



REWARDING IMPROVEMENT IN

# Patient or Organizational Safety in Healthcare Facilities

## What is Safety Star?

Each year, LHA Trust Funds rewards outstanding healthcare facilities with the LHA Malpractice and General Liability Trust Fund Safety Star Award – a public acknowledgment of their commitment to healthcare quality and safety.

Since its creation more than a decade ago, the LHA Trust Funds Safety Star Award recognizes providers who have implemented innovative ideas that support safety in healthcare.

If your facility can demonstrate improved patient or organizational safety due to improved technology, processes or programs, you are eligible to apply!

### Award winners receive:

- 1st place: A \$25,000 cash award + paid conference registration and expenses for a designee to attend the annual American Society of Healthcare Risk Management (ASHRM) conference.
- 2nd & 3rd place: Paid conference registration and expenses for a designee to attend the annual American Society of Healthcare Risk Management (ASHRM) conference.
- A recognition luncheon for your project team.
- Recognition by LHA Trust Funds on our website, in our promotional materials, and to our members.

## 2026 Call for Entries

September 10 - Nominations Open

October 22 - Nominations Close

January 5 - Winners Announced

## Qualification Criteria

- Applicant must be a member of the LHA Malpractice and General Liability Trust Fund.
- Nomination form must be submitted by the deadline.
- The project must be specific to processes or programs designed to improve patient or organizational safety.
- Project or initiative must have been conducted and completed between January 2025 - July 31, 2026.
- Project or initiative achieved positive measurable outcomes.

## SAFETY STAR AWARD PROJECT CRITERIA

Your project initiative must be related to patient or organizational safety.

The organization must be able to demonstrate positive outcomes in safety as a result of the project.

Examples of the types of projects you should consider include but are not limited to:

- Technological improvements or the use of technology to reduce risks of patient or visitor harm.
- Any systematic change or improvement in processes that have reduced the risk of incidents in the organization or improved performance, quality, or efficiencies.
- Any initiative that improved the safety of patients and the organization, or reduced the likelihood of harm.

## EXCLUSIONS

### Awards will not be given for:

- Submissions directly related to employee safety improvements.
- Projects that have been completed prior to January 2025 or after July 31, 2026.
- Projects that cannot demonstrate positive measurable outcomes over a designated period using internal data.

## ABOUT YOUR PROJECT

Three facilities who have successfully implemented ideas or processes that have improved safety will be honored with the Safety Star Award.

Your project must have data from quantifiable measurable outcomes to determine whether an improvement resulted from the interventions taken to address the identified problem.

All nominations should include outcomes data to show sustained improvements in quality or safety over a designated period.

## NOMINATION PROCESS

This is a self-nomination process. A successful submission will identify the objective and goals of the project and document the related outcomes.

To be considered for an award, organizations should complete the nomination form through the CHER® Online Education Portal.

Visit our website for application instructions:  
<https://lhatrustfunds.com/safety-star-award>.

Login to CHER® to access the digital nomination form here: <https://education.lhatrustfunds.com/>.

All nominations received by the deadline will be first reviewed by LHA Trust Funds in accordance with the Qualification Criteria.

To qualify for the award, nominations must meet all the criteria listed in the Qualification Criteria, including a project conducted and completed between **January 2025 - July 31, 2026**. Nominations that do not meet all criteria will be rejected and not scored.

All nominations that meet the Qualification Criteria will be de-identified and scored by an independent reviewer using a competitive scoring process and related score sheets that speak to the criteria below:

- Problem (project) identification
- Methodology for problem (project) identification
- Goals/Objectives
- Project Strategy
- Project Design & Implementation
- Outcomes Measurement
- Goal Achievement