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## **Safety conference coming to Redmond** *Central Oregon event showcases safety investment*

Employers and workers in Central Oregon can give their bottom line a boost by encouraging workplace safety and health education at the Central Oregon Occupational Safety and Health Conference. The event, which is focused on the theme “Safety and Health Makes \$ense — Investing Wisely in Today’s Economy,” is scheduled for Sept. 16-17, 2009 at the Eagle Crest Resort in Redmond.

Oregon’s Occupational Safety and Health Division (Oregon OSHA), a division of the Department of Consumer and Business Services, encourages workers and employers to attend this conference to help improve safety and health performance. Transforming the workplace safety culture can help organizations reduce injuries and accidents, and decrease workers’ compensation costs.

Some of the topics featured at this year’s conference include:

- Safety committees and safety meetings
- DOT hazmat certification
- Incident and accident analysis
- Exhibits showcasing the latest in safety and health products and services

Keynote speaker and consultant Gordon Graham will present two programs: “Beyond Safety Slogans: Change and Its Impact on Safety” and “Owning Safety: Safety and Accountability.”

“Many people think of safety in the workplace as a set of actions and behaviors, or a compilation of do’s and don’ts,” Graham said. “However, safety is really a result of our thinking patterns and the acting out of those thinking patterns. The way that we think controls the way we act. We teach organizations to recognize that when people think ‘safe’ they act ‘safe.’”

Registration for the event is \$120. For more information about the conference or to register, call Oregon OSHA's Conference Section, 503-378-3272 or 888-292-5247, then option one or visit the Conferences Web page at [www.orosha.org/conferences](http://www.orosha.org/conferences).

The conference is a joint effort of the Central Oregon Safety and Health Association and Oregon OSHA.

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