

Workplace Health Hazard Survey

This survey is being conducted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), an agency in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Your answers will help CDC improve how they keep people informed about services for reducing exposure to workplace health hazards.

1. What industry do you work in? (Please check one)

- Food and Beverage Manufacturing (Go to 1a)
- Services to Buildings and Dwellings (Go to 1b)
- Other (please specify: _____) (Go to 2)

1a. What type of food and beverage manufacturing? (Please check one.)

- Meat products
- Dairy products
- Canned, frozen, and preserved fruits, vegetables and food specialties
- Grain mill products
- Bakery products
- Sugar and confectionary products
- Fats and oils
- Beverages
- Other (please specify: _____)

1b. What type of services to buildings and dwellings? (Please check one.)

- Pest control services
- Building cleaning and maintenance services
- Carpet and upholstery cleaning services
- Lawn and garden services
- Other (please specify: _____)

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2. How long have you worked in this industry? (Please check one.)

- Less than one year
- 1-4 years
- 5-9 years
- 10-14 years
- 15-or more years

3. Overall, how many total employees work for your entire company? (Please check one.)

- Less than 50 employees
- 50-99 employees
- 100-249 employees
- More than 250 employees

4. In your current workplace, which of the following describe you? (Please check all that apply.)

- Owner/Chief executive
- Salaried employee
- Unionized wage-earner
- Non-unionized wage-earner
- Supervisor
- Manager
- Union representative
- Health and Safety Committee member
- Industrial hygienist/Safety professional
- Human resources professional
- Other (please specify: _____)

5. Are you...? (Please check one.)

- Female
- Male

6. Are you...? (Please check all that apply.)

- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Asian
- Black or African American
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- White
- Other

7. Are you Hispanic/Latino? (Please check one.)

- Yes
- No

8. In your current workplace, how concerned are you about each of the following health hazards? *(To appear in random order)*

| | Not at all concerned | A little concerned | Moderately concerned | Very concerned |
|---|----------------------|--------------------|----------------------|----------------|
| a. Chemical hazards (e.g., flavorings, solvents, pesticides, lead, asbestos) | | | | |
| b. Physical hazards (e.g., noise, radiation, heat, cold) | | | | |
| c. Biological hazards (e.g., mold, infectious agents, blood, human waste products) | | | | |
| d. Ergonomic hazards (e.g., repetitive motion, heavy lifting) | | | | |
| e. Other: (please specify: _____) | | | | |

9. Do you believe that workplace health hazards in your current workplace are causing any of the following types of symptoms, diseases, disorders, or injuries to workers? (To appear in random order)

| | Yes | No | Not sure/ Don't know |
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| a. Lung problems (e.g., shortness of breath, asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease - COPD) | | | |
| b. Brain or nervous system problems (e.g., dizziness, numbness, headache, twitching, loss of nerve function) | | | |
| c. Skin conditions or diseases (e.g., rash, eczema, contact dermatitis, oil acne, friction blisters) | | | |
| d. Muscle and bone injuries that occur from a one-time event (e.g., muscle strain, broken bone) | | | |
| e. Muscle and bone conditions that develop over time (e.g., lower back pain, carpal tunnel syndrome) | | | |
| f. Reproductive system problems (e.g., infertility, menstrual cycle disruption) | | | |
| g. Heart problems (e.g., chest pain, irregular heart beat, heart palpitations, high blood pressure) | | | |
| h. Immune system problems (e.g., allergies, lupus, inflammation) | | | |
| i. Mental health and stress-related problems (e.g., depression, anxiety, chronic fatigue, insomnia, irritability, post-traumatic stress disorder) | | | |
| j. Cancer | | | |
| k. Hearing loss | | | |
| l. Other: (please specify: _____) | | | |

10. Have you ever heard of the Health Hazard Evaluation (HHE) Program?

Yes [continue to Q11]

No [go to HHE definition on page 5]

Not sure/don't know [go to HHE definition on page 5]

If yes:

11. Who runs the HHE Program? *(To appear in random order)*

- National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), part of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
- Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), part of the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL)
- National Institutes of Health (NIH)
- U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)
- Not sure/don't know

12. Have you ever...? (Check all that apply.) *(To appear in random order)*

- Looked for information about the HHE Program?
- Visited the HHE Program website?
- Submitted a request for an HHE?
- Participated in an HHE visit to your workplace?
- Received or read materials from the HHE Program?
- Seen HHE materials displayed or made available in your workplace?
- Seen or read information about findings from an HHE?

Text to appear for all respondents

A Health Hazard Evaluation (HHE) is a study of hazards in a workplace. It can be requested by employees, employers, or union representatives. It is done to learn whether workers are exposed to hazardous materials or harmful conditions and provides information on how workers can be protected. An HHE is conducted by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) of the Centers for Disease Control and Protection (CDC), an agency of the federal government. Personal information from records, questionnaires, interviews with NIOSH investigators, and individual medical results are protected. If requested, NIOSH will not reveal to the employer the names of the persons who made the request.

