



**NORTHWEST
CHAPTER**

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UPCOMING EVENTS

November 9th Virtual Chapter Program 11:30am-1:00pm CST

Human Factors: More than Physical Safety - Register [Here](#)

A trend of concern is that serious injury and fatality rates have plateaued over the last 20 years. Traditional safety, that focuses only on physical hazards, is not enough if we want to impact this trend. The session presents the latest research of four human factors: impairment, cognitive distractions, fatigue, and perception of risk. Participants will learn about these four human factors that impact safe performance and strategies to mitigate these psychosocial risks. When organizations start seeing the workers as a person, then safety programs become more effective. (Intermediate: 5 to 10 years)

Attendees will gain an understanding of impairment as a well-being issue and how fatigue, cognitive distractions, and perception of risk impacts safe work performance. Attendees can bring this knowledge back to begin having conversation about integrating human factor controls into their existing safety programs and humanize the workplace.

Learning outcomes

- Gain an understanding of substance use challenges as a wellbeing issue

and its connection with physically demanding work.

- Gain an understanding of how cognitive distractions, fatigue, and perception of risk impact safe work performance and mitigation strategies.
- Gain an understanding of controls for the risks presented by human factors.

Topic relevance

Understanding the science of human factors is vital to the safety profession. It will provide safety professionals with an understanding of the risk presented by human factors and mitigation techniques. This presentation aligns with the total worker health approach and incorporates the latest data on the opioid epidemic, fatigue, cognitive distractions, and perception of risk.

Biographical information



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OTHER TOPICS

We are seeking Chapter and Region Safety Professional of the Year (SPY) Nominees!

To nominate someone for the ASSP Northwest Chapter Safety Professional of the Year (SPY), please review and complete the forms linked below and return to the Chapter's Awards & Honors chairperson, Abby Ferri awards@northwest.assp.org

Chapter SPY forms: <https://northwest.assp.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/454/2019/09/assp-chapter-spy-packet.pdf>

To learn more about the history of the SPY program and past honorees, please visit: <https://northwest.assp.org/awards-honors/>

U of M Research to Practice Updates

SPH developing industrial hygienist training and case studies for health and safety in emerging technologies - Associate Professor Susan Arnold is leading InTERACCT in designing training, continuing education, and outreach web courses geared for industrial hygienists and environmental and occupational health professionals. [Read more here](#)

ASSP NEWS

What Is the Role of a Safety Officer in the Workplace?

Wondering whether the role of safety officer is a good fit? Here is an overview of what they do and how they develop the skills they need to be effective. [Read more](#)

Acing Your Interview: 5 Tips for Safety Professionals

Preparing for a job interview can be daunting. Whether you're an emerging safety professional or a seasoned leader, here are five tips to keep in mind. [Read more](#)

What the Z459.1 Standard Means for Rope Access Systems

People across many industries perform rope access work. Listen to the latest episode of The Case for Safety Podcast to learn what the Z459.1 standard means for them. [Read more](#)

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Did you know there are currently 12 jobs posted on our job board! Check them out [here](#)!

We are always looking to network and find out if there are job openings. The jobs must be in an Environment, Health and Safety function. If you have a job to post, please submit the job posting [here](#).



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