

Tell us your ideas.

Who is most at risk?

How serious is the issue?

What research is needed?

Who are our partners?

How can you make a difference?

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Make a difference for workers in
the Healthcare and Social Assistance Sector



NORA Research partnerships for safer healthier workplaces

What is NORA?

The National Occupational Research Agenda (NORA) is a collaborative program to stimulate innovative research in workplace safety and health. The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) unveiled NORA in 1996. Over 500 diverse individuals and organizations contributed to the first agenda. Your participation is needed to continue this legacy of collaboration.

NORA is a partnership process to guide occupational safety and health research for improving the safety and health of workers and workplaces.

Why Healthcare and Social Assistance?

An estimated 16.6 million persons are employed within the healthcare and social assistance sector. Workers are at risk for illness and injuries due to long hours, changing shifts, physically demanding tasks, violence, and exposures to infectious diseases and hazardous chemicals. The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) reported an estimated 649,000 occupational injuries and illnesses in 2003 in this sector. Hospitals accounted for an estimated rate of 7.9 per 100 full-time workers; nursing and residential care facilities, 9.7 per 100 full-time workers: 68% and 106% greater than private industry, respectively.

Visit the NORA Web page and submit your comments electronically at www.cdc.gov/niosh/nora.

Share Your Ideas.

What do you think are the top problems facing the healthcare and social assistance sector? What are the types of research and approaches needed? How many workers are at risk? How serious is the occupational safety and health issue? What is the probability that new information and approaches will make a difference? Which partners are needed to work on the problem? We want your feedback.

Attend a Town Hall Meeting

The public meeting for the healthcare and social assistance sector will occur on January 23, 2006 in Houston, TX. There you can make a brief presentation describing the top research needs for the healthcare and social assistance sector. Visit the NORA Web page for more information www.cdc.gov/niosh/nora.

Mail Your Comments

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