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Governor's Safety Conference at Egan Center March 19-21

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JUNEAU, Alaska—The annual Governor's Safety & Health Conference will be March 19-21 at the Egan Civic and Convention Center in Anchorage. The conference, "Injury Prevention In Alaska – No One Left Behind," is open to employers, employees, safety and health professionals and the general public.

"We live and work in some of the most hazardous conditions on the planet, and Alaskans are famous for rugged individualism and toughness: attitudes that can conflict with safety," Labor Commissioner Click Bishop said. "But with events like this conference, we are changing attitudes and developing a culture that makes Alaska a safer place in which to work and live."

Sponsored by the Alaska Safety Advisory Council, the conference focuses on emerging safety and health issues, and advanced safety needs that are unique to the state.

Its training and networking opportunities illustrate a strong commitment and partnership among industry, government and labor organizations.

One highlight of the conference is recognition of Alaska businesses that exemplify good corporate citizenship and a commitment to worker health and safety. Awards will be given in three categories:

- Governor's Safety Award of Excellence
- Governor's Special Achievement Award
- William "Tinker" Childress Memorial Award.

Conference coordinators anticipate more than 350 attendees representing oil and gas, construction, health care, tourism, recreation, state and local government, Alaska Native corporations, aviation, mining, timber and fishing.

More information about the conference is available online at <u>Labor.Alaska.Gov</u> and <u>AlaskaJournal.Com</u> or by calling 907-276-6060.

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