

Safety Day Conference

Safety Day is a conference designed for participants to learn about a wide range of safety and health related topics. Sessions are fast paced and provide the most relevant, up-to-date, information based on today's OSHA standards and regulations. Several workshops will give participants practical experience in applying standards and concepts.

7:30 - 8 a.m.	Registration & Continental Breakfast		
8 - 9 a.m.	Welcome and Introductions Keynote Presentation: Between the Lines: My Safety Story Kellen Schmidt, Operations Blue Hat, Xcel Energy		
9 - 9:15 a.m.	Break		
9:15 - 10:15 a.m.	OSHA UPDATE: What's on the Horizon? Mitzy Wright, Eau Claire Area Director, OSHA		
10:15 - 10:30 a.m.	Break		
BREAKOUT SESSIONS			
Breakout Session 1	Administrative Sessions	Safety for the Worker Sessions	Advanced Sessions
10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Stress and Burnout in the Workplace Julie Bates-Maves, Clinical Mental Health Counseling Professor, University of Wisconsin-Stout	Nuts and Bolts of Preventing Amputation Injuries Mary Bauer, Compliance Assistance Specialist, OSHA	The Future is Here! Three AI and Robotic Case Studies Cory White, Small Business EHS; Jason Mitchell, Cardinal Glass LG-Amery; and Travis Truhler, Hilti North America
12 - 12:45 p.m.	Lunch		
Breakout Session 2	Workers Compensation Programs	Workplace Safety and Law Enforcement Response	Advancing Your SHMS and SHARP
12:45 - 1:45 p.m.	Kevin Boonie, Account Executive CAWC CRM LIC, Alera Group	Chris Fitzgerald, Barron County Sheriff	Danica Harrier, Consultation Program Manager, WisCon
1:45 - 2 p.m.	Break		
Breakout Session 3	Aspects of Medical Evaluation Under OSHA's Respiratory Protection Standard	Wisconsin State Patrol Inspections	Team Building and Effective Safety Training Across Languages
2 - 3 p.m.	Scott Gooch, MPAS, PA-C, ASP, AACOEM, Marshfield Occupational HealthWORKS	WI State Patrol Staff	Amy Guerin, HR Management/Leadership Development, Northwood Tech instructor; Sinai Mejia, Northwood Tech ELL Program Navigator/Translator
3 p.m.	Evaluations		



Tuesday, April 8, 2025

8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Northwood Tech Conference Center
1900 College Drive
Rice Lake, WI

Registration fee: \$60 | \$37.57 (62 +)
Includes continental breakfast, lunch and conference materials.

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Session Descriptions

8 a.m. - 9 a.m.

Between the Lines: My Safety Story

Kellen Schmidt, Operations Blue Hat, Xcel Energy, Shorewood, MN

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9:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.

OSHA Update: What's on the Horizon

Mitzy Wright, Eau Claire Area Director, OSHA

If we've learned anything over the last couple of years, it is that the OSHA rules and regulations can change quickly! This session will update you on what OSHA is currently focusing on, and what may be the focus in the near future; what are the current emphasis programs that can affect your workplace; and what exactly is an OSHA initiative? Also - are there any new regulations in development? This session is intended to help the audience get ahead of the curve by knowing what is on the horizon, rather than playing catch up, but also to get a chance to hear from and speak with the OSHA Area Director.

10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. (Breakout Session 1)

Stress and Burnout in the Workplace

Julie Bates-Maves, PhD, LPC, UW-Stout, Professor in Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Unlock the secrets to a healthier workplace! Discover the key factors in stress and burnout and how workplace dynamics contribute to each. Learn practical strategies to support your employees and create a more productive work environment.

Nuts and Bolts of Preventing Amputation Injuries

Mary Bauer, Compliance Assistance Specialist, OSHA

This session will focus on identification and correction of the top risks at manufacturing facilities: machine guarding and lockout/tagout. OSHA has an ongoing National Emphasis Program on amputations along with a newer, local emphasis program on Food Manufacturing. The session will also address thermal burns from processing and chemical burns from sanitation, particularly food manufacturing.

The Future is Here! Three AI and Robotic Case Studies

Cory White, Small Business EHS; Jason Mitchell, Cardinal Glass LG-Amery; and Travis Truhler, Hilti North America

Artificial Intelligence and robotics have permeated our workplace! But what is it and how can it be useful? These three 'infomercials' are case studies of AI and robotic applications. Learn how AI can streamline and make training more effective using videos of equipment at your facility. Listen how an operational platform that collects, analyzes and processes data to enable the process managers, supervisors, leads, and line operators to quantify inefficiencies. A demo of two versions of the exoskeletons, one for overhead work and one for heavy horizontal work. Exoskeletons are to mimic, augment or enhance the body's own motions. You will have an opportunity to try these units!

