

# 10 WAYS

to get your program started

- 1 **ESTABLISH SAFETY & HEALTH AS A CORE VALUE**
- 2 **LEAD BY EXAMPLE**
- 3 **IMPLEMENT A REPORTING SYSTEM**
- 4 **PROVIDE TRAINING**
- 5 **CONDUCT INSPECTIONS**
- 6 **COLLECT HAZARD CONTROL IDEAS**
- 7 **IMPLEMENT HAZARD CONTROLS**
- 8 **ADDRESS EMERGENCIES**
- 9 **SEEK INPUT ON WORKPLACE CHANGES**
- 10 **MAKE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE PROGRAM**



## OSHA'S ON-SITE CONSULTATION PROGRAM

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# IS YOUR WORKPLACE SAFE AND SOUND?

A safety and health program can help.

## WHAT IS A SAFETY AND HEALTH PROGRAM?

A safety and health program is a proactive way to manage hazards in the workplace to prevent injuries and illnesses. Several program models are available for employers to follow, including OSHA's *Recommended Practices for Safety and Health Programs*, NSC's Journey to Safety Excellence, ANSI Z-10, or international standards such as ISO 45001.

### All successful safety and health programs involve three key components:

- *Management leadership*
- *Worker participation*
- *A systematic approach to finding and fixing hazards*

No matter where your business is on safety and health, initiating a program or energizing an existing one using any of these approaches can help you take a step in the right direction.

## WHY IMPLEMENT A SAFETY AND HEALTH PROGRAM?

Each year, more than four million workers suffer from serious job-related injuries or illnesses, and more than 4,000 Americans die from work-related incidents. These incidents don't just hurt workers and their families, they hurt businesses as well. Whether at large organizations, medium-sized employers, or small businesses, safety and health programs can improve businesses' safety and health performance, save money, enhance your reputation, and help you be more competitive.

### Safety and health programs can help you:

- **Prevent** workplace injuries and illnesses
- **Improve** compliance with laws and regulations
- **Reduce** costs, including significant reductions in workers' compensation premiums, pay for time away from work, expenses for hiring and training replacement workers, and loss or damage to material, machinery, and property
- **Engage** workers
- **Enhance** your social responsibility goals
- **Increase** productivity and enhance overall business operations

## HOW DO I GET STARTED?

Getting started is easy and you can do it yourself. OSHA's *Recommended Practices for Safety and Health Programs* and *Recommended Practices for Safety and Health Programs in Construction* have been well received by a wide variety of stakeholders and are designed to be used in small and medium-sized business settings.

These documents present a step-by-step approach for implementing a safety and health program, built around seven core elements that make up a successful program.

## WHERE CAN I FIND HELP?

OSHA recognizes that regulations alone are not enough to change the safety culture in America, but a safety and health program is a way to start the journey to a safer workplace. Today's responsible business owners are actively managing safety in the workplace—why not get started now?

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## DOWNLOAD

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## Responsible Employers Manage Safety in the Workplace.