



## **NSC Distinguished Service to Safety Award** **Frequently Asked Questions**

### **What is the NSC Distinguished Service to Safety Award?**

Since 1942, the National Safety Council has honored excellence in safety, and the Distinguished Service to Safety Award is among the most prestigious award for individuals in safety. Several industry specific awards are given each year, highlighting excellence in safety across industries.

### **Who is eligible to apply?**

Any organization around the world can nominate their safety professionals, whether or not the company they work for are NSC Members. Distinguished Service to Safety Award nominees cannot nominate themselves.

### **I have several great safety professionals I would like to honor. Can I nominate each of them?**

Absolutely! The National Safety Council recognizes many organizations have large safety programs in this country and around the world – or even just a number of exceptional employees.

### **My nominee received an award from the National Safety Council or another entity. Is s/he eligible for a Distinguished Service to Safety Award?**

Yes. The Council does not consider other awards during the judging process with the exception of previous Distinguished Service to Safety Award – any individual is only eligible for to win this award once in their lifetime.

### **Does the nominee or nominator have to be a member of the National Safety Council?**

No, membership to the National Safety Council is not required. Any corporation, organization, coalition or individual is eligible to nominate someone for the NSC Distinguished Service to Safety Award. The criteria do not reflect membership status or investment in the National Safety Council.

### **Is there a fee to apply?**

No. There are no fees to nominate someone for the NSC Distinguished Service to Safety Award.



## **Are companies, organizations or individuals outside the United States eligible to nominate someone for a Distinguished Service to Safety Award?**

Yes.

## **How and when does the Council notify the winner?**

The Council notifies the recipients no later than June 2018. The recipient will be posted on [www.nsc.org](http://www.nsc.org) and announced via press release after the award is presented at the 2018 Congress & Expo in Houston in October 2018.

## **Nomination Process**

### **When and how does the Council accept submissions?**

The Council accepts submissions via an online nomination from February through April 2018. Nominators must complete the nominations in the online form – no paper or emailed submissions are considered.

### **I am having trouble using the online nomination. Whom can I call?**

Please email [sarah.vanhuis@nsc.org](mailto:sarah.vanhuis@nsc.org) with **DSSA Technical Assistance Request** in the subject line.

## **Judging Process**

### **How will my nomination be judged and by whom?**

Submissions are reviewed by staff for completeness, then sent to a cross-industry review committee comprised of volunteers. These volunteers are deeply invested in the Council, often acting as Board Members, Delegates, Subject Matter Experts, or Division Leaders in addition to their role as safety professionals. The committee then reviews each nomination and discusses the nominations with the highest scores to make the recommendation on a winner. Recommended winners are then subject to criminal history and organizational vetting to ensure they are in line with the NSC Awards values and are working toward the goals of the National Safety Council – to end preventable deaths in our lifetime.

### **If I have additional questions, can I call the National Safety Council office?**

If you have additional questions, please contact Sarah Van Huis at [sarah.vanhuis@nsc.org](mailto:sarah.vanhuis@nsc.org) or call her at 630-775-2236.

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