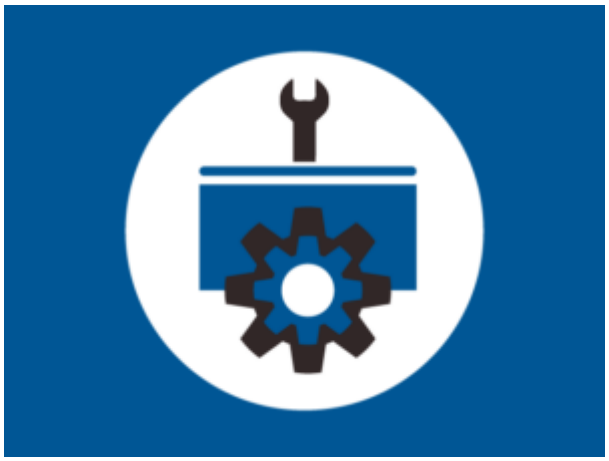
# OSHA Voluntary Protection Programs Fact Sheet



A fact sheet on OSHAs Voluntary Protection Programs which recognizes businesses and work sites that show excellence in occupational safety and health.

**Voluntary Protection Programs**

Created in 1982, OSHA’s Voluntary Protection Programs recognize and partner with businesses and worksites that show excellence in occupational safety and health. Sites are committed to effective employee protection beyond the requirements of OSHA standards. VPP participants develop and implement systems to effectively identify, evaluate, prevent, and control occupational hazards to prevent employee injuries and illnesses. As a result, the average VPP worksite has a lost workday incidence rate at least 50 percent below the average of its industry. OSHA removes participants from programmed inspection lists.

**Scope**

All groups covered by OSHA, including federal agencies, are eligible to join the Voluntary Protection Programs. Each worksite that applies must show a commitment to effective safety and health management systems and…