“NIH Mission First, Safety Always”
June 26 - Dec. 31

The annual NIH “Mission First, Safety Always” Award, presented by the Office of Research Services (ORS), Division of Occupational Health and Safety (DOHS), showcases NIH personnel who have demonstrated leadership, innovation and involvement in their organization’s safety culture and promoted safety in the workplace.

Nominate leaders in Safety!

**Criteria**
Nominees must meet the following criteria:

1. Some level of safety responsibility.
2. Demonstrated safety leadership, with practical examples in **two or more** of the following areas:
   - Leadership attributes that set the nominee apart from his or her peers.
   - Initiating and/or leading a successful safety initiative.
   - Engaging peers and transforming the safety culture of the organization.
   - Promoting safety as an important part of your program.
   - Working to correct unsafe or unhealthful workplace conditions or hazards.

**Guidelines**
Nominations must follow these guidelines:

- All entries must be 100 words or less.
- The nominees must be an NIH employee, contractor or special government employee.
- Nominations must come from an individual other than the person being considered.


The open period for nominations will run from June 26 to December 31. All nominees will remain unidentified during the selection process. The official “NIH Mission First, Safety Always” award selection committee will evaluate nominees without IC or individual names visible. Honorees will receive recognition at an awards presentation, in NIH Newsletters, on the Division of Occupational Health and Safety’s website, and more. For questions, please e-mail ORSSafetyDay@mail.nih.gov.