

ASSP Advocacy in Action

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Every day, occupational environmental, health and safety (EHS) professionals apply their knowledge, experience and judgment to help workers return home safely while strengthening the organizations they serve. Advocacy extends that same expertise beyond individual workplaces by ensuring the voice of the profession helps shape the decisions, policies and partnerships that influence worker safety.

Throughout the past year, ASSP worked alongside members, volunteer leaders, coalition partners and government stakeholders to advance practical, evidence-based solutions that improve workplace safety and health. Whether contributing technical expertise to OSHA rulemaking, supporting the restoration of critical federal occupational safety and health programs, strengthening strategic partnerships or convening leaders to advance serious injury and fatality (SIF) prevention, our shared goal remained the same: ensuring the experience of occupational EHS professionals helps inform the decisions that affect workers every day.

Every accomplishment highlighted in this report was made possible by the knowledge, experience and dedication of ASSP members. Our volunteer leaders shared their expertise, our committees helped shape advocacy priorities, and our members demonstrated the value of practical, standards-based approaches to addressing today's workplace challenges. Together, their expertise helps ensure ASSP's advocacy is practical, credible and informed by real-world experience.

We also hope this report provides a clearer picture of how ASSP advocates on behalf of its members and the profession throughout the year. Advocacy often happens behind the scenes through relationship-building, technical expertise, coalition work and collaboration. While those efforts may not always be visible, they help strengthen the profession and create opportunities to improve worker safety for years to come.

As you read these pages, we hope you see the collective impact of a professional community working together to advance occupational EHS. Whether you serve on a committee, contribute to standards development, share your technical expertise or simply stay informed on emerging issues, you play an important role in that work.

Thank you for your continued commitment to worker safety and to ASSP. The progress reflected in this report belongs to all of us, and we look forward to continuing this important work together.



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The People Behind the Work

Government Affairs Committee (GAC)

Our volunteer Government Affairs Committee brings the insights and dedication that make ASSP's advocacy so powerful. Throughout the year, these member leaders helped identify emerging issues, provided technical expertise, informed advocacy priorities and represented the voice of the profession as ASSP engaged with policymakers and stakeholders.



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Why It Matters to You

Your ASSP membership does more than connect you to a network — it actively strengthens the safety profession through world-class education, rigorous standards, and a powerful community. Over the past year, ASSP used our collective voice to:



DEFEND CRITICAL RESOURCES: We protected the federal safety agencies, research initiatives, and data that support your daily work.



AMPLIFY YOUR VOICE: We put practitioner expertise directly in front of national decision-makers.



CHAMPION PREVENTION: We pushed for standards-based, proactive approaches to workplace safety.



BUILD POWERFUL ALLIANCES: We forged strategic partnerships that multiply our profession's influence.



EQUIP OUR COMMUNITY: We provided you with the exact tools and resources needed to advocate effectively.

This report highlights how ASSP championed the safety profession throughout the 2025–2026 presidential year. Our wins are your wins — and these efforts are directly shaping a safer, stronger future for you, your workplace and the entire occupational EHS community.

Advocacy at a Glance

Protecting OSHA, NIOSH and federal safety capacity

Engaged directly with federal leaders, participated in rulemaking, and worked alongside coalition partners to strengthen the nation's occupational safety and health system.



Advancing standards-based, prevention-focused approaches

Contributed technical expertise through OSHA rulemaking and promoted practical solutions grounded in voluntary consensus standards.



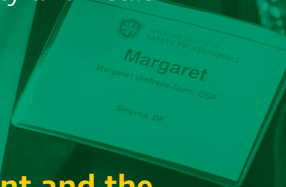
Strengthening coalitions and partnerships

Convened organizations around shared priorities, formalized new partnerships through MOUs, and expanded collaboration across the occupational safety and health community.



Supporting workforce development and the future of the profession

Kept members informed through advocacy communications, provided opportunities to engage on key issues, and advanced initiatives that strengthen the future safety workforce.





