

NIOSH Occupational Health Safety Network (OHSN) Joining as a non-AHA Healthcare Facility

NIOSH tries to help any interested healthcare facility to participate in OHSN. At this time most of the OHSN participants are inpatient acute-care hospitals; however, urgent care centers, outpatient clinics, and long-term care facilities have also enrolled.

All facilities joining OHSN must have three pieces of information:

- **OHSN ID Number:** A number unique to each facility that joins OHSN.
- **Numerator data:** Uploaded data with details about each injury event in the facility. (NO worker identifiers).
- **Denominator data:** Demographic data used to calculate injury rates for each facility. For acute care hospitals, we use data from the American Hospital Association (AHA), and ask facilities to review and confirm annually. Non-AHA facilities provide this information manually. We have three different denominators available for rate calculations:
 - Licensed Beds
 - Inpatient Admissions
 - Number of Full-Time Workers
 - Broken down by occupation category if possible

Below are examples of how different types of facilities meet each of these three requirements:

	OHSN ID Number	Numerator Data (injury events)	Denominator Data (for rate calculations)	Recommended denominators		
				Licensed Beds**	Inpt Admissions	FTEs
Acute-care hospital	American Hospital Association (AHA) number	Usually reported to Employee Health Office and reported for entire hospital at one time.	Initially obtained from AHA database; reviewed and confirmed annually by facility.	X	X	X
Outpatient clinic in a hospital	AHA number	Usually reported with inpatient hospital events. Event locations should be marked as “outpatient clinic.”	Initially obtained from AHA database; reviewed and confirmed annually by facility.	X	X	X
Long-Term Care Facility	NPI number if available, or ID assigned by OHSN	Usually collected by LTC facility Employee Health Office.	Must be entered by LTC facility manually.	X	**	X
Freestanding Outpatient Facility	Assigned by OHSN	Collected by facility.	Must be entered manually.	***		X

**Not recommended because admissions occur at a much lower rate than in acute-care hospitals.

***OHSN default reports use the rate per licensed beds. Because freestanding outpatient facilities have zero licensed beds, this rate would not be available to these users. They should use the Advanced Reporting to view their injuries per FTE.