

## SHARP Success Stories

### Willamette Landscape Services

- 75% reduction in lost-time workplace injuries and illnesses
- DART rate that is 55% below statewide industry average

### City of Portland, Columbia Wastewater Treatment Plant

- 64% decline in annual claims costs
- 79% decline in lost workdays

### Mid-Valley Healthcare

- Workday Cases Incident Rate went from 28.99 in 2000 to 0.00 in 2002

### Swinerton Builders

- Now experiencing 10 times the volume of business and ½ the number of injuries
- Estimated cost to achieve SHARP was \$10,000 and the next year's retrospective premium refund was \$108,861

### Timber Products Company

- 66% decrease in recordable injuries
- 91% decrease in claims costs

For more information contact the Oregon OSHA office nearest you.

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# The Oregon SHARP Program



## What is SHARP?

The Oregon OSHA Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program (SHARP) recognizes employers that have implemented commendable safety and health management systems. Acceptance into SHARP is a public acknowledgment by Oregon OSHA that a model safety and health program exists at the worksite and that safety is a company value.

## Program Requirements

Oregon employers in business for more than one year are eligible to apply for SHARP. Employers that apply agree to the following:

- Strong management commitment to safety and health.
- Meaningful employee involvement in every aspect of the safety and health management program.
- A comprehensive consultation covering the entire worksite.
- Correction of hazards at the worksite.
- Notify Oregon OSHA Consultation before making changes that might affect safety or health at the site.

SHARP employers must be committed to developing and implementing a safety and health management program that is sustained through the collaboration of employees and management.

## SHARP Approval

- SHARP candidates must have a Days Away, Restricted or Transferred (DART) rate below the national industry average for their North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) code.
- Oregon OSHA Consultation must verify that all SHARP requirements have been met before recommending a site for approval.
- SHARP approval is granted in 12 month increments. Recertification is granted only after verification that all SHARP requirements continue to be met.

## Inspection Exemption

An employer that has been approved as SHARP for the second and subsequent years can be deferred from scheduled Oregon OSHA inspections.

## Graduation

The Oregon SHARP program is a five-year program. SHARP companies who have completed four years in the program and successfully renew for a fifth year are eligible to graduate from the program. SHARP graduates are encouraged to continuously improve their safety systems. SHARP graduate companies at fixed locations that wish to continue in a recognition program are encouraged to look into the Voluntary Protection Program (VPP), which recognizes outstanding accomplishments in occupational safety and health management.

## Want More Information?

Additional information about the Oregon OSHA SHARP program can be found at [www.orosha.org](http://www.orosha.org). Information about the program, links to participants, and SHARP assessment tools can be accessed from this website under *Consultaion*. You can also contact the Oregon OSHA field office nearest you to speak to a consultant (*see addresses on the back*).



## The Oregon SHARP Alliance

The Oregon SHARP Alliance is an organization formed by SHARP employers to “promote safety and health management and cooperation among companies and government for the betterment of all Oregon workers.”

Its goals include promoting the achievement of SHARP recognition, assisting companies in the process of becoming SHARP, and assisting companies in improving safety and health management. Visit its website at [www.sharpalliance.org](http://www.sharpalliance.org).