

2026 CHICAGOLAND SAFETY, HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONFERENCE

Monday Sept. 14	8:00-8:30	Session ID	8:30 - 10:00	Session ID	10:15 - 11:45	11:50 - 1:00	Session ID	1:15 - 2:45	Session ID	3:00 - 4:30
	Coffee and Networking	M1	Why Do Bad Things Keep Happening? Keynote - Aaron Gelb Auditorium	M2	AI Powered Safety: From Reactive to Predictive Safety Heather Chapman	Lunch Break	M8	Cutting Through the Hype: Practical Agentic AI for your SMS Robert Stevens	M14	Preparing for Environmental Compliance in 2027 Justin Finger
				M3	Invisible Payload™: Human Factors Driving Internal Falls & SIFs Scott Evans		M9	SHIELD R Response Model: Workplace Violence Prevention Brandon Grodsky	M15	The Illinois Reality: The #1 SIF and the 47% Problem John A. Newquist
				M4	Case Studies: The Best and Worst in Process Safety Culture Moments Gayle Nicoll		M10	Handling Workplace Chemicals – TSCA Richard M. Petite, MS, CSP	M16	Insurance Risk Management for the Safety Professional Brandon Jerals
				M5	When You Dial 911: What Actually Happens and How to Help Us Help You James McIntyre		M11	Speaker Not Available		
				M6	The Elephant in the Room: Let's Talk Openly About Mental Health at Work Martin Franchi		M12	Case Law Update 2026: What's New in Workers' Comp Tim O'Gorman	M17	Practical Sustainability Eric Emmett
				M7	Applying IH Basics to Heat Stress Julie Hanebuth		M13	Navigating the Surge in Environmental Product Compliance Regulations Travis Miller		

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Tuesday Sept. 15	Coffee and Networking	Session ID	8:30 - 10:00	Session ID	10:15 - 11:45	11:50 - 1:00	Session ID	1:15 - 2:45	Session ID	3:00 - 4:30
		T1	Safety & Work Comp - Two Fools Collide Don Phillips	T8	Respiratory Protection Standard-What it is and How to Comply Nick Vent	Lunch Break	T14	Defining Impactful Leading Indicators Using the SMMART™ Method Jean Ndana	T20	What to Expect During an OSHA Inspection Harry Hileman
		T2	Creating Line Level Ownership Through Leadership Development Jonathan Neubauer	T9	Hand and Portable Power Tool Safety Jeffrey Moran		T15	Work Zone Safety for Roadway Operations Jeffrey Moran	T21	How Operational Issues Impact Fines, Lawsuits & Reputation Andrew Bajorat
		T3	Come Play: Psychological Health & Safety Jeopardy Martin Franchi	T10	Mentoring New Environmental Professionals Eric Emmett		T16	Peering into the Regulatory Crystal Ball Jessica Black	T22	When Values Collide: Handling Ethical Tension at Work Maribeth Anderson, MPA, CSP
		T4	RCRA Recycling Reliefs: Simplify Compliance, Cut Costs Joel R. Gregier	T11	PSM & RMP: Comparins and Contrasting both Rules Robert Evangelisti, P.E., CEA, CHMM, CSP		T17	Silica: From Risks to Controls Theodore J. Hogan	T23	Stop the Slip: Prevent Falls Before Costly Claims Ron Schakowsky
		T5	The Big Secret: You Already Have the Software You Need to Manage EHS Programs Joseph Kunes	T12	Asthmagen Prevalence in 2024 Chemical Exposure Health Data Donna J. H. Vosburgh		T18	I filed an OSHA complaint and investigated it myself Ricky Ward	T24	Serious Injury and Fatality (SIF) Prevention: Moving Beyond Compliance Mark Maynard
		T6	Special Student Session	T13	QPR Suicide Prevention Training – Equipping Leaders to Save Lives Megan Hammes		T19	Leading through the Gray Carlos Galinda	T25	The Role of Supervisors - Confined Space Entry Michael Veseling
		T7	29 CFR 1926.65(e)(8), Construction 40 Hour Health and Safety Refresher and First Responder Operations. Dennis Terpin				29 CFR 1926.65(e)(8), Construction 40 Hour Health and Safety Refresher and First Responder Operations. Dennis Terpin			

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Wednesday Sept. 16	8:00 - 8:30	Session ID	8:30 - 10:00	Session ID	10:15 - 11:45	11:50 - 1:00	Session ID	1:15 - 2:45	Session ID	3:00 - 4:30
	Coffee and Networking	W1	Compliance with OSHA's Silica Regulations in Construction & General Industry Bogdan Catalin	W7	'Dig-into' Trenching and Excavation Safety Emil Szotko	Lunch Break in Exhibit Hall	W13	Don't Skip a Step – Fall Hazards and Fixed Ladders Safety Compliance Peter Pekela	W19	What If Artificial Intelligence (AI) Could Run Your Worst Monday? Tim Allen
		W2	Hello Air Permit, Allow Me to Introduce Safety Katie Hoyt	W8	Mock Deposition Don Phillips & Brian Roseni		W14	Annual RCRA Hazardous Waste Refresher Martin Hamper 260	W20	NFPA 660 - Introduction to Combustible Dust Ashok Ghose Dastidar
		W3	Excavation Safety: A Quick Review Robert Evangelisti, P.E., CSP	W9	Process Safety Concepts for Laboratory Operations Dennis Terpin		W15	Case Law Update 2026: What's New in Workers' Comp Tim O'Gorman	W21	Clearing the Air: Understanding Silica Exposures Kiana Porter
		W4	Lockout/Tagout: Utilizing Technology for Controlling Hazardous Energy Scott Stone	W10	Thriving Together: Total Worker Health as a Living Ecosystem Sara Gibson		W16	Protect Your Hearing. Reduce the Noise. Brian Felsen	W22	Maintenance Technician's View of PSM Charles Wilkinson
		W5	Right Tools, Right Fit: Turning Ergonomic Insights into Impact Dr. Carrie Bath-Scheel, edD, OT/L, CPE	W11	The Mental Health-Injury Connection: Building a Safer, Healthier Workforce Dr. Dave Wehby		W17	AI Tools Every Safety Professional Should Know Shawn O'Brien	W23	Collecting, Managing & Interpreting Chemical Exposure Data Tyler Gilmore, CIH, CSP
		W6	Understanding the Personal Side of Safety Brittany Sussman	W12	Machine guarding and LOTO Compliance in Real Life Brandon Jerals		W18	Framework for Creating a Best in Class Safety Culture April Greene, CSP, CHMM	W24	Employee Emergency Medical First Responder Teams for Industry Tim E. Kerstetter