Advocacy by the Numbers

2

**National Serious Injury
and Fatality (SIF)
Prevention Convenings**

100+

**EHS leaders convened
through our two national SIF
Prevention Convenings**

4

**Federal rulemaking
comments and
testimony submissions**

100+

**Organizations that endorsed or
supported the Core Principles of
Modern Occupational EHS Practice**

2

**New national
partnership
agreements**

10+

**Engagements with federal
leaders and national
stakeholders**

30+

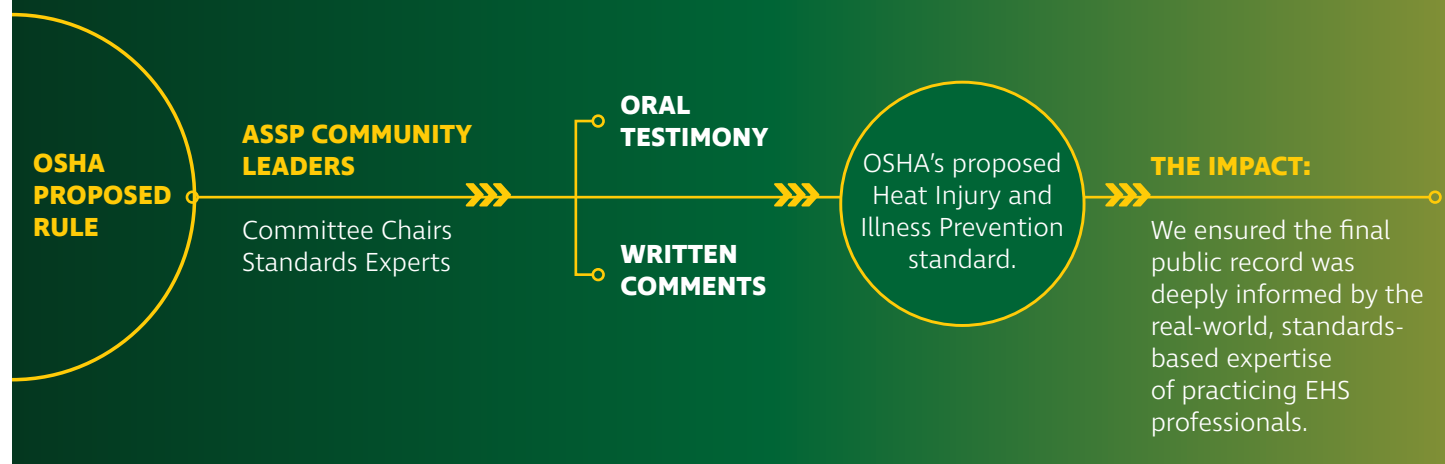
**Organizations
collaborating through the
Workplace EHS Coalition**

Advocacy Wins & Impact

Over the past year, ASSP has been at the forefront of shaping policy, strengthening vital partnerships and championing practical solutions that protect workers and elevate the safety profession. Here is a look at what we accomplished together.



Informed OSHA rulemaking





THE CHALLENGE:

NIOSH faced severe proposed workforce and program cuts that threatened vital safety research.



OUR RESPONSE:

ASSP took a leading role in a powerful coalition response, putting a national spotlight on the issue and fighting to save core programs that support everything from PPE and respiratory health to research-to-practice initiatives.



THE WIN:

In January 2026, following sustained advocacy across our community, HHS reinstated all NIOSH employees who had received reduction-in-force notices. This crucial victory completely restored federal research, surveillance and prevention programs, ensuring the continued defense of our national occupational EHS capacity.

**Helped Protect
NIOSH During
a Critical Year**

Advanced a Shared Vision of Modern EHS Practices

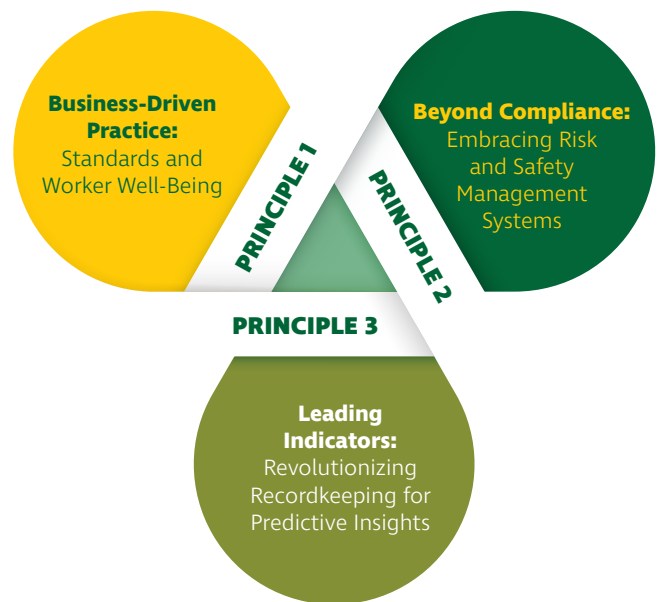
Through its work with the Workplace EHS Coalition, ASSP helped develop and advance the Core Principles of Modern Occupational EHS Practice — a shared framework that encourages organizations to move beyond compliance and strengthen safety through prevention, business performance and worker well-being.

The Core Principles help organizations view safety not just as a compliance requirement, but as a strategic driver of business performance, prevention and workforce readiness.

