

Healthy Workplaces Coalition

Steering Committee:

International WELL
Building Institute (IWBI)

ISSA – The Worldwide
Cleaning Industry
Association

American Institute of
Architects (AIA)

American Society of
Heating, Refrigerating
and Air-Conditioning
Engineers (ASHRAE)

American Society of
Interior Designers
(ASID)

Building Owners and
Managers Association
International (BOMA)

Green Seal

International Facilities
Management
Association (IFMA)

The Real Estate
Roundtable

U.S. Green Building
Council (USGBC)

Background

In 2020, an informal group of more than 50 trade associations and nonprofit organizations came together to champion policy proposals that would provide critical federal support to help businesses implement workplace improvements and strategies to advance the health, safety and well-being of their employees and all others inside these facilities. In the past two years, businesses around the country have been struggling to meet these new and evolving expectations for returning safely to our buildings. More than ever, businesses need help as they face the unexpected costs to deploy proven workplace solutions and strategies to address a post-COVID-19 environment as well as broader health and safety-related issues into the future. While several policy proposals have emerged to address this challenge, Congress has yet to take action to help incentivize healthy workplace improvements. As market demand increases for businesses to invest in healthier workplaces, the need for federal action to support these businesses also increases. We need Congress to incentivize health and safety improvements for buildings at scale for all businesses of every size – all of which are struggling to meet these new expectations.

Goal

The Coalition's goals are centered around raising awareness, ensuring the public, policymakers and businesses understand that workplace health and safety is critical to doing business now and beyond the COVID-19 pandemic – and that businesses can implement and communicate tangible, data-backed actions that support workplace health and safety. Notably, according to a recent Honeywell survey, 68% of the global workforce does not feel completely safe working in their employer's buildings unless they are actively engaged in adopting measures to improve health and safety. The main objective of the Coalition is to support and advance federal policy aimed at helping businesses and other organizations better afford and implement health and safety improvements in workplaces and across the built environment for the benefit of employees, customers, and the public.

Who

The Healthy Workplaces Coalition is a non-partisan coalition of leading nonprofits, trade associations, companies and other entities committed to promoting and advocating for safer and healthier workplaces as well as associated federal policies that will help businesses toward this goal. The coalition is led by a Steering Committee made up of leading nonprofit, trade and business organizations committed to advancing healthier and safer workplaces. Additional members that share an interest in this mission are invited to join.

Steering Committee members include the International WELL Building Institute, ISSA – The Worldwide Cleaning Industry Association, American Institute of Architects (AIA), American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE), American Society of Interior Designers (ASID), Building Owners and Managers Association International (BOMA), Green Seal, International Facilities Management Association (IFMA), The Real Estate Roundtable and U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC).

The International WELL Building Institute and ISSA – The Worldwide Cleaning Industry Association are serving as the co-secretariat to the coalition, leading governance and membership. If your organization is interested in joining the Healthy Workplaces Coalition, please contact Jodie Applewhite at Jodie.applewhite@wellcertified.com or John Nothdurft at johnn@issa.com.

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Coalition Members

A SustainAble Production (ASAP)
Air-Conditioning, Heating, and Refrigeration Institute (AHRI)
American Hotel & Lodging Association
American Industrial Hygiene Association
Arxada; Business + Institutional Furniture Manufacturers Association (BIFMA)
Carrier Global Corporation
Daikin U.S. Corporation
Exhibitions & Conferences Alliance
Fellowes Brands
FMI- Food Industry Association
Global Green
Honeywell
Household and Commercial Products Association (HCPA)
Independent Office Products and Furniture Dealers Association
Institute for Market Transformation (IMT)
Institute for Sustainable Infrastructure
International Codes Council (ICC)
International Safety Equipment Association (ISEA)
Johnson Controls
Kimberly-Clark Professional
M Moser Associates
Mindful Materials
Plastarc
Poppy
PortionPac Chemical Corporation
Pritchard Industries
Schneider Electric
Spartan Chemical Company
Sustainable Investment Group
The IAPMO Group
Trane Technologies