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Employers invited to participate in Safety Break for Oregon May 9 *Employee involvement cornerstone of event*

(Salem) — Employers across Oregon are encouraged to use award programs and trainings to promote workplace safety and health during Safety Break for Oregon on Wednesday, May 9, 2012.

Oregon's Occupational Safety and Health Division (Oregon OSHA) coordinates the one-day event, designed to raise awareness and promote the value of safety and health in preventing on-the-job injuries and illnesses.

“Employers can use this day to really engage employees in safety and health matters,” said Michael Wood, Oregon OSHA administrator. “Discuss workplace hazards, honor safety all-stars, or hold a training event. Focus on issues at your job site that still need attention.”

This year's Safety Break encourages employees and management to work together on safety and health concerns. The result of this cooperation can lead to fewer injuries and reduced workers' compensation costs for employers.

Companies planning to participate will be entered to win one of three \$100 pizza luncheons when they sign up online before May 1. The prizes will be given to participating companies as part of a random drawing. The Oregon SHARP Alliance is sponsoring the contest.

For more information, ideas on how to host an event, or to download graphics, go the Safety Break for Oregon website at <http://www.orosha.org/subjects/safetybreak.html>.

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