More than 100 organizations have endorsed or supported the framework, demonstrating growing alignment around a practical, prevention-focused approach to occupational EHS. By helping shape this work, ASSP is ensuring the voice of the profession helps guide the future of workplace safety.



Scan the QR code to endorse the core principles. Learn more and view the principles at ehscoalition.org

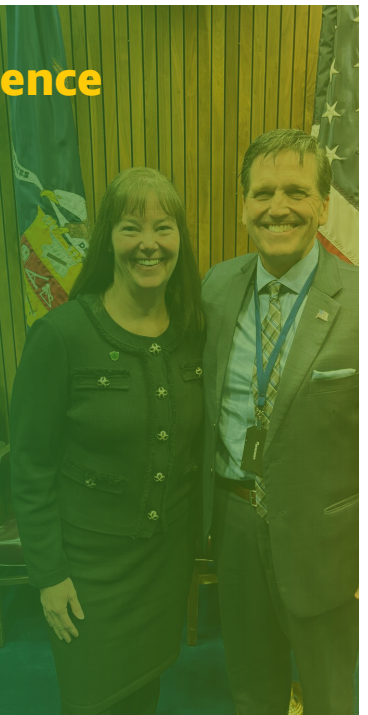


Strengthened Federal Engagement and Influence

Through the OSHA Alliance Program, as well as direct meetings with OSHA, NIOSH and key labor and industry organizations, ASSP strengthened relationships that help bring member expertise into national workplace safety conversations.

WHY IT MATTERS

Strong relationships with federal agencies help ensure ASSP has a seat at the table to share member expertise, identify emerging issues early and help shape practical solutions that work for real workplaces.



Built Strategic Partnerships to Multiply Impact

Two new strategic partnerships are expanding ASSP's ability to advance standards, research and practical safety solutions.



SCAFFOLD & ACCESS INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION (SAIA):

Our new partnership with SAIA expands collaboration on national consensus standards, practical education and best practices that help protect workers at height.



CONSTRUCTION SAFETY RESEARCH ALLIANCE (CSRA):

Our new partnership with CSRA connects research with professional practice through evidence-based education and practical resources focused on preventing serious injuries and fatalities (SIFs).





Protected Trusted Safety Data and Independent Safety Programs



ASSP worked with coalition partners to advocate for continued support of credible, sound Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) injury and illness data and for continued funding of the U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board (CSB). We also developed advocacy resources to help members engage with policymakers on the importance of reliable safety data and independent chemical incident investigations that help prevent future workplace tragedies.

Convening Leaders to Advance Serious Injury and Fatality Prevention

ASSP convened more than 100 leaders from government, labor, industry, academia and the safety profession for two national Serious Injury and Fatality (SIF) Prevention Convenings. The sessions focused on two leading drivers of workplace SIFs: falls from heights and hazardous energy control.

Building on the Core Principles of Modern Occupational EHS Practice, attendees explored a critical question: Why do serious incidents continue to occur despite existing standards, training and regulatory requirements? Together, participants identified key challenges and practical opportunities to strengthen prevention, including:



BOOSTING COMPETENCY

and skills across the workforce.



SUPPORTING SMALL EMPLOYERS

who lack extensive safety resources.



EXPANDING PREVENTION

through Design (PtD) concepts.



SIMPLIFYING DAY-TO-DAY OPERATIONS

to make safety easier to implement on the ground.

The convenings drove home a powerful truth: preventing serious injuries and fatalities takes more than just compliance. It requires collaboration, systems thinking, and translating safety rules into consistent action, right where the work happens.

WHY IT MATTERS

By bringing together organizations that rarely have the opportunity to problem-solve together, ASSP helped turn dialogue into action — creating new opportunities to advance serious injury and fatality prevention through shared learning, partnerships and practical action.

Stay Engaged

Every single win, milestone and impact highlighted in this report was driven by you — our members. Your expertise, volunteer leadership and dedication are what make this progress possible. Whether you are serving on a standards committee, sharing your technical expertise, stepping up for advocacy efforts, or simply staying informed on emerging issues, you are actively shaping the future of occupational safety and health.

We are grateful for your dedication, and we invite you to stay connected, stay inspired and keep making a difference.

Ready to take the next step?

Here is how you can dive in:



GET THE LATEST UPDATES: Track policy shifts and breaking updates at Government Affairs News and subscribe to the [Government Affairs Newsletter](#).



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DISCOVER OUR PARTNERS: Learn about our collaborative networks at [Alliances & Affiliations](#).



SHAPE THE RULES: Help develop the guidelines that protect workers worldwide at [Standards Development](#).

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