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### **Three Westmark Sites Receive Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Award**

JUNEAU, Alaska—Labor and Workforce Development Commissioner Click Bishop approved Westmark Hotel in Anchorage, Westmark Inn in Skagway and Westmark Inn in Tok for the Alaska Occupational Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program renewal as a result of outstanding employee safety and health programs.

“It is an honor to receive the SHARP award for three of our Westmark hotels,” Safety Director Herb Everett said. “The award plaques will be displayed with pride in our hotels in Tok, Skagway and Anchorage.”

Companies that partner with AKOSH and achieve SHARP status are likely to experience fewer workplace accidents and reduced workers’ compensation insurance costs.

SHARP is a federal recognition program, administered by the Alaska Occupational Safety and Health Section in the Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development’s Standards and Safety Division. Participating employers are excused from programmed AKOSH enforcement inspections during the recognition period. However, employee complaints, accident investigations or other significant incidents will result in enforcement action.

For more information on how a business can become a SHARP participant or to see a list of current participants, visit SHARP online at [labor.state.ak.us/lss/OSH-SHARP.htm](http://labor.state.ak.us/lss/OSH-SHARP.htm), or call SHARP Program Coordinator Jeff Kolean at 907-269-4953 or email [Jeffrey.Kolean@Alaska.Gov](mailto:Jeffrey.Kolean@Alaska.Gov).

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