# Webinar: How to Minimize Hazards in the Workplace

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Injuries and illnesses in the workplace are costing businesses billions of dollars and at the same time loss of productivity and profits. This program will examine the most frequent causes of injuries and best practices to eliminate them. It will also look at the top 20 "low hanging fruit" safety violations that OSHA is looking to cite employers and hit them with large penalties.

## **Learning Objectives:**

- The hidden costs of workplace accidents and injured employees
- Best practices for improving a company's safety record
- Use of risk management and job safety analysis to eliminate safety and health hazards thus increasing profitability
- How to handle safety risk takers

#### Speaker

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Ed Foulke is a partner in the Atlanta and Washington, D.C. offices. He co-chairs the firm's Workplace Safety and Catastrophe Management Practice Group.

Prior to joining Fisher Phillips, Ed was the Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health. Named by President George W. Bush to head the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), he served from April 2006 to November 2008. During his tenure at OSHA, workplace injury, illness and fatality rates dropped to their lowest levels in recorded history.

For more than 30 years, Ed has worked in the labor and employment area, focusing on occupational safety and health issues, workplace violence risk assessment and prevention, whistleblower protection, and accident and fatality prevention. He is recognized as one of the nation's leading authorities on occupational safety and health and is a frequent keynote speaker and lecturer on workplace safety, leadership development, and other labor and employment topics.

Ed has testified before the U.S. Senate and U.S. House Congressional Committees on occupational safety and health issues.

He also served on the OSHA Review Commission in Washington, D.C., chairing the Commission from March 1990 to February 1994. Ed is the only person in the United States to serve as both head of OSHA and Chairman of the Review Commission. Ed was named one of the "50 Most Influential EHS Leaders" by both EHS Today (2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013) and Occupational Hazards (2008) magazines.

Ed currently serves on the EHS Today Safety Leadership Board of Directors and on safety committees for the Associated Builders and Contractors, the Georgia Association of Manufacturers, the U.S. Poultry Association, the Solid Waste Association of North America, the National Association of Tower Erectors, and the Georgia Chamber of Commerce. He is "AV" Peer Review Rated by Martindale-Hubbell. Ed is also co-editor of the firm's Workplace Safety and Health Law Blog.

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