

SAFETY ON THE EDGE
AWARDS POLICY 2026

Safety On The Edge



Outline for Safety On The Edge Awards Policy

1. Introduction

A. Purpose of the Award

The Safety On The Edge Award for Excellence is aimed at the recognition of companies for 'excellence in safety'.

The measurement of 'excellence' will be a rigorous process that provides for valid benchmarking between various companies. It will be based on the measurement of 'upstream' organizational processes and not on the assessment of 'downstream' lagging performance indicators.

B. Importance of Safety in the Industry

The primary goal of safety is to prevent injuries, illnesses, and fatalities among workers, the protection of human life and health. The Safety On The Edge award aims not only to recognize those endeavors, but to support participating organizations companies to improve them and make an impact both within their companies, families and local communities.

2. Award Categories

Category 1: Companies or corporations that have a global/multinational or national footprint, with several locations and/or services, OR companies with more than 1000 employees

Category 2: Smaller companies that have only or two locations, with typically less than 1000 employees

3. Eligibility and Criteria

A. Eligibility Requirements

Companies that are eligible must be considered as standalone operations, creating products or providing services, employing more than 50 people, in any industry and in any location globally.

Each application will require participation in the full process of assessments after acceptance by the Committee.

B. Overview of the Award Program

The Award program will consist of the following phases:

Phase 1: Interested organizations (sites, business units, locations, corporations) lodge their intention to participate in the process, by 15 March 2026, and Safety On The Edge announces the selected companies.

Phase 2: Selected companies complete a self-assessment, using the Safety On The Edge criteria document that consists of 18 criteria.

Companies score themselves on an 8-point scale and write a 100-word explanation on each criterion and can provide evidence to substantiate their claimed self-assessment, by end of 31 March 2026.

Phase 3: Four finalists are announced on 19 April 2026.

Two representatives from each of these 4 companies will receive free registrations, do a 10-minute presentation to the audience, at the last session of the day. The audience will complete a secret electronic vote, and the final winners announced at gala event that evening on 5 May 2026. Each company must have a delegate at the conference to make their presentation.

C. Evaluation Criteria

The participating companies will be provided with a full questionnaire, to be completed on a fillable pdf form.

The following six categories, with several factors in each, are:

	Criteria	Score
Category 1: Leadership and Culture	4	32
Category 2: Risk management and Innovation	4	32
Category 3: Operational Excellence	4	32
Category 4: Performance and Continuous Improvement	6	48
TOTALS	18	144

The criteria, on each of the 36 factors, are based on the IADRIL model, which defines the levels of impact and maturity of interventions as follows:

I	A	D	R	I	I
Intent (Why)	Approach (What)	Deployment (How)	Results (Much)	Improvement (Impact)	Integration (Invisible)
Intervention basic design completed, Intent clear, pilot deployment done, first steps in operations rolled out.	Intervention is well-defined, has clear, planned logic, steps or phases outlined, deployed with some reach to shop floor.	Intervention satisfies What, Who and How, is widely used at shop floor. Users are involved.	Intervention has impact, results measured with qualitative and quantitative metrics.	Intervention has been improved in terms of design, scope or impact since inception.	Intervention is seamlessly integrated into work processes and routines.

C. Media Exposure

- Press Releases: Winning a prestigious award is newsworthy, and press releases can lead to coverage in industry-specific publications, local and national media, and online platforms.
- Social Media: The award provides content for the company's social media channels, increasing engagement and reach among followers, stakeholders, and potential customers.

D. Enhanced Reputation

- Customer Trust: Customers are more likely to trust and do business with a company recognized for its safety standards, leading to increased customer loyalty and potentially higher sales.
- Investor Confidence: Investors and shareholders view the award as a positive indicator of the company's management and operational practices, which can enhance investor confidence and support for the company's growth initiatives.

By achieving recognition through a prestigious safety award, a company can significantly bolster its position in the industry, strengthen its internal culture, and enhance its overall market presence.

Safety On The Edge will publish a 'whitepaper' that will be researched and written by the judging panel, as an outline of key strengths and capabilities of the winning group of companies, also as a register of "best practices". All attendees will be provided with a free copy of this research.

12. Contact Information

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Apply to be part of the Safety On The Edge Awards

To submit an expression of interest for your company to participate in The Safety On The Edge Award please fill in the below form and submit to contact@safetiontheedge.com before 15 March 2026.

Your Name	Job Title
Email	Phone No.
Company Name	
Company Type <input type="radio"/> Category 1 <input type="radio"/> Category 2	Country
Industry Sector (eg Mining, Utilities, Oil & Gas)	



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