

# An Overview of the Michigan Voluntary Protection Programs



If your establishment is a high achiever with occupational safety and health as a core value and has an outstanding safety and health management system you may be interested in applying for MIOSHA's MVPP.

## Michigan Voluntary Protection Programs (MVPP)

The **Michigan Star** designation is the most rigorous of the MVPP. Its purpose is to recognize "the best of the best" in safety and health.

The **Rising Star** program provides the "stepping stone" for those establishments that have the desire and potential to achieve Star Status within three years.

## Benefits of Participation in the MVPP

- Recognition by MIOSHA as a leader in health and safety and a model for their industry.
- Sense of pride, teamwork, and increased morale within the company.
- Statewide and local community recognition. Competitive advantage in the industry through reduced losses in workers compensation.
- Opportunity to showcase best industry safety and health practices.
- Opportunity to mentor other establishments interested in applying for MVPP.



## Application Process

The application can be submitted for either the Michigan "Star" or "Rising Star" program. To be eligible for the Star program the applicant must demonstrate that the injury and illness incidence rates for each of the last three complete calendar years are below the rates published for the respective North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). To be considered for the Rising Star program the applicant must have two out of the last three years at or below the industry average for their NAICS code.

## The MVPP Basic Elements

- **Management Commitment**
- **Employee Involvement**
- **Worksite Analysis**
- **Hazard Prevention and Control**
- **Safety and Health Training**

## For More Information

An MVPP information kit, which includes the application guideline, is available through the Consultation Education and Training Division (CET). The CET Division can be contacted by mail or by phone at (517) 322-1809.

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