



# American Society of Safety Engineers

## ABOUT ASSE

ASSE provides a dynamic voice for the occupational safety, health and environmental profession by providing advocacy, education and standards development—and by promoting the expertise, leadership and commitment of its members. ASSE members network locally and globally.

Founded in 1911 as the United Society of Casualty Inspectors, ASSE's headquarters office is in Park Ridge, Illinois.



## A Global Professional Membership Organization

*Dedicated to protecting people, property and the environment*

**W**ith more than 36,000 members worldwide, ASSE is a global association of occupational safety, health (OSH) and environmental professionals that advances the interests of its members and the profession. ASSE members create safer work environments by preventing workplace fatalities, injuries and illnesses. Safer organizations enjoy increased productivity, higher employee satisfaction and a better reputation, while recording less lost time, and lower workers' compensation and healthcare costs.

### KEY FACTS

- 36,000+ members in 80 countries
- 151 chapters (144 U.S., 7 global); 37 sections (34 U.S., 3 global); 69 student sections (63 U.S., 6 global)
- A visible advocate for OSH professionals through proactive government affairs at the federal and state levels, and in member-led relationships with key federal safety and health agencies
- Unlimited social media networking opportunities through Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn

*"ASSE's vision is for all OSH professionals to be viewed as value-added business leaders capable of holding the highest positions in organizations and possessing the necessary competencies to manage a wide range of risks."*

—Trish Ennis, CSP, ARM, 2014-15 ASSE President

### MEMBERSHIP

ASSE members are classified in one of six member categories: professional, member, associate, international, student and emeritus. Members also can participate in practice specialties, branches, common interest groups and local chapters.

#### Practice Specialties

- Academics
- Construction
- Consultants
- Engineering
- Environmental
- Ergonomics
- Fire Protection
- Healthcare
- Industrial Hygiene
- International
- Management
- Manufacturing
- Mining
- Oil & Gas
- Public Sector
- Risk Management/Insurance
- Training & Communications
- Transportation
- Utilities

#### Branches

- Food & Agribusiness
- Health & Wellness
- Human Resources
- Military

#### Common Interest Groups

- Blacks in Safety Engineering
- Safety Professionals & the Latino Workforce
- Women in Safety Engineering
- Young Professionals in SH&E



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## ASSE FOUNDATION

The ASSE Foundation advances the safety profession with the help of donations from forward-thinking corporations, chapters and individuals. The Foundation provides scholarships and professional education grants, funds cutting-edge research and supports ABET accreditation for academic programs.

[www.asse.org/foundation](http://www.asse.org/foundation)

## CENTER FOR SAFETY & HEALTH SUSTAINABILITY

The Center for Safety and Health Sustainability boosts the voices of OSH professionals in the rapidly growing sustainability movement. The center is a global collaborative effort among ASSE, American Industrial Hygiene Association and the U.K.'s Institution of Occupational Safety and Health.

[www.centershhs.org](http://www.centershhs.org)

## INSHPO

ASSE is a founding member and the secretariat of the International Network of Safety and Health Practitioner Organisations (INSHPO), a group of 14 professional safety organizations from around the world. INSHPO promotes the OSH profession by developing consensus on global standards of practice for the safety generalist.

[www.inshpo.org](http://www.inshpo.org)

## NAOSH WEEK

ASSE partners with the Canadian Society of Safety Engineering to sponsor North American Occupational Safety and Health (NAOSH) Week each May. Groups sponsor community workplace safety activities and observe Occupational Safety and Health Professional Day. The annual Safety on the Job kids' poster contest educates children about workplace safety.

[www.asse.org/newsroom/naosh](http://www.asse.org/newsroom/naosh)

## RISK ASSESSMENT INSTITUTE

ASSE's Risk Assessment Institute provides ASSE members a gateway to develop risk assessment core competencies, share best practices, and access the latest information, metrics, tools and research. It aims to help OSH professionals implement risk-based approaches and measures to help their organizations mitigate risk in advance of injuries or catastrophic events.

