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LLR ANNOUNCES 2026 SAFETY AWARD RECIPIENTS

The South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation announces the recipients of the 2026 Safety Achievement Awards. The Safety Awards program is the Agency's way of rewarding employers, both large and small, for the success of their safety and health programs.

The 2026 Safety Award Recipients are in the following three categories:

Palmetto Shining Star – These employers met at least one of the following criteria for the *private sector*: (1) no recordable injuries or illnesses during calendar year 2025; (2) a reduction of at least 40% in the employer's incidence rate between 2024 and 2025; (3) a difference of at least 75% in the employer's 2025 incidence rate and the 2024 South Carolina average rate for that industry; or (4) worked one million or more safe work hours without a lost-time injury or illness in 2024. For the *public sector*, the employers met one of the following criteria: (1) no recordable injuries or illnesses during calendar year 2025; (2) a reduction of at least 20% in an employer's incidence rate between 2024 and 2025 or a difference of at least 50% in the employer's 2025 incidence rate and the 2024 South Carolina average rate for that industry.

- BE&K Building Group, LLC
- Cooper Standard
- Crowder Industrial Construction, LLC
- Day & Zimmerman – Oconee Nuclear Station
- Landmark Construction Company, Inc.
- Milliken & Co. Johnston plant
- Shakespeare Company, LLC
- Volvo Car USA, LLC
- W.M. Jordan Company
- Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, LLC
- Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, LLC – Construction
- ZF Transmissions Gray Court, LLC

Rising Star – These employer's 2025 incidence rate was at least 75% lower than the 2024 national average incident rate for that respective industry.

- Vulcraft – South Carolina

Gleaming Star – These employers had less than 100 employees during 2024 and 2025, and demonstrated a culture of safety and health both on-site and in the community, and implemented new emerging technologies within the last year.

- Carolina Ingredients
- Frampton Construction
- MCG Mechanical, Inc.
- Rhythmlink International, LLC
- RQ Construction, LLC
- Trehel Corporation
- Van Winkle Construction

To honor the 20 South Carolina businesses selected for the 2026 Safety Awards, the Agency will host a reception on Monday, July 27, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. at The Gala Event Center (1801 Bush River Road, Columbia, SC 29210). If there are any questions, you may email Latoya.Sabb@llr.sc.gov or call (803) 896-7687.