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Focus on...

Students Learn From Workers on the Job

How well do the new safer paint strippers perform compared to the more toxic products?

Is there a solution for workers whose jobs require them to use heavy, vibrating drills and inhale toxic silica dust?

These questions and their answers were the basis of projects completed this summer by four students in the [Occupational Health Internship Program \(OHIP\)](#) who were placed at the Occupational Health Branch and University of California Ergonomics Program.

OHIP is a paid national summer internship dedicated to helping students learn about the field of occupational safety and health from those with the most at stake: working people.

OHB has hosted many OHIP students since the program began 10 years ago. We are pleased to share the work produced by OHB's 2014 OHIP students and to promote this valuable program.



Photo: OHIP students hold tailgate training on safer paint strippers at job site

Note: for the answers to the questions above, see: [Toxic Paint Removers; Safer Choices Campaign Project](#) and [Drill Rig Video](#)

Resources

[Toxic Paint Removers; Safer Choices Campaign](#) – Presentation

[Drill Rig](#) – Video

[OHIP](#) – Website with 10th anniversary video

[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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