

## Abstract



## Safety Committees

### *Pitfalls and barriers to effectiveness*

Presentation length 1-1.5 hours.

Join the author of *Effective Safety Committees* in a session is meant to help those who are on safety committees as a chairperson or member. It is also targeted at those tasked to set up committees, or those currently on a committee by exploring the common pitfalls facing committees

Committees seem simple. A well-run committee appears to be done with ease. The truth is that committees are susceptible to many problems that may creep in even at the very beginning of the committee. Existing committees may lose their focus or become stagnant. Find out how to make them relevant again.

Some problems can smother a committee and make it completely ineffective. With the right tools and application of the concepts covered, committee members can better understand the purpose of the committee and how they can become more engaged.

Committees can be a powerful force for safety in the workplace and a real stakeholder in the safety system and its success. First, they must be effective.

### Attendees will learn

- How the safety committee fits into the safety management system;
- How committees need to communicate with stakeholders;
- Who should be on a safety committee – and who shouldn't;
- How to set clear member expectations; and
- How to improve their workplace safety committees.