

Hazard Assessment the Key to Reducing DPW Workplace Injuries

Thursday, October 12, 2017 9:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m. Crowne Plaza Hotel 1 West Street Pittsfield, MA 01201

Registration/light continental breakfast 8:45 a.m.

This workshop will introduce you to a new, innovative approach to health and safety that

combines building highly effective health and safety committees and peer-to-peer safety and health education. The Municipal Health and Safety collaborative team approach builds on best practices from around the country, and offers a step-by-step program to reducing workplace injuries.

This workshop includes practical, hands-on activities including hazard mapping (required by the Department of Labor Standards during onsite visits) and an introductory gap-analysis exercise, and will provide participants with tools that they can bring back to their DPW.

Participants will gain practical knowledge and tools to conduct a hazard assessment of the workplace, conduct a gap analysis to determine what policies and procedures the DPW has in place that match with national standards, and develop a strong, effective health and safety committee.

Some of the topics addressed will include:

- Introduction to the Massachusetts Municipal Health & Safety Initiative
- Effective health and safety committees
- Gathering data incidents/injuries/hazards; Hazard mapping activity
- Conducting a gap analysis: evaluating current practices vs. national standards
- Determining priorities for health and safety measures
- Question and answer



Trainers

New England Consortium

Bridget McGuiness previously worked for EPA as an environmental engineer and has a BS in civil engineering and numerous Massachusetts licenses and certifications.

Tom Estabrook has worked for 20 years as a worker health and safety educator with The New England Consortium at UMass Lowell, where he also teaches an undergraduate public health course. He has a background in organizing and advocacy with labor, environmental and health organizations and as a residential construction laborer. He has a Ph.D. in geography and also studied environmental science.







