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Protecting Workers from On-the-Job Crashes

Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of injury death at work, causing more than 35 percent of all work-related deaths in California in 2014.

Motor vehicle crashes have a devastating impact on workers and their families and affect businesses through lost productivity, medical and workers' compensation costs, and liability.

Employers can take steps to reduce workplace crashes.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Foundation's Business Pulse publication offers resources to enhance motor vehicle safety at work. The resources are from the CDC's National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) and CDC's National Center for Injury Prevention and Control.

The NIOSH Center for Motor Vehicle Safety is observing Drowsy Driving Prevention Week in November, hosted by the National Sleep Foundation. The campaign is designed to reduce the number of fatigue-related crashes and to save lives. Articles focused on this topic are featured in the current issue of the Center's newsletter Behind the Wheel at Work.

Photo: Car crashes are the leading cause of death at work.



Resources

CDC Foundation Business Pulse publication

NIOSH newsletter: Behind the Wheel at Work

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