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### **Upcoming BWC Safety Congress & Expo to Help Employers Lower Costs**

*Increased Workplace Safety Can Help Employers Better Manage Economic Challenges*

COLUMBUS – Ohio employers interested in saving money by increasing safety in the workplace are encouraged to attend the Ohio Safety Congress and Expo, sponsored by the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation (BWC). The free event is the Midwest's most established occupational safety and health event, linking employers with many opportunities to learn the latest safety and health techniques and practices. The Ohio Safety Congress & Expo will take place March 31 through April 2 at the Greater Columbus Convention Center.

The Ohio Safety Congress & Expo features courses and lectures designed to provide attendees with flexible, industry-focused information on a variety of topics, including how to improve safety programs in an effort to reduce costs in a difficult economy. Participants of all educational and some general sessions will receive continuing education credits from the International Association for Continuing Education and Training (IACET) and credits for BWC discount programs.

Sessions specifically designed for developing workplace safety programs on Thursday, April 2, include:

- Are you ready for VPP?
- Culture change: A breakthrough in safety performance
- How to plan and implement a safety-management program
- Crucial conversations that drive workplace safety
- Liability for the safety person
- Global harmonization: Are we any closer to GHS in the USA?

The Ohio Safety Congress & Expo will also offer dynamic keynote speakers and displays of state-of-the-art occupational safety and health products. The free event is open to the public. Employers are encouraged to register now at [www.ohiobwc.com](http://www.ohiobwc.com) or by calling 1-800-OHIOBWC.

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