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What is NIOSH?

NIOSH is the acronym for the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, a Federal agency established by the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970. NIOSH is part of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and is responsible for conducting research and making recommendations for the prevention of work-related illnesses and injuries. The Institute's responsibilities include the following:

- Investigating potentially hazardous working conditions as requested by employers or employees
- Evaluating workplace hazards, ranging from chemicals to machinery
- Creating and disseminating methods for preventing disease, injury, and disability
- Conducting research and providing scientifically valid recommendations for protecting workers
- Providing training to occupational safety and health professionals

What is the NIOSH 800-Number?

The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) 800-number is a toll-free technical information service that provides convenient public access to NIOSH and its information resources. The service is available in the continental United States, Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands.

THE TOLL-FREE TELEPHONE NUMBER IS:

1-800-35-NIOSH
(1-800-356-4674)

Callers may inquire about NIOSH activities, order NIOSH publications, or request information about any aspect of occupational safety and health. ***However, the 800-number is NOT a hotline for medical emergencies.***

How does 800-35-NIOSH Work?

The 800-number is part of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) automated voice/fax system. It combines recorded and fax information with direct access to NIOSH technical information staff and the NIOSH Publications Office. The automated system operates 24 hours per day, 7 days per week and provides voice or fax information on a variety of topics that callers can access by selecting the options shown on panels 4–6. Callers may also speak directly with a technical information specialist or publications representative from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. (Eastern time) Monday through Friday. We will answer your questions over the telephone, or we will send you NIOSH publications or a packet of information free of charge within 10 working days.

New Features of the NIOSH 800-Number

In August 1997, two new features were added to the NIOSH 800-number service.

- Callers using rotary telephones can now access the recorded information by using voice commands. However, fax material is still accessible only by touch-tone.
- The fax portion of the system has been expanded to include new documents that are not discussed in the voice portion. A directory of NIOSH fax documents currently available is provided on panels 5–6. These documents will be updated as necessary, and additional fax documents may be added in the future. Callers may obtain the most current directory of fax documents by requesting document number 000006 as described on panel 5, or by selecting the fax directory option shown on panel 4.

800-35-NIOSH Voice/Fax Menu

At the first prompt, **press 1** if using a touch-tone telephone; **stay on the line if using a rotary telephone**. Then follow the prompts to select the topics below. **Press 8** to replay last prompt, **press 9** to replay earlier prompts.

1 Directory of all NIOSH fax documents

2 All other options

1 PUBLICATIONS and DATABASES

1 Description of publications activity (fax, e-mail, postal mail addresses)

2 List of available NIOSH publications

3 Ordering information for:

1 NIOSH Pocket Guide to Chemical Hazards

2 NIOSH Manual of Analytical Methods

3 Revised NIOSH lifting recommendations

4 NIOSH databases and electronic products

1 Registry of Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances (RTECS®)

2 NIOSHTIC®

3 National Ag Safety Database (NASD)

4 Criteria Documents Plus CD-ROM

5 Publications representative (9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., ET, Monday–Friday)

2 SELECTED TOPICS

1 Carpal tunnel syndrome

2 Indoor environmental (air) quality

3 Violence in the workplace

4 Back belts

5 Silicosis

3 HEALTH HAZARD EVALUATION (HHE) PROGRAM

Description and HHE request form

4 TRAINING

1 Education and Research Center (ERC) continuing education courses and schedules

2 Training videotapes

3 Training grants program

5 TECHNICAL INFORMATION SPECIALIST

(9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., ET, Monday–Friday)

NIOSH Fax Directory

The following NIOSH materials are currently available from the CDC Fax Information Service. These documents will be updated as necessary, and new ones may be added. The number of pages in each fax document is given after the title (e.g., 2 = 2 pages). Those titles marked with an asterisk* are also discussed in the voice portion of the NIOSH system. To receive a fax document, call **toll-free 1-888-CDC-FAXX (1-888-232-3299)** and follow the prompts to input the six-digit document number(s) shown below. You may request up to five fax documents per call.

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