

DBX “Best Practices in Safety” Recognition Program Application

The Dayton Builders Exchange (DBX) “Best Practices in Safety” Program Award recognizes DBX member companies in good standing that have demonstrated a commitment to improving jobsite safety through development, implementation, and enforcement of a safety and risk management program.

This program is more than an award program and companies are not in competition with other companies. The program is designed to not only recognize you for your commitment to safety, but to also provide you with an in-depth evaluation of your safety program by an industry professional. Because of the unique nature of this award, you can use it effectively with your clients, insurance company and even OSHA.

Eligibility:

Submissions must come from a DBX member company in good standing with a documented safety/risk management program including a formal written safety program.

Confidentiality:

The information in Section 1 of this application, and any reference in any part of this application to a specific company, will not be included with the application when the submissions are judged. All information provided on this application will be kept in strict confidence. DBX reserves the right to publish any innovative safety ideas from the submissions for the good of the industry. However, any company-specific information regarding accident or injury statistics, or any other information identified by the applicant as proprietary, will be kept in strict confidence.

Judging:

Applications will be judged anonymously by an industry panel headed up by nationally renowned OSHA / Workers Compensation Attorney, Gary Auman, of the Legal Firm Auman, Mahan and Furry.

Deadline:

Deadline for entries is **June 12, 2026**. Winners will be announced during Team Building Night on August 13, 2026.

Entry Submission:

Please email your completed application to Brenda Lightner at brl@amfdayton.com. Mailed applications are no longer accepted.

Entry Fee: There is a \$350 entry fee to have your safety plan reviewed by Gary Auman. **In return, you will receive a detailed, written critique of the information provided with your application. This evaluation letter is designed specifically to facilitate ongoing safety program improvement for every participating member.** The entry fee also includes a complimentary registration to Team Building Night. Payment via credit card can be submitted after filling out the online form or a check can be made out to DBX and sent to the address below. **The application fee must be paid by June 30, 2026 or the application will be disqualified.**

Dayton Builders Exchange
Attn: Best Practices in Safety
7250 Poe Ave., Suite 410
Dayton, OH 45414

More Information:

Questions regarding the application may be directed to Gary Auman's Assistant, Brenda Lightner, at brl@amfdayton.com or by calling 937-223-6003 ext. 3122.

Instructions

Please complete the following information about your company. Complete and accurate information will help the judging process and will likewise assist your company in receiving appropriate consideration. Feel free to attach additional paper if necessary for longer answers. **DO NOT SUBMIT YOUR ENTIRE COMPANY SAFETY PROGRAM. YOUR APPLICATION WILL BE REJECTED.**

Section 1: General Information

Company Name

Contact Name

Address

City

State

Zip

Telephone

Email

Please check one:

Small Company (less than 100,000 man-hours)

Medium Company (100,001 – 500,000 man hours)

Large Company (more than 500,001 man-hours)

Does your company have a formal written safety program? Yes No

What is your: EMR Rate

Lost Time Rate

Total Recordable Injury Rate (TRIR)

Restricted Duty Rate

Section 2: Company Safety Program

Please submit a word document of all answers numbered accordingly. Yes or No answers may be marked on the application. Please make your responses as complete as possible. All individual questions must be answered directly and specifically. **DO NOT SEND A COPY OF YOUR ENTIRE SAFETY PROGRAM!**

Doing so will result in the rejection of your application.

- 1) When and how do you train your new employees and indoctrinate them into your safety program and company expectations? Please provide a list of the topics you cover with them during this orientation and describe how you conduct (present) your orientation program. Also include information on how you continually ensure the level of safety knowledge your employees have every day.

2) Describe all aspects of your Fall Protection Program. Please limit your response to 2 pages.

3) Please describe in detail your safety enforcement program.

4) Do you have a substance abuse program? Yes No

4a) When do you test?

4b) If yes, please describe the program.

5) Does your company have a formal Heat Illness Prevention Program? Yes No
If so, please describe this program.

Section 3: For Informational Use and Bonus Points

The questions in this section will be used for informational purposes only and may count as one bonus point each to be added to your overall score.

1) Does your company have an Emergency Action Plan including first-aid, communication, and evacuation?

Yes No

If yes, how do you communicate this program to your employees in the field and how are they trained on the procedures?

2) What is your greatest safety risk as a Contractor and how do you mitigate that?

All applications will be graded and recognition will be awarded at a Bronze, Silver, Gold, Platinum or Participant level. Each applicant will be judged anonymously and will receive a letter critiquing their program from Gary Auman. All participants will receive certificates, and those receiving Bronze, Silver, Gold, or Platinum awards will receive recognition during Team Building Night on August 13, 2026.

Please indicate to whom you would like the feedback sent and their email address

Name

Email

All applications must be received no later than June 12, 2026.

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For Office Use Only: DATE RECEIVED _____ ENTRY NO. _____