

American Society of Safety Engineers Fact Sheet

ABOUT ASSE

Founded in 1911, the American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE) is the oldest safety society and is committed to protecting people, property and the environment. Based in Des Plaines, Illinois, ASSE has over 33,000 occupational safety, health and environmental (SH&E) professional members who manage, supervise, research and consult on safety, health, transportation and the environment in all industries, government, and education. ASSE is a 501(c)(6) nonprofit organization.

ASSE was founded in New York City a few months after the March 1911 Triangle Shirtwaist



Factory fire. Due to the lack of safety measures this fire resulted in the death of 146 garment workers. This tragedy led to legislation requiring improved factory worker

safety standards, the development of workplace safety initiatives and the establishment of ASSE.

Today, ASSE is a full-service organization providing information and action on occupational safety, health and environmental issues, practices and the profession. ASSE members strive to prevent workplace injuries and illnesses, create safer work environments and to develop safer products. Go to www.asse.org for more information.

These efforts bring positive results for a business's bottom line as they realize reduced rates of injury and illness, leading to a reduction in lost work time, employee turnover and workers' compensation and healthcare costs.

Businesses also experience increased production rates, employee morale, and a positive corporate reputation.

MEMBERSHIP

ASSE has 150 chapters, 38 sections and 61 student sections located in 73 countries, including the Middle East, Kuwait, Nigeria, Philippines, Egypt, Ecuador and Guam.

ASSE's multiple membership categories include; professional, international, associate and student. Professional members must have a B.S. degree and have one of 13 specified designations.

ASSE provides many programs and resources for students and educators that allow the field of occupational safety to grow. An ASSE student membership also enables future safety professionals the opportunity to network with members of the SH&E field, and with more than 2,000 other student members around the globe. Go to www.asse.org/membership/student_qual.php for more information.

NAOSH WEEK

ASSE sponsors North American Occupational Safety and Health (NAOSH) Week each year in May. ASSE members, industries, trade organizations and corporations throughout the continent are host to community workplace safety and health activities during NAOSH Week, along with activities for the annual Occupational Safety and Health Professional Day which occurs each year on the Wednesday of NAOSH Week www.asse.org/naosh.

ASSE's annual kids' 'Safety-on-the-Job' poster contest supports our members and educates children on the importance of workplace safety. Go to www.asse.org/newsroom/naosh/poster-contest.php for rules and an entry form.

SETTING THE STANDARD FOR SAFETY

ASSE is the administrator for the U.S. Technical Advisory Groups (TAG) to the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) on fall protection and risk management. Also, ASSE members serve on 40+ safety and health standards committees.

ASSE & ANSI

ASSE is secretariat for several American National Standards Institute (ANSI) committees and projects. ASSE organizes the committees that develop and maintain the standards, ensures that the revision process is timely and in accordance with ANSI procedures and publishes the final product aimed at enhancing work safety. ASSE serves as secretariat for the following standards:

- Safety Requirements for Construction and Demolition Operations, A10
- Protection of Floor and Wall Openings, A1264
- Motor Vehicle Safety Operations, Z15
- Confined Spaces, Z117
- Lockout/Tagout and Alternative Methods, Z244
- Fall Protection, Z359
- Criteria for Accepted Practices in Safety, Health and Environmental Training, Z490
- Accepted Practices for Hydrogen Sulfide Training Programs, Z390
- ASSE Canvass Standards, Z590
- Prevention Through Design, Z590.3
- Risk Management Standards, Z690



PRACTICE SPECIALTIES

Members can participate in ASSE's practice specialty groups; Academics, Construction, Consulting, Engineering, Environmental, Ergonomics, Fire Protection, Healthcare, Industrial Hygiene, International, Management, Manufacturing, Mining, Oil & Gas, Public Sector, Risk Management/Insurance and Transportation.



There are also seven branches; Agriculture, Human Resources, Legal Services, Military, Service, Training and Communications, and Utilities. Members may also join one of ASSE's common interest groups—Blacks in Safety Engineering (BISE), Safety Professionals and the Latino Workforce (SPALW), Women in Safety Engineering (WISE), and Young Professionals in SH&E.

www.asse.practicespecialties.com

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

ASSE is reviewed and accredited by the International Association for Continued Education and Training (IACET) and provides the following professional development programs to enhance the SH&E profession:

- Certification Preparation Workshops
- Certificate in Safety Management
- The Executive Program in Safety Management
- The annual Professional Development Conference and Exposition
- SeminarFest
- Symposia
- Live Webcasts
- Virtual Conferences

ASSE also offers on-site training and is a major publisher of technical and management books, including the Safety Professionals Handbook.
www.asse.org/publications

RECOGNITION

ASSE annually honors outstanding accomplishments in the safety profession. The highest honor, the

Society Fellow, recognizes individuals with significant and career-wide contributions to the profession and to ASSE. Other awards include the Edgar Monsanto Queeny Safety Professional of the Year (SPY), the Dr. William E. Tarrants Outstanding Safety Educator of the Year and the Charles V. Culbertson Outstanding Volunteer Service Award. Go to www.asse.org/membership for more information.

THE ASSE FOUNDATION

Established in 1990, by and in partnership with ASSE, the ASSE Foundation, a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, generates funding and provides resources for scholarships, applied research, academic accreditation and related academic initiatives to advance the SH&E profession. Funding is provided by ASSE, its chapters, regions, individual members and corporations. For more information visit www.asse.org/foundation.

PUBLICATIONS

- *Professional Safety*, ASSE's 55-year old flagship publication is a monthly journal featuring peer-reviewed articles and covers cutting-edge topics that affect today's SH&E professional.
www.asse.org/professionalsafety/index.php
- *Society Update*, ASSE's monthly member e-newsletter, shares the latest ASSE news and events, and highlights region, chapter and member achievements.
- ASSE practice specialty newsletters, published by each of the Society's practice specialties, deliver high-quality technical content in a fully interactive digital format.

CENTER FOR HEALTH AND SAFETY SUSTAINABILITY

An organized stakeholder in the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI), which started the world's most widely used sustainability reporting format, the Center for Health and Safety Sustainability's goal is to educate businesses on their responsibility to protect the health and well-being of workers, customers and neighboring communities in any business practices, operations or development.
www.asse.org/CSHS

ADDITIONAL ASSE RESOURCES

ASSE provides the following products and services to its members:

- Proactive government affairs programs at the federal and state levels, including member-led alliances and partnerships with key federal safety agencies.
- The Body of Knowledge (BoK) provides ASSE members with a continuously updated collection of wisdom, experience, processes and facts from which change and improvements can occur. Contributors to the BoK include authors, editors, and peer reviewers.
www.safetybok.org
- Nexsteps® www.nexsteps.org
An online career center where employers can post SH&E jobs and members can post resumes and find career counseling information.
- Members Only section of the Society's website offers online access to the membership directory, network enhancing e-mail lists and SH&E information.
- Localized and global media outreach and public relations programs on SH&E issues, the profession and members. Go to www.asse.org/newsroom.



INSHPO

ASSE is a founding member of the International Network of Safety and Health Practitioner Organizations a resource for worldwide practitioner organizations to promote, develop and access international occupational safety, health and environmental information.
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