

Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program (SHARP)

What is SHARP?

The Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program (SHARP) spotlights employers with outstanding safety and health management systems.

Being accepted into SHARP shows that your business is a model for worksite safety and health. Your worksite will be exempt from programmed OSHA inspections. OSHA and the NYS Department of Labor will also recognize your company for your accomplishments.

How Can I Take Part?

To participate in SHARP, you must take these steps:

- Request a consultation visit for a survey of hazards at your worksite;
- Involve employees in the consultation process;
- Correct any and all hazards that the consultant finds;
- Put a safety and health management system into practice and maintain it to OSHA's 1989 Safety and Health Program Management guidelines;
- Lower your Days Away, Restricted, or Transferred Rate and Total Case Rate below the national average; **AND**
- Agree to tell your New York State Consultation Project Office before you change any work operations or introduce any new hazards into your workplace

SHARP Certification and Inspection

Exemption

Once you meet all SHARP requirements, the consultant can recommend your worksite for final SHARP approval and certification. The State Labor Department and OSHA will formally recognize your worksite with a certificate. We will list your business on the NYS SHARP Participants web site.

Being a certified SHARP site means that you are exempt from OSHA's scheduled inspections for up to two years. This covers your first year of SHARP participation and the first renewal.

Later SHARP renewals may extend up to three years. To renew your SHARP status, you must:

- Apply during the last quarter of the exemption period;
- Allow a full-service visit, to ensure that your exemplary safety and health management system is still effective or improved;
- Continue to meet all of the criteria for eligibility and all of the program requirements; **AND**
- Agree, for a multi-year renewal, to conduct yearly self evaluations and submit a brief written report to the state consultant (including OSHA's required injury and illness logs)



While in SHARP, you are eligible for continued, free on-site assistance. You also may request training at any time.

Who is in SHARP?

To see the current SHARP businesses, visit the On-Site Consultation Program’s web page at: www.labor.ny.gov.

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