

VIRGINIA BEST



BUILDING EXCELLENCE IN SAFETY, HEALTH AND TRAINING AN AGCVA and VOSH STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

OVERSIGHT AND EVALUATION	SUSPENSION/TERMINATION
<p>1 An OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE will be established to review the program and make recommendations to the Commissioner of DOLI and AGCVA: VOSH personnel (2), AGCVA personnel (2), authorized representatives of employees (2), insurance carriers (1) and at least one representative from an independent third party such as ASSE, Virginia Occupational Health Nurses, National or Virginia Safety Council, etc.,.</p>	<p>1 A participant may be SUSPENDED from the program by the Commissioner of Labor and Industry during the investigation of a fatal accident or major incident at a covered worksite. The timing for reinstatement from the suspension will be at the sole discretion of the Commissioner. A participant will be automatically suspended from the program during the pendency of a termination process initiated by either the AGCVA or VOSH.</p>
<p>2 An ANNUAL EVALUATION of the program, its policies and procedures, the overall effectiveness of the program and recommendations for improvement will be conducted by the Oversight Committee.</p>	<p>2 Any participant may WITHDRAW from participation in the Virginia BEST Program at any time.</p>
<p>3 Virginia BEST will be evaluated annually to determine whether the annual goal of a three (3) percent reduction in the number of injuries, illnesses and fatalities has been met. AGCVA will be responsible for collating baseline and annual performance data upon which the program will be measured. This aggregated data will be reported to VOSH annually.</p>	<p>3 A participant will be TERMINATED by AGCVA and VOSH if one or more of the following occurs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An inspection by AGCVA or VOSH reveals a significant deviation from program criteria (e.g., a pattern of serious violations and/or unabated hazards is identified and verified).
<p>4 Participant incidence of injuries from the hazards that are the four leading causes of death on construction sites (falls, struck by, caught in/or between and electrocutions) will be measured and compared against a baseline established in the first year of Virginia BEST.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The participant has falsified information on the application or supporting records. • The participant refuses to cooperate with onsite reviews, or requests for prompt abatement of hazards. • The participant refuses to cooperate with onsite reviews, or requests for prompt abatement of hazards.
<p>5 Participants will submit an annual report by February 15th of each year in accordance with requirements in the Virginia BEST Policies and Procedure Manual. Annual Reports for each Participant must be reviewed every March/April by AGCVA and VOSH to assure that the Participant remains eligible to remain in the program.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The participant's total case injury/illness incidence rate rises above criteria set in VOSH Directives (in certain cases, when agreed upon by both AGCVA and VOSH, the contractor may be reclassified to a lower level). • A willful violation or failure to abate violation is issued by VOSH. • The participant engages in a pattern of participating in or allowing misclassification of employees. • The contractor takes other such actions that may be determined to be grounds for termination by AGCVA and/or VOSH. • The contractor is no longer a member in good standing with AGCVA.