-minute question and answer session. We require a presentation takeaway to be made available to attendees. Handout materials can be posted on the Safety Council website for attendees to download prior to the conference if requested.
- Please submit your proposal by completing this form OR email to mb.proost@stlsafety.org OR your Conference Committee Contact
- Please confirm availability prior to submitting your proposal.
- Submissions will be reviewed and selected by the Conference Committee.
- All participants will be contacted no later than **Friday, May 22nd**.

Due to a limited budget, travel expenses and honoraria are not provided. We appreciate your support and understanding in this matter.

If you have any questions, contact the Safety Council of Greater St. Louis at 314-621-9200 or 877-237-2338 or email mb.proost@stlsafety.org

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City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
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Mid-Missouri Updates



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Mid-Mo Section • STL Chapter

**Do you live or work in the heart of Missouri?
Get involved with the Mid-MO chapter and
attend the next meeting at D. Rowe's in Columbia!**

[Reach out to](#) Communications Chair Paul Krewson or
[Subscribe to ASSP Mid-MO Announcements](#)

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Patte Ackermann, PT – ackermap@ssm-select.com
Organizes the WISH events to promote the community of Women in Safety & Health

Please contact a board member or committee chair with comments or if you would like to participate in any of the chapter activities.

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