

# NORA Sector Council Bulletin Wholesale & Retail *Trades*

## ADDRESSING THE NEEDS OF WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADES FOR A SAFE FUTURE

# Preventing Work-related Motor Vehicle Crashes

Motor vehicle crashes in the U.S. are the leading cause of worker deaths. The incidents by categories include: 1) deaths in single- or multiple-vehicle crashes on public highways, 2) deaths in crashes that occurred off the highway or on industrial premises, and 3) pedestrian worker deaths as a result of being struck by a motor vehicle.

NIOSH recommends a series of safe guards for employers and employees who must drive during their work day.

The key safe guards include:  
1) management commitment to road safety, 2) written policies, 3) driver selection/training,

4) purchase and maintain safe vehicles, and 5) a checklist to review prior to driving.

This document will provide useful information to create and implement a successful motor vehicle safety program.

This five page fact sheet summarizes four elements of an effective motor vehicle safety program.

It offers a resourceful checklist that employers can use to implement these recommendations.

This resource provides information to help employers create and



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implement  
a successful motor  
vehicle safety program.

Obtain this fact sheet at:  
<http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/docs/2015-111/default.html>.



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CHARLENE MALONEY AT  
NIOSH EXHIBIT "PREVENTING  
MATERIAL HANDLING INJURIES"

## NIOSH Exhibit At FMI AP Conference

The [Food Marketing Institute Asset Protection Conference](#) seems to be the up and coming meeting of the year for professionals in risk management and asset protection. The 2015 conference was held in Memphis the first week of March.

The theme for the NIOSH exhibit was "Preventing Material Handling Injuries," which featured the NIOSH Publication: Ergonomic Solutions for Retailers [2015-100]. The NIOSH exhibit was located next to the [EASE Council](#) of the Materials Handling Industry Trade Group with examples of engineering controls.

NIOSH attendees learned about the challenges of protecting both employees and customers to ensure a safe place for work and a safe environment for customers. Multiple sessions dealt with how to perform risk assessments and improve risk management. You can learn more about FMI and Asset Protection at <http://www.fmi.org/industry-topics/asset-protection>.



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## Emerging Issues

### Small Business Retail: Violence Prevention Study

Small retail businesses report high rates of robbery and violent crimes leading to injury and death at work.

NIOSH awarded a grant to the University of North Carolina Injury Prevention Research Center to study the prevention of violence in two groups; small and large retail businesses.

The two groups both recommended the promotion of Workplace Violence Prevention Programs (WVPPs) through individual contacts.

However, there were differences in how to disseminate information and in the types of groups to target.

The study included recommendations for increasing awareness of workplace violence and prevention.

Additional information on the prevention of workplace violence can be found at <http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/violence/default.html>.

To locate the abstract and connect to the full article, go to

NIOSHTIC-2™ and search the article title at [www2a.cdc.gov/nioshtic-2/default.asp](http://www2a.cdc.gov/nioshtic-2/default.asp) or it is located at <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/25732050>.

*Reference:* Bruening, R. A., Strazza, K., Nocera, M., Peek-Asa, C. and Casteel, C. (2015), How to engage small retail businesses in workplace violence prevention: Perspectives from small businesses and influential organizations. *Am. J. Ind. Med.* doi: 10.1002/ajim.22436.

## PREVENTION THROUGH DESIGN *Job Design*



Prevention through Design (PtD) is a National Initiative to prevent or reduce workplace injuries, illnesses, and fatalities.

This is accomplished by:

- Removing hazards and controlling risks to workers to a suitable level “at the source” or as early as possible in the life of items or work.
- Designing, redesigning and retrofitting new and existing work procedures, and the layout of work organizations, tools, buildings, equipment, devices, merchandise, work procedures, and the layout of the work.

The strategic plan establishes goals for the successful implementation of the PtD Plan for the NIOSH National Initiative.

To learn more, go to [NIOSH's PtD web page](http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/pd).

## Prolonged Standing NIOSH Seeks Employer Feedback

NIOSH published a recent Science Blog on “prolonged standing,” which is common in some retail and wholesale jobs, including cashiers. Frequent changes in body posture and movement appears to be the best approach for reducing the risk of various health problems associated with prolonged standing or fixed postures. Please see the NIOSH science blog and share your feedback at <http://blogs.cdc.gov/niosh-science-blog/2014/12/09/standing/>.



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