

IOSHA Through The Years

In celebration of the 30th anniversary of the Indiana Occupational Safety and Health Administration (IOSHA), we offer a glance into IOSHA's rich history of progress in safety and health for working Hoosiers.

For a more events and an in-depth look into IOSHA's history, please visit www.in.gov/dol/2965.htm.

1974
Indiana receives initial approval as a state Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) plan.
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September 26, 1986
Indiana receives final approval as an OSHA-approved state plan.
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Prior to Initial Approval
Federal OSHA held jurisdiction over all occupational and safety manners for Hoosier workers.

1992
Occupational injury and illness data collection is revised for accuracy and consistency.
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1997
BAE System Controls of Fort Wayne, IN, is the first certified Hoosier VPP site.
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2008
INSafe receives OSCAR Award
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2010
INSafe receives 2nd OSCAR Award
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2010
The University of Notre Dame partners with IOSHA to launch the Up Right Program.
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2011
INSafe partners with other state agencies, legislators, unions, retail companies, and many more for retail workplace violence prevention.
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2011
William Q. Weirdt Customer Service Award
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2014
IOSHA levies a record Safety Order penalty to end a two-year investigation and follow up.
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2015
INSafe is recognized with another OSCAR award for its Drive Now TXT L8R social media contest and awareness campaign.
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September 26, 2016
The State of Indiana celebrates 30 years of IOSHA's service to working Hoosiers.

IOSHA is certified for state plan operations and the final "trial" period follows.
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1981

IOSHA plays a role in an investigation involving chemicals mixed in confined spaces that leads to new regulations.
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1988



1995
The Voluntary Protection Program (VPP) is codified in Indiana law.
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The City of Jasper is Indiana's first certified Indiana Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program (INSHARP) site.
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2003

IOSHA investigation of the Indiana State Fair stage collapse contributes to safety improvements for the erection of outdoor stages.
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2011

The first edition of the Indiana Department of Labor's (IDOL) electronic newsletter, *Indiana Labor Insider*, is published.
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2006

Indiana's occupational injury and illness rate drops to 3.8*, the lowest on record in state history.

2013

Indiana welcomes the 100th Special Government Employee (SGE) to its VPP.
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2013
INSafe receives 3rd OSCAR Award
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* Occupational Injuries and Illnesses Per 100 Workers; Data provided by the Quality, Metrics and Statistics Division (The most recent occupational injury and illness data is not available until approximately a year after all information is submitted to the Bureau of Labor Statistics)