

## What are our priorities?

The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) Wholesale and Retail Trade (WRT) Program works with partners in industry, labor, trade associations, professional organizations, and academia. The program focuses on these areas among wholesale and retail trade workers:

- Reducing musculoskeletal disorders (MSDs)
- Reducing workplace violence
- Preventing injuries from slips, trips and falls
- Reducing motor vehicle-related injuries

## What do we do?

- Use national surveillance sources to identify risk factors responsible for days away from work related to our four priority areas.
- Establish partnerships with safety and health professionals, trade and labor organizations, businesses and academic institutions to do research to better understand those risk factors and develop interventions.
- Evaluate the effectiveness and feasibility of engineering controls and prevention methods to reduce injuries in priority areas.
- Create evidence-based guidance documents, tools, and other resources to help employers and workers prevent injuries in our four priority areas.
- Partner with trade associations to distribute NIOSH guidance documents, tools, and other resources to employers, who use the information to take steps to prevent worker injuries.

## What have we accomplished?

- Launched [Young Retail Workers topic page](#). Each year thousands of young retail workers are injured, and some fatally. This resource informs young retail workers about hazards and how to prevent them, to protect themselves and co-workers.
- Published quarterly [WRT news bulletin](#), which features ideas about prevention and other information.
- Expanded distribution of the news bulletin via WRT business associations to their members to keep them engaged in the NIOSH WRT program and approximately 3,000 U.S. Chambers of Commerce for outreach to small business.
- Published [new WRT webpage](#) with program information and resources.

## What's next?

- Publish "Ergonomic Best Practices for Product Packaging in Small Businesses," a document for employers and workers who package goods to help prevent MSDs.
- Publish "New Retail Workers: Safety and Health at Work," designed to educate new retail workers about risk factors for MSDs, falls, and violence in retail stores.
- Collaborate with Safe•Skilled•Ready Workforce to incorporate the eight core competencies into young retail worker information.
- Launch project on strategies to prevent motor vehicle injuries among WRT workers in collaboration with NIOSH Center for Workers' Compensation Studies and Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation.
- Design and publish new retail employee informational products, such as infographics, pamphlets, brochures, and posters, using content from the New Retail Employer Safety and Health at Work product.

## At-A-Glance

The Wholesale and Retail Trade Program provides leadership to prevent diseases, injuries and fatalities in wholesale and retail trade workers. This snapshot shows recent accomplishments and upcoming work.

### Rate of musculoskeletal disorders per 10,000 workers in Retail and Wholesale sub-sectors



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

### Rate of workplace violence per 10,000 workers in Retail and Wholesale sub-sectors



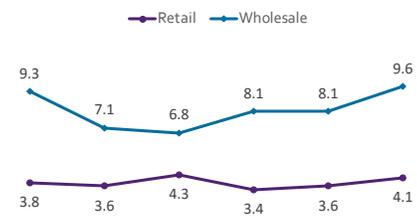
Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

### Rate of falls per 10,000 workers in Retail and Wholesale sub-sectors



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

### Rate of transportation accidents per 10,000 workers in Retail and Wholesale sub-sectors



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics