

## POSITION PAPER: OSHA ALLIANCE

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### **The American Supply Association is Establishing an Alliance with OSHA.**

- ASA and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) recognize the value of establishing a collaborative relationship to foster safer and healthier workplaces.
- ASA and OSHA are forming an Alliance to provide ASA's members, with information, guidance, and access to training resources that will help members protect employees' health and safety.
- ASA and OSHA will work together to achieve the following training and educational goals:
  - Provide expertise to develop training and education programs for ASA members;
  - Provide expertise in developing information on the recognition and prevention of workplace hazards particular to our industry; and
  - Convene or participate in forums, round table discussions, or stakeholder meetings to provide input on safety and health issues or to help forge innovative solutions in the workplace.
- The Alliance will provide ASA members an opportunity to participate in a voluntary cooperative relationship with OSHA for purposes such as training and education, outreach and communication and promoting a national dialogue on workplace safety and health.
- ASA's participation in the Alliance illustrates ASA's pro-active approach to health and safety issues – such as ergonomics. When the new administration takes office in 2009, they may propose a new ergonomics regulation. ASA participation with the Alliance will put us in a better position to work on any regulation.

