

WEST CENTRAL OHIO SAFETY COUNCIL
ENROLLMENT FORM



BWC co-sponsors safety councils to provide Ohio employers with access to occupational safety and health, workers' compensation and risk management education, networking, and resource sharing.

In completing this enrollment form, the employer makes a commitment to send representatives to monthly safety council meetings.

Enrollment date _____

Employer name _____

Employee name(s) _____

Physical address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone & Cell number _____

E-mail address(es) _____

BWC policy number _____

Printed name _____

Title _____

Signature _____



**West Central Ohio
Safety Council**

West Central Ohio Safety Council FY2027 Membership Drive



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West Central Ohio Safety Council Launches Membership Drive for 2027 Program Year

LIMA, OHIO — The West Central Ohio Safety Council is inviting businesses and organizations throughout the Greater Lima and West Central Ohio region to join its growing network of employers committed to workplace safety, employee wellness, and risk reduction.

Managed by the Lima/Allen County Chamber of Commerce in partnership with the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation Division of Safety & Hygiene, the Safety Council provides businesses with valuable education, networking opportunities, and access to safety resources designed to help employers build safer, healthier workplaces.

The annual membership drive encourages companies of all sizes to participate in the council's monthly safety meetings, educational programming, and rebate opportunities.

"Safety is more than compliance — it's culture," said Deb Katzenmeyer, Director of the West Central Ohio Safety Council.

"Our Safety Council brings together employers, safety professionals, and community leaders who want to protect their employees, reduce workplace incidents, and strengthen their organizations."

Membership benefits include:

- Monthly educational safety programs featuring industry experts
- Networking opportunities with regional businesses and safety professionals
- Access to Ohio BWC resources and training information
- Eligibility for potential Ohio BWC premium rebate opportunities
- Opportunities for employee engagement and workplace wellness education

The West Central Ohio Safety Council meets on the second Tuesday of each month at the Howard Johnson in Lima, with breakfast beginning at 7:30 a.m. and presentations starting at 8:00 a.m.

Annual membership dues are \$250 per company and include attendance for up to two representatives at all monthly meetings throughout the program year.

Businesses interested in joining the Safety Council or learning more about sponsorship opportunities are encouraged to contact Deb Katzenmeyer at 419-222-6708 or visit [Lima Chamber Website](#).

The West Central Ohio Safety Council — in partnership with the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation, Division of Safety Services, and the Lima/Allen County Chamber of Commerce — exists to put safety first. We ignite awareness, elevate standards, and empower businesses across the West Central Ohio and Greater Lima region to build workplaces where safety isn't an afterthought — it's the foundation. Because when safety leads, businesses grow stronger, employees go home protected, and our entire community thrives.



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BWC Safety Council Program

Discover the power of:



Collaboration



Innovation



Networking

Collaborate with local resources to develop prevention strategies and techniques that will enhance the safety of your workforce.

How can participating in your local safety council benefit you?

- Learn techniques for increasing safety, health, and wellness in your workplace.
- Network and collaborate with other employers in your community to share best practices.
- Learn about resources that can assist you in your accident prevention efforts.
- Discover new and innovative safety techniques.

Earn up to 3% back on your policy

JOIN TODAY



<https://limachamber.com/membership/opportunities/safety-council/>

BWC Safety Council Program

Participation made simple.

- Join your local safety council by Sept 30 2026.
- Attend 10 in-person safety council meetings between July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027.
- Members may earn up to 4 additional credits by:
 - o Attending virtual or in-person training including BWC safety training courses (BWC on-line e-courses and webinars do not qualify); Or attending in-person safety training provided by external sources (e.g., industry associations, third-party administrators, etc.) that is approved by BWC. (2 credits maximum)
 - o Completing a Comprehensive Onsite Consultation visit by a BWC Field Safety Service Consultant. This consultation must include a full hazard assessment and a claims review (Up to two credits maximum; limited to once every three years)



Additional safety council rebate eligibility guidelines:

- A person can represent only one policy number with attendance at safety council meeting(s) or external training event(s).
- Safety council monthly meetings do not qualify for meeting credit for any employer not enrolled in that safety council.



* The rebate offer excludes self-insuring employers and state agencies. Limitations apply to professional/alternate employer organizations and their clients.

To receive the rebate, not to exceed \$5,000 annually, employers' policies must be current with respect to all payments due BWC. Employers may not have cumulative lapses in workers' compensation coverage in excess of 40 days within the prior 12 months. Additionally, employers must have timely reported actual payroll for the preceding policy year and pay any premium due upon reconciliation of estimated premium and actual premium .