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Factsheet



The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH)

is the U.S. federal agency responsible for conducting research and making recommendations for the prevention of work-related injury and illness. NIOSH is part of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

NIOSH Origins and Mission

The Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 created both NIOSH and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). OSHA is in the U.S. Department of Labor and is responsible for developing and enforcing workplace safety and health regulations. NIOSH is in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and is an agency established to help assure “safe and healthful working conditions for working men and women by providing research, information, education, and training in the field of occupational safety and health.”

NIOSH provides national and world leadership to prevent work-related illness, injury, disability, and death by gathering information, conducting scientific research, and translating the knowledge gained into products and services, including scientific information products, training videos, and recommendations for improving safety and health in the workplace.

Strategic Goals

The Institute’s broad goals include:

Conduct research to reduce work-related illnesses and injuries.

Promote safe and healthy workplaces through interventions, recommendations and capacity building.

Enhance global workplace safety and health through international collaborations.

Locations

NIOSH has a staff of over 1,200 people. Headquartered in Washington, D.C. and Atlanta, GA, NIOSH has research laboratories and offices in Cincinnati, OH, Morgantown, WV, Pittsburgh, PA, Spokane, WA, Anchorage, AK, and Denver, CO.

Research

NIOSH scientists carry out a focused program of intramural and extramural research to prevent or reduce work-related injury and illness. The National Occupational Research Agenda (NORA), is the framework that guides the efforts of the occupational safety and health community in selected priority research areas, such as: Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Construction; Health-care and Social Assistance; Manufacturing; Mining; Services; Wholesale and Retail Trade and; Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities. For more information on NORA visit the website at www.cdc.gov/niosh/nora.

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