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Talon Safety Excellence Awards

Information & Nomination Guide



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First – Please know this; anyone is eligible to nominate or be nominated for an ISSP Talon Award. ISSP membership IS NOT required. We established the Talon Award purely to help you recognize excellence and advance safety. It is our sincere hope that employees will nominate each other.

Second – For additional information or questions, email us at: contact@isspsafety.org or call (US) 405.694.1644

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The ISSP instituted the Talon Safety Excellence Award to formally recognize safety managers, organizational leaders, and other personnel for significant and meaningful contributions to safety.

Why establish the ISSP Talon Safety Excellence Award?

The ISSP is dedicated to advancing the global safety effort. We believe recognizing meaningful safety contributions is critical to achieving that objective.

Why Talon?

Talons are tools used by the great birds of prey to achieve victory. Each ISSP safety excellence award is named after one of several great birds of prey. These magnificent birds are rulers in their environment and are recognized as being superior in their respective communities, and so are top safety professionals and safety performers. As such we considered it fitting to name our Safety Excellence Award program after these great and majestic birds.

Must I be an ISSP member to nominate or receive a Talon Safety Excellence Award?

No. Anyone can nominate or be nominated for an award. The ISSP is dedicated to fostering and facilitating the highest level of safety accomplishment for your organization. We know recognition of safety excellence is essential for achieving high levels of safety performance and maintaining a positive safety culture. As such, we invite anyone and any organization to participate in our Talon Safety Excellence Award program.

Who is eligible to receive an award?

Any deserving individual, team or organization can be nominated for a Talon award. (see the enclosed ***Table of Awards***)

What are the ISSP Standards and Considerations for approving an award?

Nominees ARE NOT automatically approved. In-order to preserve the integrity of the Talon Safety Excellence Award program, the ISSP Awards Review Committee will conduct an in-depth review to determine the suitability of each nominee. This assessment may consist of contacting references and beneficiaries of the safety contributions, if deemed necessary, to learn more about the nominee. To be approved, a nominee must be upstanding, respectable and possess highly regarded character. The ISSP reserves the right to deny any nomination without stating reason or cause.

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How can I nominate someone for an award?

Nominating is easy, simply:

1. Go to www.isspsafety.org
2. Click on “Talon Safety Excellence Award”
3. Complete the nomination form and upload it to the website under the “Nomination” tab. Input credit card information but rest assured that your card will not be charged unless the nomination is approved.
4. The award review committee will review your nomination and provide direct feedback.
5. After the nomination is approved the award will be emailed to the nominating party.

What is the cost?

\$200 USD per approved nomination

Where is the award shipped to?

The approved award is emailed to nominating party to present.

Who can nominate a person for an award?

Anyone, except for the person being considered. It is our sincere hope that employees will nominate each other for a Talon award.

Who nominates an organization for an award?

Anyone serving on the ISSP Board or ISSP staff may nominate any organization who has three or more personnel who have received a Talon Safety Excellence Award.

How do I receive the Award?

The “Award Certificate” is emailed in the form of a non-editable PDF to an address specified by the nominator. The nominator or their designee is responsible for printing and presenting the award. In some cases, the award may be mailed to the nominator.

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| Award Title | Designation & Protocol | Justifications |
| Falcon | Awarded for excellence in safety management. | Awarded to Safety Manager/Directors for exceptional contribution to their organization safety initiative, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Significant improvement of safety infrastructure. • Significant contribution to organizational safety objectives. • Significant self-improvement and or professional development. • Innovation and implementation of safety tools that significantly improve or enhance safety. • Noteworthy contribution to the safety community at large. |
| Eagle | Awarded for leadership or management contribution to safety. | Awarded to organizational leaders and senior managers for significant contribution to their organization’s safety program, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Significant involvement or support resulting in enhanced safety culture or safety achievement. • Demonstrating noteworthy support and involvement of the organizations safety program through resourcing safety management professional development and promotion of safety. • Demonstrating a high degree of organizational safety objective achievement. |
| Hawk | Awarded to line employee for safety contribution. | Awarded to supervisors and line employees for significant support of their organizations safety objectives, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assuming a role as “Safety Champion” on the floor or work place. • Making an innovative or noteworthy safety suggestion. • Extraordinary or noteworthy promotion of or contribution to organization safety goals. |
| Osprey | Awarded for lifetime, career, or safety innovation contribution. | Awarded to safety professionals for significant lifetime, career, or safety innovation Contribution, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Years of contributions to the safety community at large. • Lifetime safety contribution or achievement in a respective industry or aspect of safety, such as: Trucking, Oil & Gas, Healthcare, Construction, Aviation, Mining, Transit, rail, etc. or Human Factors, Investigation, Ergonomics, Safety Management process, or other related areas. • Significant contribution to safety through authoring publications, books, or articles. |
| Kettle Award Hawks form kettles (flocks) prior to migration. Kettling serves as a form of avian communication as well as a way of gaining altitude and conserving strength. | Awarded to a team for significant safety contribution. | Awarded to a team of safety personnel for significant contribution to their organization or the safety community at large, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noteworthy contribution to the organizations safety goals. • Innovation that significantly improved or enhanced safety. |

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TSEA Nomination Form

Nominated by: _____ **Date submitted:** _____

Organization Name: _____

Position or Title: _____

Address: _____

Email address: _____

Phone Number: (include country code) _____

Nominees Name & Information:

Position, Title or Role in the organization: _____

Organization Name: _____

Address: _____

Email address: _____

Phone Number: (include country code) _____

Type Award Nominated For: Falcon Eagle Hawk Osprey Kettle

Write a brief narrative explaining why the individual, team, or organization deserves the award: (No more than 500 words – use continuation sheet if required)

List nominee references and contact information:

Reserved for Award Committee Comments:

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Example Talon Award Certificate



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