

## 2024 Upcoming NYC Chapter Meetings and Events

### May 2024

#### NYC and Long Island Chapter joint Professional Development Conference

Date/Time: May 15  
(8AM-5PM)

Location: Melville  
Corporate Center III

Registration & Event  
Details:

[https://li.assp.org/events  
/li-nyc-pdc-2024/](https://li.assp.org/events/li-nyc-pdc-2024/)

### June 2024

#### NYC and New Jersey joint Lobster Boat Social Event

Date/Time: June 13  
(6:30-8:30PM)

Location: North River  
Lobster Company, Pier 81

Registration & Event  
Details:

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ts/new-york-city-assp-  
lobster-boat-social-event-  
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## New York City Chapter Newsletter April 2024

### President's Message

**Greetings NYC ASSP Chapter Members! Happy Spring from your Chapter Leadership!**



As we welcome the new season, I am thrilled about the Chapter engagement and looking forward to continued success throughout this Chapter year.

I would like to take this opportunity to share some of the goals completed thus far for the 2023-2024 Chapter year:

1. Funded the NYC Chapter Scholarship that was created with the ASSP Foundation to support the Foundation causes. The NYC Chapter contributed **over \$7,000** to the ASSP Foundation to further the safety profession!

2. Launched quarterly newsletters and expanded continuing education credit opportunities to increase diversity in membership engagement from fields including Risk Management, Legal, Hospitality, Security, Construction, etc.

3. Partnered with other Chapters, Common Interest Groups and Organizations to promote professional collaboration and cross-functional networking.

4. Executed 15+ Membership and Leadership Board meetings, offering a combination of in-person and virtual technical skills development and networking opportunities.

5. We sponsored the NYC ASSP + AIHA + SENY joint technical seminar for the Annual PALMS Updates that was held on February 22.

<https://nyc.assp.org/events/nyc-assp-aiha-seny-joint-technical-seminar-3/>

NYC ASSP Chapter Leadership will continue to lead the charge in developing and implementing chapter goals and adding “value” to you, the members.

Thank you for your continued engagement with ASSP! Wishing you all a safe and joyous Spring season!

Nikhailia Morgan-Irving

## Contact Us

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

NYC CHAPTER WELCOMES 50 NEW MEMBERS IN 2024!!

Check out the latest segment on the “Get to Know a Safety Pro Show”, featuring our NYC ASSP Chapter President, Nikhailia Morgan



Click link below:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=FgS\\_mJJrZlw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=FgS_mJJrZlw)

## EVENTS

### National Safety Council (NSC) Free Webinar – Distracted Driving Expert Panel

Date/Time:

**April 23, 2 p.m. CT**

Register here for NSC's  
webinar to hear from a  
panel of experts on the  
dangers of driving  
distracted driving and the  
simple steps that you can  
take to reduce these risks.

[https://nsc-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_Uvle5OYXSsywOEvt8K7\\_Yw#/registration](https://nsc-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Uvle5OYXSsywOEvt8K7_Yw#/registration)

## APRIL IS DISTRACTED DRIVING AWARENESS MONTH



The National Safety Council recognizes April as Distracted Driving Awareness Month. This event is intended to raise awareness about the dangers of distracted driving and encourage motorists like you to minimize potential distractions behind the wheel. Review the following article for more information on distracted driving and ways you can help prevent it.

### **Distracted Driving Overview**

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, distracted driving refers to any activity that may divert a motorist's attention from the road. There are three main types of distractions that can interfere with drivers' attentiveness behind the wheel, including:

**Visual distractions**—These distractions involve motorists taking their eyes off the road. Some examples of visual distractions include reading emails or text messages, focusing on vehicle passengers, looking at maps or navigation systems, and observing nearby activities (e.g., accidents, traffic stops or roadside attractions) while driving.

**Manual distractions**—Such distractions entail motorists removing their hands from the steering wheel. Key examples of manual distractions include texting, adjusting the radio, programming navigation systems, eating, drinking or performing personal grooming tasks (e.g., applying makeup) while driving.

**Cognitive distractions**—These distractions stem from motorists taking their minds off driving. Primary examples of cognitive distractions include talking on the phone, conversing with vehicle passengers or daydreaming while driving.

