

Darren James

Darren James began his career with the Department of Labor and Industries in 2003. For 6+ years Darren worked as a Safety and Health Consultant serving as a resource to assist employers in developing effective safety and health programs. Darren has a thorough understanding of the effects of injuries and the benefits of a safe and healthy work environment for businesses. Darren's experience in the Consultation program provided him with opportunities to work in a variety of industries as well as city and county government. These opportunities provided Darren with valuable experience in handling workplace safety and health issues when dealing with labor organizations, management structures, and political environments.

Darren is currently the Voluntary Protection Program Coordinator, a safety and health recognition program that he became familiar with while working as a Consultant. The Voluntary Protection Program, or VPP, recognizes employers for having excellent safety and health programs. These employers are marketed as model workplaces in Washington State. Employers in VPP have injury and illness rates that are below the national average for their industries. Employees of VPP businesses are actively involved in the safety and health programs. There are currently 27 VPP employers in Washington State and that number is growing.