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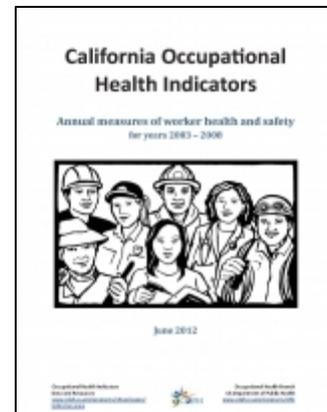
## California Workers' Health

A day laborer falls off an unsafe scaffold and dies. A custodian gets work-related asthma from cleaning products. A painter is tested and found to have lead poisoning.

Every year, work-related injuries and illnesses like these result in substantial human and economic costs. They can be prevented, but having the information necessary to understand the problem is the first step.

[California Occupational Health Indicators](#) are a set of statistics that help explain the current state of worker health.

The [Occupational Health Branch \(OHB\)](#) tracks [California employment demographics](#) and [20 Health Indicators](#) to understand and share trends related to worker injuries, illnesses, exposure and other factors that influence occupational health. Health indicators can tell us where we may need to invest prevention resources.



Our website presents data annually, starting with the year 2000.

### Resources

[CA Occupational Health Indicators full report, 2003-2008 \(PDF, 44 pages\)](#)

[California Worker Health and Safety at a Glance \(PDF\)](#)

[More on CA Occupational Health Indicators](#)

[OHB](#) improves California worker health and safety through prevention activities. We gather information on job hazards, test new approaches to prevent worker injury and illness, and help make changes at the workplace.

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