



ABC Health and Safety Alliance FAQ

Position yourself as an industry leader through the ABC Health and Safety Alliance.

1. What is the ABC Health and Safety Alliance?

Launched on Jan. 15, 2025, the ABC Health and Safety Alliance—a prestigious mark of excellence—acknowledges members who:

- Actively use the ABC STEP® Health and Safety Management System to measure, strengthen and build their program annually.
- Demonstrate a long-term commitment to health and safety.
- Uphold health and safety as a core company value.

The ABC Health and Safety Alliance encompasses all ABC health and safety programs, including STEP, the Total Human Health Initiative, the ABC Health and Safety Leadership Forum, the Health and Safety Performance Report and the National Health and Safety Excellence Awards.

Members do not have to be an alliance member to participate in the above programs, but members do need to participate in STEP to be an alliance member.

2. How is the Health and Safety Alliance different from earning a STEP certificate?

Health and Safety Alliance:

- Focuses on consistent, long-term commitment to health and safety.
- Members receive an annual membership certificate after submitting their performance data through the STEP self-assessment portal each year.
- Members that complete their STEP self-assessment in 2025 will be recognized as founding members of the ABC Health and Safety Alliance and receive an emblem of founding member recognition for use in their marketing.
- Each year, members will be recognized for the length of time they have been an alliance member with special recognition for milestone anniversary years, such as five, 10 and 15 years.

STEP Certificate:

- Measures and recognizes a specific STEP performance level for the previous year only.
- After members submit their data, they receive a STEP recognition level (Bronze, Silver, Gold, Platinum or Diamond).
- The level can vary year to year based on incremental improvements and performance results.

3. Can a member participate in both the Alliance and STEP?

Yes. By participating in STEP, companies become a member of the ABC Health and Safety Alliance.



Elevate your company's reputation by leading the industry in health and safety

4. How do members receive both their Health and Safety Alliance and STEP certificates?

Data Submission: Members must enter their health and safety data through the STEP Health and Safety Management System self-assessment portal to receive either certificate.

- **Health and Safety Alliance Certificate:** Once STEP data is submitted, members may download their ABC Health and Safety Alliance certificate for the current year. They will also be provided with the Health and Safety Alliance seal to use in their marketing.
- **STEP Certificate:** Members will be notified of their STEP performance level for the previous year, and they may then download their STEP certificate if they choose to receive it.
- **Chapter Recognition:** Chapters will also be notified of a member's STEP level so they can celebrate a member's achievement locally. Members are allowed to opt out of recognition.

5. What are the benefits of joining the ABC Health and Safety Alliance?

- **Continuous Recognition:** Members are applauded for their commitment to health and safety as a core value every year.
- **Ongoing Support:** The importance of continuously improving health and safety practices is reinforced.
- **Peer Acknowledgment:** Members showcase their company's lasting commitment to health and safety.
- **Industry Recognition:** Members can market their membership in the alliance on bid proposals and more.

6. What is the main takeaway for members?

ABC encourages all members to take advantage of both the alliance and STEP. By doing so, members:

- Highlight their company's ongoing, sustained commitment to health and safety.
- Showcase their actual health and safety performance level each year through their STEP participation.
- Measure, strengthen and build their health and safety culture, performance and reputation in the industry.

7. Where can members receive more information?

Reach out to Joe Xavier at xavier@abc.org for additional resources, guidelines or assistance with STEP and the ABC Health and Safety Alliance.

Gain recognition for your commitment and achievements in health and safety!

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