



## 2017 SAFETY AND HEALTH BULLETIN

**TO:** All SMACNA Members **SB: 17-03**

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**SUBJECT:** **2017 Safety Profile Available with Updated Safety Survey Data**

SMACNA would like to thank all members who submitted surveys for the 2017 SMACNA Safety Excellence Award Program (SSEAP). This annual program allows SMACNA to collect significant safety and health data and track key issues of safety history which are reported each year in the **SMACNA Safety Profile**. This detailed safety statistics report from the survey is available on the SMACNA [Safety webpage](#). The following are highlights of this year's findings.

The average number of reported injury or illness incidents, otherwise known as the OSHA incidence rate, was 2.22...continuing the decade-long trend of decreasing incidence rates. The average reported experience modification rate, or EMR, was .81, remaining consistently low as reported in the past decade. While these two data sets are "lagging indicators" (after-the-fact statistics), they show that survey respondents have safety programs that remain effective.

Nearly all reporting contractors (99%) have an established written safety and health programs, and most conduct regular safety inspections and use toolbox talks during weekly safety training. The use of SMACNA safety products (87%) continues to be high and the use of SMOHIT products (57%) increased from last year.

Workplace drug and alcohol testing programs are becoming more important as society is experiencing increased drug abuse issues including overdoses and related suicides. The profile report indicates that 85% of company respondents have a formal drug and alcohol testing program and those that do tend to have fewer occupational injuries and illnesses.

SMACNA continued with a Canadian version of the SSEAP and the data from that survey program will be collected and provided to SMACNA membership once it is fully available.

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