

A Brief History- 30 Years of Keeping People Safe and On the Job



OPEN

1992-1999

1992 – Dianne Grote Adams founded an industrial hygiene and safety company called Emilcott/DGA.
1993 – Dianne wins the Industrial Hygienist of the Year Award from AIHA.
1995 – Office opens at 279 N. State St. in Westerville.
1999 – Company adds construction consulting services.



2000-2005

2001 – Office moves to 140 N. Otterbein Ave. in Westerville and voicemail and internet is available at each desk.
2001 – Company builds confined space simulator for onsite training.
2002 – Emilcott/DGA adds residential IAQs to its services.
2002 – First international client trip – destination Germany.
2003 – Company changes its name to Safex.
2003 – Safex creates its first website.
2004 – Safex earns Patriot Award and Chairman's Above and Beyond Award from the Department of Defense for supporting an active duty and reserve employee.

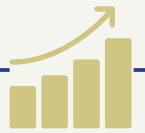


2006-2010

2006 – Safex earns AIHA Local Section Council award for Recognition of Exemplary Leadership and Dedication.
2007 – Dianne receives the Builders Exchange of Central Ohio Meg DeWerth Award for Industrial Impact in Safety.
2007 – Safex begins offering alternate work hours for work-life balance.
2007 – Safex launches custom customer relationship management tool.
2009 – Safex adopts two office parakeets.
2008 – Safex builds an onsite gym and develops an employee wellness program.
2008 – Company begins developing proprietary software for HSE professionals.
2010 – Safex installs solar panels as part of a Westerville sustainability program.
2010 – Three employees perform industrial hygiene work at the BP oil spill.

2011-2015

2011 – SUV crashes into Safex building but no one was hurt.
2011-2014 – Dianne Grote Adams earns the AIHA Board of Directors Recognition of Service honor.
2011 – Office and training center is renovated to accommodate growth.
2011 – eXion, the Safex suite of health and safety software, launches.
2013 – Safex wins the Medical Mutual Pillar Award for Community Service.
2014 – Safex appears in Columbus' Business First Book of Lists for the 1st time.
2014 – Safex awarded the Conway Family Business Center Community Engagement Award.
2014 – Bill Adams becomes an AIHA fellow, Dianne follows in 2017.
2015 – Safex begins sponsoring a work-study program for low-income students who attend Cristo Rey High School.
2015 – Safex's employees volunteer to help build a Habitat for Humanity house.



2016-2019

2016 – Safex establishes a charity fund to benefit organizations supporting women and children.
2017 – Safex recognized for 25 acts of community service while celebrating its 25th anniversary, including making blankets for kids in foster care, collecting backpacks and winter jackets.
2017 – Safex purchases LED lights and motion sensors through Westerville's sustainability program.
2017 – Safex become a GreenSpot certified business.
2018 – Dianne Grote Adams wins Otterbein University's Special Achievement Award for supporting safety and industrial hygiene professions.
2019 – Safex wins Westerville Chamber Small Business of the Year.
2019 – Company launches Safex On Demand, an online library for health and safety professionals anywhere in the world.



2020-2021

2020 – Dianne Grote Adams works with Otterbein to establish an environmental health and safety major.
2020 – Safex remains open during the COVID-19 pandemic as employees are considered essential for business.
2020 – Safex team develops and launches virtual AIHA Fundamentals of Industrial Hygiene training class.
2021 – Safex becomes part of Westerville's Zero Waste Green Team.
2021 – Safex now employs 6 Certified Industrial Hygienists.



2022

2022 – To position Safex for future growth, Ryan Moon assumes co-leadership role focused on operations. Dianne continues as President.
2022 – Safex celebrates its 30th anniversary by honoring clients and employees.