Regardless of distraction type, distracted driving is a serious safety hazard that contributes to a significant number of accidents on the road. In fact, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reported that more than 2,800 people are killed and 400,000 are injured in crashes involving a distracted driver each year—equating to approximately eight deaths and 1,095 injuries per day. Considering these findings, it's crucial to take steps to prevent distracted driving.

### **Distracted Driving Prevention Tips**

Whenever you get behind the wheel, keep these distracted driving prevention measures in mind:

**Put away your phone.** Silence your phone and store it in a location that is out of reach while driving to lower the temptation to check it.

**Plan your trip before you leave.** Program your navigation system prior to hitting the road to get familiar with your journey and feel confident in your route.

**Don't fumble with your playlist.** Select a radio station or plug in a predetermined playlist before driving to limit the need for music adjustments.

**Secure passengers.** Ensure kids are properly situated in car seats (if needed) with seat belts fastened. Keep pets stationary in the back seat.

**Avoid multitasking.** Never complete additional tasks—such as eating or personal grooming—behind the wheel.

**Stay focused.** Concentrate your mind on the road by keeping distracting conversations to a minimum and looking straight ahead.

### **ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**

<https://www.nsc.org/road/safety-topics/distracted-driving/distracted-driving-home?>

<https://www.nsc.org/road/distracted-driving-awareness-month/ddam-materials>

<https://www.nhtsa.gov/risky-driving/distracted-driving>

## LINKS AND LIST OF EVENTS

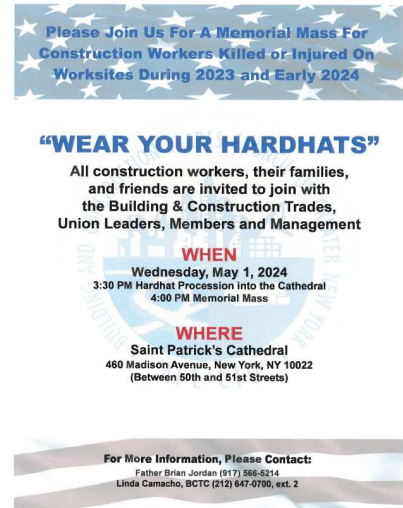
**OSHA events April 22-25**  
Workers Memorial |  
Occupational Safety and  
Health Administration  
 [\(osha.gov\)](https://www.osha.gov)

**New Brunswick, NJ**  
**April 26 @ 11AM**  
 Located at the entrance of the Health & Life Science Exchange (Helix) site on 60 Paterson Street, New Brunswick, NJ 08901.

**Saint Patrick's Cathedral**  
**Memorial Mass for**  
**Construction Workers**  
**May 1, 2024 @ 4PM**  
 A Worker Memorial Day Mass will be held at Saint Patrick's Cathedral in New York City. This solemn mass is dedicated to honoring all the construction workers who tragically lost their lives or were injured on worksites during 2023 and 2024.

**AFL-CIO Worker Memorial Toolkit**  
[2411 WMD 2024 Toolkit 2.1-print.pdf \(aflcio.org\)](#)  
 Washington Safety Department of Labor and Industry (L&I)  
 L&I launches a new workplace mental health web page.  
[Mental Health In The Workplace \(wa.gov\)](#)

## Worker Memorial Day, April 28, 2024



Each day, more than 340 workers are killed and more than 6,000 suffer injury and illness because of dangerous working conditions that are preventable.

Worker Memorial Day serves as a poignant reminder of the human toll of workplace incidents and fatalities. It's a time for solemn reflection and honoring the lives of those who tragically lost their lives while simply trying to earn a living. These individuals are cherished family members, beloved friends, and valued coworkers whose absence leaves a profound void in the lives of those who knew them.

Worker Memorial Day is commemorated through numerous events held not only across the United States but also globally. These events take various forms, including memorial services, candlelight vigils, workplace safety seminars, and advocacy campaigns. They provide platforms for workers, their families, employers, labor unions, government officials, and community members to come together in remembrance, reflection, and solidarity.

By raising awareness about the importance of workplace safety and honoring the lives lost, these events contribute to fostering a safer and more supportive working environment for all.

### RESOURCES

**South Carolina Occupational Safety and Health** -Sample written Safety Programs  
[SC OSHA - South Carolina Occupational Safety and Health Administration](#)

### CAL/OSHA

[Cal/OSHA Publishes Model Workplace Violence Prevention Plan, Resources - HRWatchdog \(calchamber.com\)](#)