



AMERICAN SOCIETY OF
SAFETY PROFESSIONALS

Utah Chapter

November 2021 Newsletter

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MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

Ahh, fall. Changing leaves, dropping temperatures, pumpkin in (seemingly) everything, and a busy October for Safety Professionals in Utah!

We had great attendance for the Family & Friends Membership Picnic that kicked off October. For those who were able to come, it was an excellent venue to meet and chat with our chapter membership. Plenty of fun, games, and food!

The Annual Fall Conference on Industrial Hygiene & Safety was held virtually mid-October and attracted over 130 attendees. With topics ranging from professional ethics to excavations, the conference was a fantastic opportunity for learning and continuing education. I'd like to extend a hearty THANK YOU to the Rocky Mountain Center for Occupational and Environmental Health as well as the Conference Committee for their support and planning. The hard work of these two groups brought attendees a wide variety of presenters and topics. Thanks!

Looking to get more involved in the Utah ASSP Chapter? Check below for upcoming events and opportunities. Remember you can keep up with what's

happening at our chapter website too.

Until next time, I wish everyone a happy Thanksgiving and safe November.

Greg Rudowski, CSP, ASSP Utah Board Member

MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

New Members

Please welcome our newest members:

Nick Rice

Marli Shaw

Member Spotlight

Name: Tasha Page

Where do you work? MAU

How many years in Safety & Health? 13 years

Education: Bachelor's Degree Occupational Safety and Health

Certification(s): ASP

Why did you become a safety professional?

I honestly just kind of fell into by helping a friend who needed a safety coordinator and really enjoyed it.

What do you like most about your profession?

Helping others.

What are you most proud of in your career?

I worked on a construction project in Alabama where we worked over 1 million man hours without a recordable injury.

If you could be anything other than a safety professional what would you be?

A cook.

What do you like to do when you're not working?

Watching college football, spending time with family and cooking.

Thank you Tasha for sharing your career story.

UPCOMING EVENTS

November Chapter Meeting

Thursday, November 18 from 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Utah Safety Council

1574 west 1700 south, Salt Lake City

Topic: Risk Assessment

Presenter: Cameron Ruppe, UOSH Director

<https://utah.assp.org/events/utah-assp-chapter-meeting/?>

December Coat Drive

Details for drop-off locations and donations to be announced.

January Chapter Meeting

Thursday, January 20 from 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Details to be announced

News & Articles

ASP/CSP Exam Question of the Month

The supply chain manager asked a material handler whose certification had expired the day before to operate a fork truck. The manager was a trained and licensed driver and stated that he would personally supervise the operation. The safety manager refused to allow it. Why?

- A. The safety manager was wrong. One day doesn't matter.
- B. The material handler must attend full training before being allowed to operate a fork truck.
- C. The supply chain manager could have evaluated the operator while he was performing the task.
- D. There is a thirty-day grace period for recertification.

Solution is on back page.

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Safety Professional of the Year



Doug Handy receiving SPY award from Dave Holland, Chapter President

The ASSP Utah Chapter Safety Professional of the Year (SPY) award recipient for 2021 is Doug Handy. Now retired, Doug had a 50 year career in safety. He was most recently employed with Liberty Mutual. Doug was,

and is, a presenter on various topics at the ASSP Utah Chapter's annual Fall Conference.

Excerpts from nomination letters include this quote: “Doug has been one of the most professional, dedicated and knowledgeable safety professionals I have worked with throughout the many years ... Doug’s enthusiasm for safety is truly contagious he is one of most optimistic people I have ever met; always seeing the best in people and situations. He leaves a trail of young safety supervisors working towards becoming true Safety Professionals all along his safety path. He constantly looks for opportunities to raise people up and to use the current environment as a learning opportunity, not only protecting the employees now but working with them to build and spread safety into the future.”

Congratulations Doug!

Utah Chapter Picnic

There was much fun to be had at the annual Utah Chapter picnic. Barbeque food was the featured meal. Families enjoyed several different games including cornhole, golf and Crossnet Volleyball. A good time was had by all.







Technical Article

The Risk Assessment Process

Risk assessment is used to describe the process and/or method where hazards are identified, analyzed, and controlled^[1]. The intent of performing a risk assessment is to understand how an employee's health and safety may be affected through the course of their work day and ensure that hazards are being controlled to the best of an organization's ability.

There are multiple ways to conduct a risk assessment, some examples include 5 x 5, four square, and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (HIRA). An organization should first determine which method or matrix they want to use. Regardless of the method or matrix used, either will create a score or level to classify a hazard against. This allows an organization to

determine the level of the hazard and then prioritize based on findings. Examples of a risk assessment methods or matrixes include Templates are available on the internet, through insurance providers, and on the American Society of Safety Professional's (ASSP) website.

In order to conduct a risk assessment, determine the criteria that is being evaluated: some examples include a procedure or task, worksite, or job description[2]. Ways to determine hazards and exposures include1:

- Conducting employee interviews
- Observing employees completing relevant tasks
- Review of incident information
- Review of standard operation procedures (SOP)
- Review any material provided by manufacturer
- Review of safety data sheets
- Brainstorm type conversation
- Review of current control measures

Data should be analyzed to determine risk classification and scoring, which can be for prioritization. Information gathered should include a normal work day and "what if" scenarios. Current control measures should be reviewed against the hierarchy of controls[3] to ensure that they are being mitigated through the best means possible. When feasible, try to find methods to engineer, substitute, or eliminate the hazard.

Risk assessments should be reviewed and monitored on a regular basis. If there are any changes in working or job site conditions, new hazards may have been created and should be evaluated. Even if working conditions do not typically change, reviewing risk assessments ensure that the information remains up-to-date and in pace with regulatory standards.

Risk assessments can be used in a proactive manner when used during planning activities. Identifying hazards before work starts can help reduce exposure and ensure the best hazard controls are in place when work begins. Prevention through Design (PTD), although a whole other topic, anticipates hazards during the design phase and attempts to mitigate them right from the start.

[1] (Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety, 2021)

[2] (American Society of Safety Professionals, 2019)

[3] (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2015)

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Job Opportunities

There are currently 5 job postings on the ASSP Utah website.

Click link below for more information.

<https://utah.assp.org/current-openings/>

ASP/CSP Exam Solution

There is a great deal of confusion about what constitutes certification. A trained and certified fork truck driver must be, at a minimum, re-evaluated every three years. If the certification expired, re-evaluation is necessary before the driver can be allowed to operate a fork truck. The supply chain manager, as a trained and certified operator, could evaluate the material handler while he was performing the task. It is important to note that many companies do require full training- including an exam and evaluation. It is also important to note that the evaluation must be done while the driver is performing his normal tasks. The correct solution is C.

Newsletter Contributions

ASSP Utah Chapter Newsletter is published monthly. Contributions or comments regarding the newsletter can be sent to edhenkels401@gmail.com. Include "ASSP Newsletter" in the subject line. Deadline for contributions is the 15th of the month for publication in the next month's newsletter.

Thank You to all those who contributed to this month's newsletter.

Ed Henkels, Newsletter Editor



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