

International Telecommunications Safety Conference

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Safety and Health Add Value

- To Your Business
- To Your Workplace
- To Your Life



Ergonomics – Four-Pronged Approach

- Guidelines
- Enforcement
- Outreach and assistance
- Research



Industry and Task-Specific Guidelines

- **Nursing Homes**
- **Retail Grocery**
- **Poultry processing**
- **Shipyards**
- **Other industries**

Ergonomic Guidelines: What You Can Do?

- Review guidelines and give us your input
- Send us your success stories
- Identify successfully ergonomics programs and help us to arrange a site visit

Enforcement

- Unprecedented coordination of inspections with a legal strategy for successful prosecution
 - Plan designed to target prosecutable ergonomics violations
 - Special ergo inspection teams will work closely with DOL attorneys and experts to bring 5(a)(1) prosecutions

Required Elements of a 5(a)(1) Case

- Is there exposure to a hazard?
- Is it a recognized hazard?
- Is it likely to cause death or serious injury?
- Is there a feasible means of abatement?

5(a)(1) Enforcement

The focus will not be on employers who have implemented effective ergonomics programs or who are making good-faith efforts to reduce ergonomic hazards.

Outreach and Assistance

- General and Guideline-Specific Outreach, Assistance and Support
- Featured programs:
 - OSHA's Ergonomics Website
 - Cooperative Programs
 - Alliances, Strategic Partnerships, VPP and Consultation
 - Training and Education
 - OTE and Ed Centers

Ergonomics Webpage – www.osha.gov/ergonomics

- Four-pronged approach
- E-Tools
- Best Practices
- Success Stories
- Speeches
- PowerPoint Presentations
- Publications

Outreach and Assistance

- Partnerships, VPP, Consultation
- Alliances
 - Goals –
 - Training and education
 - Outreach and communication
 - Promoting the national dialogue
 - on workplace safety and health

Coming soon.....

**OSHA and the National
Telecommunications
Safety Panel Alliance**

National Advisory Committee on Ergonomics (NACE)

- Chartered to advise on guidelines, research, and outreach and assistance
 - **First Meeting – January 22, 2003**
Introductory
 - **Second Meeting – May 6-7, 2003**
Divided into workgroups
Developed workplan
 - **Third Meeting – Sept 23-24, 2003**
 - **Fourth – Scheduled for January 2004**

OSHA's Strategic Management Plan

2003-2008

www.osha.gov

OSHA's Three Goals

- **Goal 1 - Reduce occupational hazards through direct intervention**
- **Goal 2 - Promote a safety and health culture through compliance assistance, cooperative programs and strong leadership**
- **Goal 3 - Maximize OSHA effectiveness and efficiency by strengthening agency capabilities and infrastructure**

OSHA 5-Year Plan

- **Reduce fatality rates by 15%**
- **Reduce injury/illness rates by 20%**

Balanced Approach

- High hazard worksites
- Hard-to-reach workers
- Nontraditional issues
 - Workplace motor vehicle accidents
 - Workplace violence
 - Emergency preparedness and response



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