The Nebraska's Safest Companies Award was established to recognize and celebrate companies who don’t take shortcuts with their safety, have a commendable safety program, and impeccable safety records based on their industry and size.

To apply, NSCN member companies will complete the Nebraska's Safest Companies Application before **February 28, 2022**.

In addition to providing injury data, members will also complete the Safety Program Evaluation Scorecard. It measures progress in implementing a comprehensive safety program. The application is a secure page, and all information provided is confidential. After submitting your application, you will receive a confirmation e-mail.

Based on your NAICS code, applications are reviewed using your company’s safety statistics against industry averages and similar sized companies.

**It doesn’t matter if your company is small or in a unique industry …it’s your safety record that counts! Be rewarded for your results.**

We encourage all members to apply for the award – even if you think you may not earn an award this year. Participating companies who do not receive an award can receive a brief walk-through inspection by one of the National Safety Council, Nebraska consulting staff.
Award Information

♦ All entries must be a member of the National Safety Council, Nebraska
♦ Applicants must complete the online, secure application providing data from the past 3 years. Applicants will also complete the online Safety Program Evaluation Scorecard. The application will take new applicants approximately 30 minutes.
♦ Applicants will receive a copy of their application via email once submitted.
♦ All applicants will receive award notification prior to March 31, 2022
♦ All National Safety Council, Nebraska members are invited to the annual Celebration of Safety on May 11, 2022 to enjoy a nationally recognized speaker and network with other safety professionals.

There are two levels of awards – Nebraska’s Safest Company and Nebraska’s Safest Company with Distinction. Information below provides specifics regarding the two levels. All applicants must provide 3 years of data from their OSHA 300 logs and complete the Safety Program Evaluation Scorecard.

How your information is used to become a Nebraska’s Safest Company:

• Using your Incident, Lost Time, and DART rate data, your NAICS code and BLS industry averages, a 3 year weighted average is established. Nebraska Safest Companies must be better than industry average.
• Using your results from your Safety Program Evaluation Scorecard, Nebraska’s Safest Companies must score higher than 75 points.

How your information is used to become a Nebraska’s Safest Company with Distinction:

• Using your Incident, Lost Time, and DART rate data, your NAICS code and BLS industry averages, a 3 year weighted average is established. Nebraska Safest Companies with Distinction must be 50%+ better than industry average.
• Using your results from your Safety Program Evaluation Scorecard, Nebraska’s Safest Company with Distinction must score higher than 112 points.

All award recipients will receive an award with a year designation that indicates the number of years an organization has received the award. Recipients will be recognized at the Celebration of Safety luncheon and in the Midlands Business Journal. Recipients will also receive access to the 2022 electronic logo that can be used on your website or email signature.
Frequently Asked Questions

1. Multiple locations, operations units or multiple units within an organization:
   Entities that are office only, operations units or separate divisions within an organization must have 20 or more employees.

   For multiple units within an organization: if you elect to submit separate applications for various establishments/branches within your organization, the reporting units must have twenty or more employees each and maintain their safety results separately within your organization. If you are submitting more than one application, be sure to enter a DISTINCT “Company Name” in each application, e.g. by adding the location or the function of the unit to your company name. (This is especially important if your divisions are at the same address.)

   Examples of How to Distinguish by Location and by Function:
   You may elect to submit separate applications for various divisions/operating units/branches/offices within your organization if the reporting units have twenty or more employees each and maintain their safety results separately within your organization.

   Example 1 - How to distinguish by location
   - My Company, Beatrice
   - My Company, Hartington
   - My Company, Gering

   Example 2 - How to distinguish by function:
   - My Company, Parts Manufacturing
   - My Company, Adhesives
   - My Company, Final Production
   - My Company, Office Only

2. Choosing an NAICS Code:
   Your reporting code will be a North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code. Please enter a reporting code that corresponds to an industry that has a hazard exposure that is similar to yours. If your company has multiple NAICS please choose the code that represents the majority of your business.

3. Years of Data Required:
   Please submit annual information for the past three years. NOTE: If you submitted data last year, check that box on the application. You will then only be required to enter current year’s data.

   New Applicants must submit a copy of OSHA 300 log summaries or equivalent for 2019, 2020 and 2021. Re-applications submit 2021 summaries, however, be sure all numbers are provided on form.
4. Definition of DART RATE, Lost Time Case Rate, and OSHA Recordable Cases (Incidence Rate):

**Incidence Rates (IR)**
Rates will be calculated for you based on the data you enter. For reference, here are the formulas that are used.

The OSHA Recordable Incident Rate (or Incident Rate) is calculated by multiplying the number of recordable cases by 200,000, and then dividing that number by the number of labor hours at the company.

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\text{IR Rate} = \frac{\text{Number of OSHA Recordable Cases} \times 200,000}{\text{Number of Employee Labor Hours Worked}}
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**Lost Time Case Rate (LTC)**
The Lost Time Case Rate is a similar calculation, only it uses the number of cases that contained lost work days. The calculation is made by multiplying the number of incidents that were lost time cases by 200,000 and then dividing that by the employee labor hours at the company.

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\text{LTC Rate} = \frac{\text{Number of Lost Time Cases} \times 200,000}{\text{Number of Employee Labor Hours Worked}}
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**Days Away Restricted Transferred (DART) Rate**
The DART rate is relatively new to industry. This rate is calculated by adding up the number of incidents that had one or more Lost Days, one or more Restricted Days or that resulted in an employee transferring to a different job within the company, and multiplying that number by 200,000, then dividing that number by the number of employee labor hours at the company.

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\text{DART Rate} = \frac{\text{Number of DART Incidents} \times 200,000}{\text{Number of Employee Labor Hours Worked}}
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5. About the Safety Program Evaluation Scorecard:
The scorecard is an important piece of the Nebraska’s Safest Companies Awards Program, but it was also designed to be a helpful guide for those working to strengthen their safety programs.

Elements in the scorecard are consistent with a comprehensive safety program. Your points will be automatically totaled when you have completed the scorecard. There is a total of 150 possible points. After submitting your application, you will receive a confirmation e-mail.

Apply online at www.SafeNebraska.org
Applications are due on February 28, 2022.