Public Employee Safety and Health Bureau

Nine District Offices

Two Professional Disciplines

Safety and Industrial Hygiene

Safety: Inspectors’ addresses safety hazards and those health hazards appropriate for the inspector’s training.

Industrial Hygienist: Addresses health hazards, to include exposure to toxic substances and air quality, noise, and ergonomics.

Two Separate Departments

Enforcement and Consultation
Enforcement:
Conducts inspections and issues citations to comply and follow-up inspections to insure compliance

Consultation:
At Employer's request visits the workplace and determines if employer is in compliance with the regulations, administrative rules, and standards.

PROGRAM INFORMATION AND BENEFITS
Using a free consultation service partially funded by the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), public employers can find out about potential hazards at their worksites, improve their occupational injury and illness prevention programs, and qualify for an exemption from routine PESH inspections.

PROGRAM INFORMATION
The service is delivered by state government using well-trained professional staff. Most consultations take place on-site, though limited services away from the worksite are available.

Your only obligation will be to correct serious job safety and health hazards -- a commitment which you are expected to make prior to the actual visit and carry out in a timely manner.

BENEFITS
An effective workplace injury and illness prevention program at your worksite(s) will enable you to:

- Recognize and remove hazards from your workplace.
- Protect your workers from injury and illness.
- Prevent loss of life at your worksite.
- Cultivate informed and alert employees who take responsibility for their own and their coworkers' safety and for worksite safety as a whole.

MANAGERS
- An increased understanding of workplace hazards and remedies will put your managers in a better position to:
- Comply with federal and state safety and health requirements.
- Become more effective at their jobs.
- Experts believe that an organization with a well-managed injury and illness prevention program enjoys better overall management.
YOUR FACILITIES BENEFIT

An exemplary workplace injury and illness prevention program is "good business sense" that also makes financial sense because it will allow you to:

Learn first-hand that the cost of accident prevention is far lower than the cost of accidents.

WHAT HAPPENS DURING AN ON-SITE CONSULTATION VISIT?

Opening Conference:
When the consultant arrives at your worksite for the scheduled visit, he or she will first meet with you in an opening conference to briefly review the consultant's role and the obligation you incur as an employer.

WALK THROUGH

Together, you and the consultant will examine conditions in your workplace.
The consultant will study your entire workplace or the specific operations you designate and discuss the applicable PESH/OSHA standards. Consultants also will point out other safety or health risks.

A COMPREHENSIVE CONSULTATION ALSO INCLUDES:

1) appraisal of all mechanical and environmental hazards and physical work practices,
2) appraisal of the present injury and illness prevention program or establishment of one,
3) a conference with management on findings,
4) a written report of recommendations and agreements,
5) training and assistance with implementing recommendations.

THE ON-SITE CONSULTANTS WILL:

• Help you recognize hazards in your workplace
• Suggest general approaches or options for solving a safety or health problem
• Identify kinds of help available if you need further assistance
• Provide you a written report summarizing findings
• Assist you to develop or maintain an effective injury and illness prevention program
• Provide training and education for you and your employees

THE ON-SITE CONSULTANTS WILL NOT:

• Issue citations or propose penalties for violations of PESH/OSHA standards
• Report possible violations to PESH enforcement staff
• Guarantee that your workplace will "pass" an PESH inspection