[www.oshrisk.org](http://www.oshrisk.org)

# Professional Development

## CONTINUING EDUCATION

ASSE's professional development programs are reviewed and accredited by the International Association for Continued Education and Training (IACET). Programs include:

- Certification Preparation Workshops
- Certificate in Safety Management
- The Executive Program in Safety Management
- Global Safety Management Certificate Program
- SeminarFest
- Symposia
- Live and Self-Paced e-Learning Events
- On-site Training

Learn more at [www.asse.org/education](http://www.asse.org/education)

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE (PDC)

ASSE's annual PDC is the signature OSH professional event. Held each June, the conference features top-quality learning and networking opportunities, a wide range of topics and industry-leading speakers. Adding to the leading-edge education are the hands-on opportunities in the PDC's expansive exposition, which in 2014 featured a record-setting exhibition and more than 500 booths.

Learn more at [www.asse.org/education](http://www.asse.org/education)

## BODY OF KNOWLEDGE

The Body of Knowledge (BOK) is a searchable database of information representing best practices, experience, expertise, processes and research. The BOK increases the dissemination of OSH knowledge within the ASSE community and across industry. BOK contributors include authors, editors and peer reviewers.

Learn more at [www.safetybok.org](http://www.safetybok.org)

# Publications

- *Professional Safety*, ASSE's monthly flagship publication, is a peer-reviewed journal covering cutting-edge topics that affect today's OSH professional.

[www.asse.org/professional-safety](http://www.asse.org/professional-safety)

- *Society Update*, ASSE's monthly member e-newsletter, shares the latest ASSE news and events as it highlights region, chapter and member achievements.

[societyupdate.asse.org](http://societyupdate.asse.org)

- ASSE practice specialty publications deliver high-quality technical content in an interactive digital format three times per year per group. [www.asse.org/ps](http://www.asse.org/ps)
- The *Journal of Safety, Health & Environmental Research* is an online publication of peer-reviewed theoretical and empirical manuscripts, reviews and editorials.

[www.asse.org/academicsjournal](http://www.asse.org/academicsjournal)

- ASSE is a major publisher of technical and management books, including the best-selling *The Safety Professionals Handbook*. [www.asse.org/publications](http://www.asse.org/publications)

# Standards

ASSE is administrator of the U.S. Technical Advisory Groups to the International Organization for Standardization on fall protection, risk management (ISO 31000), and health and safety management systems (ISO 45001). ASSE members also serve on more than 40 safety and health standards committees. ASSE is secretariat for the following American National Standards Institute committees:

- Safety Requirements for Construction and Demolition Operations (A10)
- Protection of Floor and Wall Openings (A1264)
- Health & Safety Standards for Ventilation Systems (Z9)
- Occupational Health and Safety Systems (Z10)
- Motor Vehicle Safety Operations (Z15)
- Respiratory Protection (Z88)
- Confined Spaces (Z117)
- Lockout/Tagout and Alternative Methods (Z244)
- Fall Protection (Z359)

[www.asse.org/publications/standards](http://www.asse.org/publications/standards)

# Recognition

Each year ASSE presents Society awards to outstanding volunteers who have made significant contributions to the profession and to ASSE. These awards include:

- Honor of Fellow
- Edgar Monsanto Queeny Safety Professional of the Year Award
- William E. Tarrants Outstanding Safety Educator of the Year Award
- Charles V. Culbertson Outstanding Volunteer Service Award

[www.asse.org/membership](http://www.asse.org/membership)

# Additional Resources

- Proactive government affairs programs at the federal and state levels, including member-led alliances and partnerships with key federal safety agencies. [www.asse.org/professionallaaffairs](http://www.asse.org/professionallaaffairs)
- ASSE Job Board is an online OSH career center where employers can post job openings and members can post resumes and find career information. [jobs.asse.org](http://jobs.asse.org)
- Exclusive content, tools and resources through its online members-only community. [www.asse.org/membersonly](http://www.asse.org/membersonly)
- Public relations programs promoting SH&E issues, the profession and ASSE members through global media outreach. [www.asse.org/news](http://www.asse.org/news)

