

# OHB

## OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH BRANCH

*Promoting healthy workplaces  
for all Californians*



## FACTS

### GETTING THE FACTS

Identifying hazards; finding out who gets sick or injured and how it happens

## SOLUTIONS

### FINDING NEW SOLUTIONS

Trying out new ways to keep workers safe and healthy

## INFORMATION

### INFORMATION FOR ACTION

Providing the tools for others to take action to prevent job hazards

# THE PROBLEM

## Why should you be concerned about injury and illness on the job in California?

- Every day, thousands of Californians are injured or get sick as a result of their work.
- Work-related injury and illness hurt workers, families, business and our communities.
- Preventing workplace hazards not only saves lives, it makes good business sense.



## Who do we work with?

- Employers and trade associations
- Workers, unions and advocacy groups
- Community and environmental groups
- Health professionals, educational institutions and government agencies

# SOLUTIONS...

## What does OHB do to make workplaces safer?

The Occupational Health Branch (OHB) is a non-regulatory program in the California Department of Public Health. OHB works to prevent injury and illness on the job. We:

- Identify and evaluate workplace hazards
- Track patterns of work-related injury and illness
- Work with others to develop safer ways to work
- Provide information, training and technical assistance to prevent workplace injury and illness
- Recommend more protective workplace standards



## What can OHB do for you?

- **HELPLINES** OHB staff answer hundreds of calls a year about workplace hazards and how to prevent them.
- **EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS** OHB develops training and informational materials to help workers, employers and others prevent injury and illness on the job.
- **TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE** OHB's staff of health and safety professionals, doctors, toxicologists and health educators provide assistance on many health and safety topics.
- **JOINT PROJECTS** OHB teams up with business, labor, public health agencies and researchers to work cooperatively on projects to prevent workplace injury and illness.

# OHB IN ACTION

## Programs

- Hazard Evaluation System and Information Service (HESIS)
- Occupational Health Surveillance and Evaluation Program (OHSEP)
- Occupational Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (OLPPP)
- California Safe Cosmetics Program (CSCP)

## Public Information Lines—*toll-free numbers for California callers*

- Workplace Hazard Helpline: (866) 282-5516
- Lead in the Workplace Information Line: (866) 627-1587
- Pesticide Poisoning and Work-Related Asthma Helpline: (800) 970-6680
- California Safe Cosmetics Program Helpline: (877) 325-3223, toll-free in U.S.



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OHB investigates workplace injuries and illnesses to find out what happened and how similar incidents might be prevented in the future.



## SOLUTIONS

OHB works with partners in various industries to develop safer substitutes for toxic chemicals.



## INFORMATION

OHB conducts trainings for workers and employers on how to prevent injury and illness.

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