

What is the FACE program?

The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) Fatality Assessment and Control Evaluation (FACE) program is designed to prevent job-related deaths across the nation. The goal of the FACE program is to identify and investigate work situations at high risk for injury, develop strategies to prevent such injuries, and disseminate those strategies to individuals who can intervene to prevent injuries.

Why is the FACE program important?

Each day, on average, 13 U.S. workers die as a result of a traumatic injury on the job. Investigations conducted through the FACE program identify factors that contribute to these fatal injuries. This information is used to develop recommendations for preventing similar deaths. Workers and employers can see the recommendations on the FACE program website: www.cdc.gov/niosh/face.



FACE Report 2010-01



FACE Report 1999-11

What are the primary activities of FACE?

- Conduct surveillance to identify occupational fatalities
- Investigate specific events to identify injury risks
- Recommend ways to control or eliminate the injury risks
- Provide workers, employees, and safety and health professionals with injury prevention information

Investigations on site allow us to collect facts on what happened before, during, and right after the fatal injury. We also gather facts and data from company officials, witnesses, and co-workers such as:

- Details about the work environment
- Number of employees
- Company safety program
- Victim's age, gender, job, and language
- Task(s) the victim was performing and tools or equipment the victim was using
- Type of energy that caused the fatal injury (e.g., electrical, mechanical, hydraulic)
- Role of management in controlling how these factors interact

This information becomes the basis for our written investigation report, which includes recommendations to prevent similar deaths. A copy of the report is given to the company where the death occurred. All of our investigative reports are also posted on the NIOSH Website at: www.cdc.gov/niosh/face. All NIOSH reports and publications are public domain information and may be freely copied and reproduced for training and education purposes.

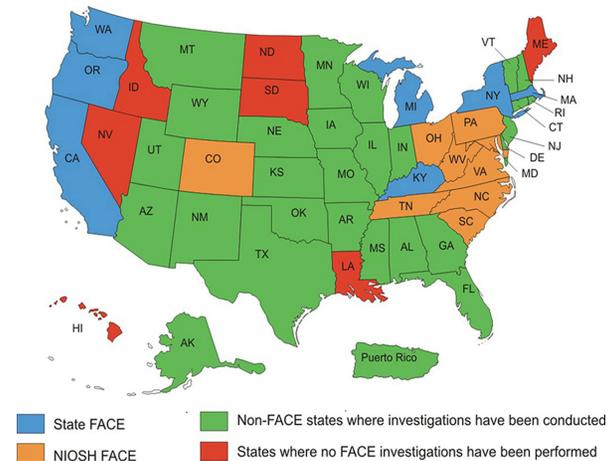
Why is FACE a research program?

- We do not enforce compliance with State or Federal job safety and health standards
- We do not determine fault or place blame
- We do not use names of the deceased, co-workers, employees, or incident site owners in our reports or publications

The FACE program has two components:

NIOSH FACE began in 1982. Participating states notify NIOSH of traumatic occupational fatalities resulting from specific causes of death targeted by the program. These have included: confined spaces, electrocutions, machine-related, falls from elevation, logging, energy production, deaths of working youths under 18 years of age not covered by child labor laws, and deaths of foreign born workers.

State FACE began in 1989. Currently, 7 State health or labor departments have cooperative agreements with NIOSH for conducting surveillance, targeted investigations and recommending prevention activities at the State level using the NIOSH FACE model.



States in which FACE investigations have been conducted (1982-2015)

Source: www.cdc.gov/niosh/face

How is FACE information used?

NIOSH and cooperating states highlight high risk work situations and provide safety recommendations for various publications. These publications are sent to audiences we feel would benefit from this information.

Examples include:

Over 600 NIOSH FACE Reports and 1900 STATE FACE Reports are published on our webpage at: www.cdc.gov/niosh/face.



NIOSH Alerts on such subjects as skid-steer loaders, grain augers, suspension scaffolds, power take-offs, skylights, logging, and methylene chloride.



Workplace Solutions on such subjects as backing construction vehicles and equipment, metal ladders and power lines, and ride-on roller/compactors.



Articles that focus on injury prevention have also been published in scientific journals and trade magazines.

Do you need more information?

If you have further questions concerning the FACE program, please contact the NIOSH Division of Safety Research at the following address:

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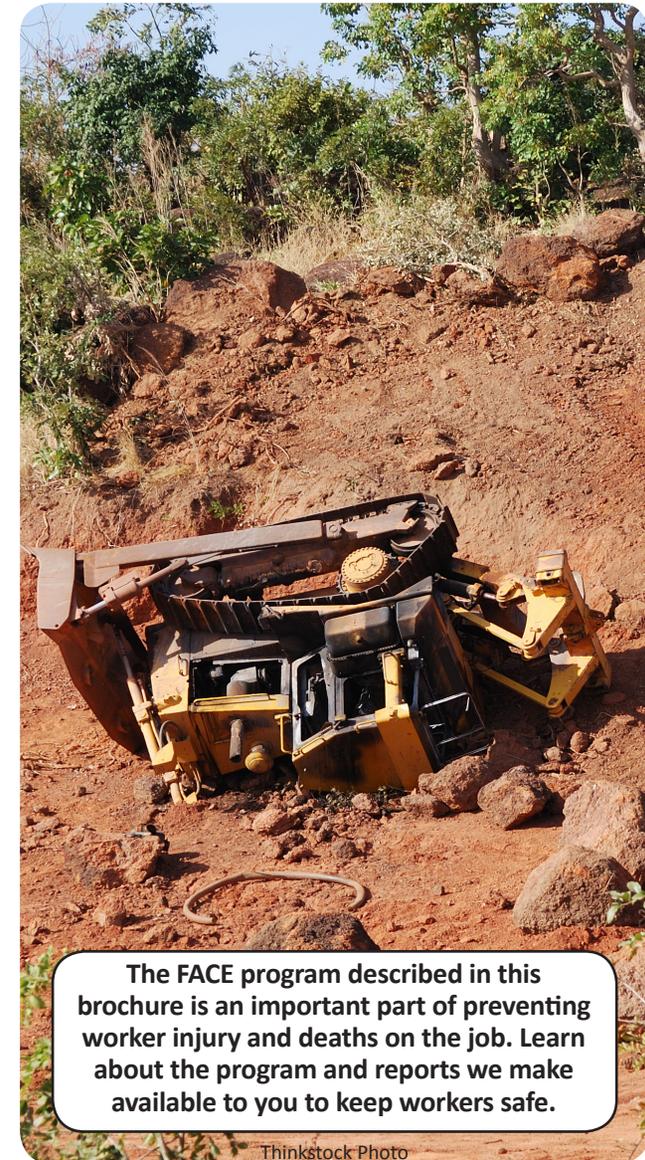
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The FACE program described in this brochure is an important part of preventing worker injury and deaths on the job. Learn about the program and reports we make available to you to keep workers safe.

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