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### **Workplace safety and health conference scheduled in Eugene**

The Cascade Occupational Safety and Health Conference returns to Eugene on March 9-11 at the Eugene Hilton and Conference Center. The theme for the 2004 event is "Challenging Safety Horizons." The Cascade Conference is presented every two years, offering employers and workers in the Willamette Valley innovative information about workplace safety and health issues.

Among the topics featured at the conference are:

- How to incorporate 'wellness' into your safety and health program.
- Current information about communicable diseases such as SARS, West Nile Virus, Hepatitis B & C and the risk to workplaces.
- Driving safety for multi-passenger vans.
- Crisis preparedness for the workplace.

In addition to conference workshops, informal networking sessions will cover topics including office safety, safety issues for the health care industry, construction safety, and ergonomics in business. The keynote speech for the conference on Wednesday, March 10 features nationally recognized safety professional James "Skipper" Kendrick of Bell Helicopter.

Registration fees for the conference are \$140 for the Wednesday and Thursday conference sessions. Attend any single day for \$85. A pre-conference series of workshops on Tuesday March 9th costs \$65. All registration fees include lunch for the day being attended. More than 35 exhibitors will offer demonstrations and introduce their products and services. A limited amount of exhibit space is still available by calling (503) 947-7441.

The conference is a partnership between American Society of Safety Engineers, Cascade Chapter and the DCBS Occupational Safety and Health Division (Oregon OSHA)

Registration materials for the conference are available in the Conferences section of the Oregon OSHA Web site, [www.orosha.org](http://www.orosha.org). You may call the Oregon OSHA conferences section at (888) 292-5247, option one, to register or find out additional information.

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