[Continue to Q13]

For all to answer:

13. How important is it that a program like the HHE Program...? *(To appear in random order)*

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| | Not at all | A little | Moderately | Very | Not sure/Don't |
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| | | | | | know |
| a. Provides an objective and scientific evaluation of health hazards | | | | | |
| b. Is conducted by an agency of the federal government | | | | | |
| c. Not reveal to employers the names of those requesting an HHE without their consent | | | | | |
| d. Provides protection under the law to employers such as protecting trade secrets | | | | | |
| e. Provides protection under the law to employees such as protecting whistleblowers | | | | | |
| f. Helps employees, employers, and unions recognize hazards in the workplace | | | | | |
| g. Works to improve worker health and safety | | | | | |
| h. Cannot punish or regulate employers | | | | | |
| i. Helps employers reduce hazards in the workplace | | | | | |
| j. Provides materials in languages other than English (please specify languages: _____) | | | | | |

14. Please indicate whether each of the following factors would make you more or less likely to request an HHE. (To appear in random order)

| | Much less likely | Somewhat less likely | Neither less nor more likely | Somewhat more likely | Much more likely |
|---|------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| a. Federal government employees might visit the workplace | | | | | |

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| b. There would be no charge to the workplace for conducting the HHE | | | | | |
| c. Production processes or employee work practices might be observed and photographed | | | | | |
| d. Air and surface samples may be collected | | | | | |
| e. Employees might be interviewed | | | | | |
| f. Medical tests or physical examinations of employees might be performed | | | | | |
| g. Injury and illness records could be reviewed | | | | | |
| h. It could be expensive to correct or remove the hazard | | | | | |
| i. Employees will not be punished for discussing or revealing the hazard | | | | | |
| j. Employee illness due to a workplace hazard could be determined | | | | | |
| k. Suggestions or options for correcting safety and health issues could be received | | | | | |
| l. Worker compensation costs or claims could be reduced | | | | | |
| m. Health hazards in the workplace may be reduced | | | | | |
| n. A healthier workplace could be created | | | | | |
| o. Worker health and productivity might be improved | | | | | |
| p. A report with the name of a company evaluated in an HHE could be published | | | | | |

15. Which of the following would be useful ways for you, your coworkers, or your employees to learn more about the HHE Program? (Check all that apply.) (*To appear in random order*)

- a. One-page fact sheets or flyers
- b. Brochures or pamphlets
- c. Posters or other items to display in the workplace
- d. On-site presentations by HHE staff
- e. Toll-free hotline
- f. TV or radio advertisements
- g. Newspaper articles

- h. Web pages or Web sites
- i. Teleconferences or conference calls
- j. Presentations or displays at professional associations or meetings
- k. Magazine or journal articles
- l. Video, DVD, or on-line video clips
- m. Other (please specify): _____

16. How likely are you to use workplace health and safety information in each of the following formats? (To appear in random order)

| | Not at all likely | A little likely | Moderately likely | Very likely |
|---|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------|
| a. Printed or hard copy materials | | | | |
| b. Web sites, electronic files, or PDFs | | | | |

17. How often do you use the following resources for workplace health and safety information? (To appear in random order)

| | Never | Rarely | Occasionally | Often |
|--|-------|--------|--------------|-------|
| a. Business or trade organizations/ periodicals (please specify: _____) | | | | |
| b. Occupational safety and health organizations/ associations (please specify: _____) | | | | |
| c. Medical or occupational safety | | | | |

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| and health professionals (please specify: _____) | | | | |
| d. Unions (please specify: _____) | | | | |
| e. Coworkers or colleagues at work | | | | |
| f. Supervisors or managers at work | | | | |
| g. Federal government agencies or offices (please specify: _____) | | | | |
| h. State or local government agencies or offices (please specify: _____) | | | | |
| i. Mass media sources (e.g., newspapers, magazines, TV or radio) | | | | |
| j. Internet sources or Web sites (please specify: _____) | | | | |
| k. Meetings, workshops or conferences (please specify: _____) | | | | |
| l. Other (please specify: _____) | | | | |

18. What do you consider to be the most trusted source of information on workplace health and safety? (Please check one.) (To appear in random order)

- a. Business or trade organizations/periodicals
- b. Occupational safety and health organizations/associations
- c. Medical or occupational safety and health professionals
- d. Unions
- e. Coworkers or colleagues at work
- f. Supervisors or managers at work
- g. Federal government agencies or offices
- h. State or local government agencies or offices
- i. Mass media sources (newspapers, magazines, TV or radio)
- j. Internet sources or Web sites
- k. Meetings, workshops or conferences
- l. Other (please specify: _____)

Thank you for completing this survey.

To learn more about the
National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH)
Health Hazard Evaluation (HHE) Program
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