



QUESTION GUIDELINES FOR SHHS LIVING HISTORY RECORD

Name of Person Interviewed : _____ Email: _____

Interview Date: _____ Phone: _____

Interview Location (City, State): _____

Was the Interview Recorded? No Yes: Audio Video

Person Arranging for/ Conducting the Interview (if different than above)

Name: _____

Contact Data: Mail, phone, email

QUESTIONS

Use the questions as a guide. Change or add to the contents. Please expand on the answers as necessary. When submitting a report, consider including a copy of the Curriculum Vitae or Professional Resume of the interviewed person.

A. QUESTIONS ABOUT THE INTERVIEWED PERSON

- 1. What was your first job in safety and health? What year did you start? Who was your first employer? Where was that job located? What year was that? Was that role part-time or full-time?
2. What was your education level when you began work in safety and health?
 HS
 Some college
 Associate degree
 Bachelor's degree (Field of study? _____)
 Graduate/professional degree (Field of study? _____)
 Other specialized training (Explain)

3. Prior to your first job in safety and health, what kind of work did you do?

Explain: _____

4. Which of the following best describes how you became interested in safety and health.

- I served on an employer safety and health committee and got interested
- I started in a craft and became interested in safety and health for my craft and others
- I volunteered to fill a vacant safety and health position
- I applied for a vacant safety and health position with no experience and was selected
- A supervisor asked me to handle safety and health
- A friend/colleague in safety and health encouraged me to enter the field
- I started in HR and expanded into safety and health
- I started in engineering and expanded into safety and health
- I came directly from a safety and health degree
- Other? Explain: _____

5. Which of the following were you responsible for on your first job in S&H? (Check all that apply.)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Worker safety | <input type="checkbox"/> Worker compensation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Safety engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Risk management |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Systems safety | <input type="checkbox"/> Other insurance role _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Product safety | <input type="checkbox"/> Environment - general |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other safety _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental engineering |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial hygiene | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public health | <input type="checkbox"/> Medical |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Occupational health | <input type="checkbox"/> Occupational and environmental medicine |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental health | <input type="checkbox"/> Nursing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Health physics | <input type="checkbox"/> Occupational health nursing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fire protection | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ergonomics | |

6. What professional credentials do you currently hold or did you hold during your career in safety and health? (List all _____)

7. During your safety and health career, did you pursue additional education after you began? (Explain.)

B. YOUR SAFETY AND HEALTH WORK EXPERIENCES

8. Describe how your job responsibilities expanded during your career in safety and health.

Consider the following:

What were the additional positions that you held?

Did you oversee the work of others in safety and health? How many people?

Who did you report to as you progressed?

9. For how many years did you hold positions in safety and health?

10. Did you participate in safety and health organizations? Which ones? What were your roles?

11. How satisfied were you working in safety and health?

What aspects gave you the greatest level of satisfaction?

What aspects gave you the least satisfaction?

Were there aspects that caused dissatisfaction? What were they?

12. What incidents and events during your career can you point to as the most satisfying ones?

Name 2 to 4 of them.

Describe what happened in each case and how you were affected personally?

13. What incidents and events during your career were the most dissatisfying or disheartening?

Name a couple of them.

Describe what happened and how you were affected personally?

C. REFLECTING ON YOUR OVERALL EXPERIENCE IN SAFETY AND HEALTH WORK

14. How would you summarize your overall experience in safety and health work?

15. What can you point to that increased your success in safety and health practice during your career?

16. What would you consider your greatest accomplishments while working in safety and health?

D. CAREER STORIES TO SHARE

17. Are there specific stories you would like to share from your career in safety and health? The stories may have been events in the news or thought provoking, learning, or humorous events. (Please tell as many as you would like to. Give details.)

E. CHANGES DURING YOUR CAREER

18. What were the most significant changes in your safety and health practice that you experienced during your career in safety and health? Why are they significant?

(Discuss changes in your own career.)

19. In your opinion, what were the most significant changes in the safety and health profession during your career? What makes them significant?

F. COMMENTS FOR THE FUTURE

20. Do you have any recommendations for improving safety and health for the future? (Please identify and discuss them. Why are they important?)

21. Do you have any recommendations or words of advice for people entering safety and health practice today or in the near future? (Please identify and discuss them. Why are they important?)

G. RELEASE FORM

With any Living History Program submitted material, please complete and sign the Release Form.