



Retail Business Services

Meet Our 2018 Top Women in Grocery: Libby Christman, VP, Risk & Safety

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Each year, Progressive Grocer recognizes the Top Women in Grocery. This prestigious list celebrates women leaders who demonstrate outstanding leadership capabilities and honorable achievements in the grocery retail industry. Libby Christman, VP, Risk Management & Safety for Retail Business Services, is among this year's winners in the "Senior-level Executives" category.

A three-time Top Women in Grocery recipient, Libby was recognized for her standout achievements in two roles this year. As VP, Occupational Health & Safety in the Global Support Organization for Ahold Delhaize, she pursued global initiatives to ensure safe workplaces and promote health around the world. In this role, Libby developed and deployed Ahold Delhaize's first global safety strategy and vision, which established safety committees and performance indicators to track progress and results. Yielding favorable results of decreased injury rates and lost time injuries for most local brands, Libby's efforts help to increase associates' risk awareness, interest in safety activities, and understanding of the financial and personal impacts of injuries.

As VP, Risk Management & Safety for Retail Business Services, her current role, Libby is responsible for ensuring a safe workplace and shopping environment for associates and customers of Ahold Delhaize USA's great local brands. She also oversees robust business continuity planning, workers compensation and liability claims and litigation management, and property protection. Further, Libby supported merger integration work to pull four separate functions into a unified US Risk Management function, which now sits within the Legal organization in Retail Business Services. Leading a 135-person department, Libby works closely with Ahold Delhaize USA leaders to create and implement strategies to reduce risk and costs of risk.

Through her professional progression, Libby has gained indispensable insight on leadership and career development.

"The real value you can add to the organization may not be found in the official job description. If you're looking for growth and development, see how you can influence and make recommendations for change or improvements within in your current role," said Libby. "Sometimes the best way to get noticed is to take on or ask for responsibilities beyond your defined job."

Libby lives in Wormleysburg, Pennsylvania where she can be found glued to a bleacher watching her daughters play volleyball or lacrosse and sometimes running along Riverfront Park in Harrisburg. She earned her undergraduate degree in Economics from Ursinus College in Collegeville, Pennsylvania and an MBA from Lebanon Valley College.