

America's Safest Companies

Companies as diverse as the Washington Group and haircare, skincare, make-up and fragrance manufacturer, L'Oreal USA, have been named to a list of America's Safest Companies.

Occupational Hazards, the leading magazine of safety, health and loss prevention, has published their selection of America's Safest Companies for 2004 and the 16 diverse companies chosen by the magazine may surprise many people. Profiles of the companies will be featured in the October issue of Occupational Hazards magazine and in a new monthly column highlighting best practices by the companies picked as America's Safest.

"The 16 companies chosen as America's Safest Companies all recognize both the intrinsic value of occupational safety and health, and the business advantages that it provides in terms of increased profit, productivity, quality and morale," said Stephen Minter, editor of Occupational Hazards magazine. "These companies share a conviction that workplace safety and health can be managed just like other business functions, and that the companies that manage it best reap substantial advantage over their competitors."

The 2004 America's Safest Companies as chosen by Occupational Hazards magazine include:

Anheuser-Busch Inc.	Bell Helicopter	DeFabCo
DSM Desotech Inc.	Energy Northwest	Ford
Bacon & Davis	Freudenberg-NOK	Inland Printing Co.
L'Oreal USA	Milliken & Co.	Monsanto Co.
Rohm and Haas	Texas Instruments	Washington Group
Smurfit-Stone Container	Packerland-Plainwell Inc.	

Jean-Paul Agon, President and CEO of L'Oreal USA¹ stated, "Safety makes good business sense, but more importantly, it's the right thing to do – for our employees, for our business and for our communities." L'Oreal USA has made a commitment to occupational safety and health by vowing to have all of its U.S.-based facilities participate in OSHA's Voluntary Protection Program (VPP) in less than 5 years.

Since 2002, America's Safest Companies is the most anticipated and most read article series industry. According to Rob Howlett, publisher of Occupational Hazards magazine, "The support and interest from industry leaders has been overwhelming and the interest in America's Safest Companies stretches beyond the safety segment of industry, with leading trade publications such as Industry Week, American Machinist, Welding and

Fabrication and Logistics Today all planning to run full-page announcements about the 2004 America's Safest Companies."

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¹ A business engaged in the manufacturing, production and sales of haircare, skincare, make-up and fragrances.