

SE TX Safe + Sound Week 2024

Safe + Sound week is an annual nationwide event held each August that recognizes the successes of workplace health and safety programs and offers information and ideas on how to keep America's workers safe. Successful safety and health programs can proactively identify and manage workplace hazards before they cause injury or illness, improving sustainability and the bottom line. This year's theme for Safe + Sound Week is Job Hazard Analysis (JHA).



According to the BLS, in 2022, there were 5,486 work related fatalities (up 5.7%) and 2.8 million nonfatal workplace injury and illness incidents (up 7.5%) compared to 2021 in the U.S. Safe + Sound Week is a good opportunity re-emphasize safety by participating in an activity related to one of the three core elements of a safety and health program:

Management Leadership



Worker Participation



Finding & Fixing Hazards



FY 23 SE TX Fatalities by Focus Four and Top Event*

- **Struck By** (17/56 - 30%)
Falling object or equipment #1
Struck by flying object (Tied)
- **Falls** (16/56 - 29%)
Lower-level ladder #1
- **Caught Between** (10/56 - 18%)
Entangled in running equipment or machinery #1
Excavation cave-in (Tied)
- **Electrical** (7/56 - 13%)
Electrocution #1
- **Other** (7/55 - 11%)
Exposure to environmental heat #1

FY 23 SE TX SIRs by Focus Four and Top Event*

- **Struck By** (139/452 - 31%)
Falling object or equipment #1
- **Caught Between** (120/452 - 27%)
Stationary and moving equipment or objects #1
- **Falls** (106/452 - 23%)
Fall on same level #1
- **Other** (49/452 - 17%)
Exposure to heat environmental #1
- **Electrical** (8/452 - 2%)
Electrical shock powerlines #1

How Can I participate?

- The OSHA Safe + Sound webpage has resources and suggestions on ways you can participate. Participating can involve activities such as having company management lead a safety talk for line employees, have workers participate in a hazard hunt, or reviewing safety procedures, or celebrating a safety milestone. The level and type of participation is up to you and how it will best fit into your organization's safety initiatives.

Is OSHA Recognizing Companies that Participate in Safe + Sound Week?

- Yes! On OSAs Safe + Sound page you can sign up to be recognized for participation in Safe + Sound Week. After you've completed your events, you can download a certificate and virtual challenge coin for recognition.

I'm looking for ideas. Where can I go?

- The OSHA Safe + Sound Week webpage, particularly under 'Develop Your Program', has a number of resources along with OSAs Safety and Health Topic pages.

Where can I find more detailed information for my specific industry?

- For SE TX incidents by NAICS or event contact Jim Shelton, shelton.james@dol.gov, Houston North Area Office
- Most frequently cited standard and other OSHA data and statistics can be found on the OSHA Data & Statistics webpage at: <https://www.osha.gov/data>

Does Safe + Sound Week Only Last a Week?

- Safe + Sound is actually a year-round campaign to encourage every workplace to have a safety and health program. One week each year is devoted to focusing on the importance of an effective safety and health program similar to a fall prevention stand down. The Safe + Sound initiative can be broken out by quarter:

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Management Leadership	Finding and Fixing Hazards	Safe + Sound Week	Worker Participation

- You can sign up for monthly activities on the Safe + Sound webpage: <https://www.osha.gov/safeandsound>

I'm interested overall recommended practices for safety and health programs. Where can I find more information?

- There are a number of industry standards on recommended practices for safety and health programs. OSHA also has some general recommendations for construction and general industry:
 - Small Business Safety and Health Handbook
<https://www.osha.gov/sites/default/files/publications/small-business.pdf> (Eng)
<https://www.osha.gov/sites/default/files/publications/OSHA4261.pdf> (Sp)
 - Safety and Health Programs: Recommended Practices
<https://www.osha.gov/sites/default/files/publications/OSHA3885.pdf> (Eng)
<https://www.osha.gov/sites/default/files/publications/OSHA4170.pdf> (Sp)
 - Safety & Health Programs: Recommended Practices for Construction
<https://www.osha.gov/sites/default/files/publications/OSHA3886.pdf> (Eng)

How can I Start? It's as easy as 1-2-3!

- Visit the OSHA Safe + Sound Week webpage at <https://www.osha.gov/safeandsound/> and:
 1. Sign Up to Participate <https://www.osha.gov/safeandsoundweek/signup>
 2. Plan and Promote Your Events <https://www.osha.gov/safeandsoundweek/plan-and-promote>
 3. Recognize Your Participation <https://www.osha.gov/safeandsoundweek/recognize-participation>

* The numbers and information are for accident prevention purposes and trending and is not intended to be a statistical study or evaluation. For questions or need additional information contact Jim Shelton, CAS, Houston North Area Office, shelton.james@dol.gov.

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