12:45 p.m. - 1:45 p.m. (Breakout Session 2)

Workers Compensation Programs

Kevin Boonie, Account Executive CAWC CRM LIC, Alera Group

Successful Workers Compensation programs contain key elements that are shared between the Human Resources and Safety Departments. This presentation will outline the key aspects of a company Workers Compensation program and discuss proactive measures to control costs. Some of these key elements include having a defined policy with assigned responsibilities, accident investigation and corrective action, return to work program, relationship with occupational health clinic, job descriptions, insurance carrier resources, and much more.

Workplace Safety and Law Enforcement Response

Chris Fitzgerald, Barron County Sheriff

This session will touch on how to respond to an active shooter, what to do with information you hear both at work and away from work and drugs trends in the community. Law Enforcement will take your questions to help keep you safe at work and at home.

Advancing Your SHMS and SHARP

Danica Harrier, Consultation Program Manager, WisCon - OSHA's Consultation Program

OSHA's Wisconsin Consultation Program, WisCon, uses a 58-question survey to assess the SHMSs (safety and health management systems) of companies. Learn how to use this tool at your facilities and avoid the not-so-obvious pitfalls that we sometimes observe. WisCon's elite SHARP (Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program) certification will also be described.

2 p.m. - 3 p.m. (Breakout Session 3)

Aspects of Medical Evaluation Under OSHA's Respiratory Protection Standard

Scott Gooch, MPAS, PA-C, ASP, AACOEM, Marshfield Occupational HealthWORKS

Employers are required to provide protection to employees that may be exposed to harmful airborne materials under the OSHA 1910.134 "Respiratory Protection Standard." This session will provide a review of the Standard, discussion of the physical effects on respirator use, and discussion of the components of the medical evaluation process. Included will be a dialogue on tips and techniques to ensure employee conformity with respirator use plus interacting with evaluating medical providers to promote optimum workforce health, safety, and compliance.

Wisconsin State Patrol Inspections

WI State Patrol Staff

A Wisconsin State Patrol Inspector will provide information relevant to motor vehicle inspections and maintenance along with driver requirements. This is your opportunity to ask an inspector questions!

Team Building and Effective Safety Training Across Languages

Amy Guerin, HR Management/Leadership Development, Northwood Tech instructor; Sinai Mejia, Northwood Tech ELL Program Navigator/Translator

This presentation focuses on the importance of team building and delivering effective safety training in multilingual environments. It explores the challenges language barriers pose in understanding safety procedures and fostering collaboration, and provides practical strategies to overcome these obstacles. Attendees will learn tips to improve communication and build stronger, more cohesive teams, ensuring that safety is understood and followed by everyone, regardless of language.



REGISTRATION FORM

For Continuing Education (non-credit) Courses

Last NameFirst NameM.I.Former Last Name (if applicable)Date of Birth

Student ID No. _____

No student ID, or don't remember? Provide Social Security No.
*Why do we ask for SSN? NorthwoodTech.edu/SSN

I've taken classes at Northwood Technical College and/or WITC in the past.

Email address (required as email is primary method of communication by the college)Home phoneCell phone

Home addressCityStateZIP

Highest grade
COMPLETED (K-12) _____

Resident of (check one): Township Village City County School District where you live Last high school attended _____

The following information is required for state and federal reporting purposes and will be kept confidential.

Gender: Male Female **Ethnicity:** Hispanic/Latino origin? Yes No

Race (check all that apply): American Indian/Alaska Native Asian Black/African American Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander White

Highest Credential Earned

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| <input type="checkbox"/> GED | <input type="checkbox"/> Short-term diploma | <input type="checkbox"/> Associate Degree | <input type="checkbox"/> More than Baccalaureate |
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CLASS NO.	CATALOG NO.	CLASS TITLE	LOCATION	START DATE	CLASS FEE
MC 167	47-449-431	Safety Day	Rice Lake	April 8, 2025	\$60, \$37.57 (62 +)
Once registered for a course(s), you have created a liability with Northwood Tech and a promise to pay.					TOTAL

A full detailed Annual Security Report can be located at the following link: www.northwoodtech.edu/annualsecurityreport.

Agency Bill/Sponsored Registration: If an agency or employer has agreed to pay your tuition, provide organization name, signature and attach written authorization.

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