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# NORA Sector Council Bulletin

# Wholesale & Retail Trade

ADDRESSING THE NEEDS OF  
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE FOR A SAFE FUTURE

## A Special Invitation: Seeking Participants for the Wholesale and Retail Trade Sector Council

The Wholesale and Retail Trade (WRT) sector leadership is inviting the recipients of the WRT Quarterly News Bulletin to participate in the WRT Council, which is part of the National Occupational Research Agenda (NORA). Unveiled in 1996, NORA is a partnership program to stimulate impactful research and improved workplace practices. NIOSH is the steward of NORA, but the NORA effort goes beyond the work of NIOSH.

You will benefit in many ways. Provide input on research gaps, and needs, emerging issues and share and learn about evidence-based ways to improve worker safety and health.

We believe that many of you who receive our news bulletin have the expertise and interest that would complement existing WRT Council members. We hope that you will accept this invitation. You would join a group of dedicated individuals specifically interested in the safety, health, and well-being of WRT workers in the prevention of musculoskeletal disorders and traumatic injuries.

Much work remains to be done when you realize that each day 1,600 WRT employees are injured and nearly half of them do not return to work the following day, week, or even month(s). Each year 463 workers never return to work or to their families (Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2014).

The WRT Council will start the third decade by identifying strategic research objectives for the

nation that will form the basis for the NORA WRT agenda for the upcoming decade. These research objectives will build from advances in knowledge in the last decade, address emerging issues, and be informed by council member and public input. We anticipate meeting two to three times per year, largely using web-based technologies, and occasionally in-person in conjunction with other meetings that may bring many council members together.

By accepting this invitation, council members will benefit by providing input on research gaps, needs, and emerging issues; sharing their work and learning about evidence-based ways to improve WRT worker safety and health; and having opportunities to form partnerships with others keenly interested in the well-being of the WRT workers and the prevention of injuries and fatalities.



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Please contact Vern Putz Anderson, [vep1@cdc.gov](mailto:vep1@cdc.gov), 513-533-8319 to indicate your interest in being part of the Council. This is not a decade commitment as you can leave and rejoin at any time that meets your needs. If you have questions or suggestions for WRT Council work in the coming months, please let us know using the [vep1@cdc.gov](mailto:vep1@cdc.gov) email.

# Wholesale and Retail Priorities and What We Do

## Priority Areas

### Reduce musculoskeletal disorders (MSDs)



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### Reduce workplace violence



### Prevent injuries from slips, trips, and falls



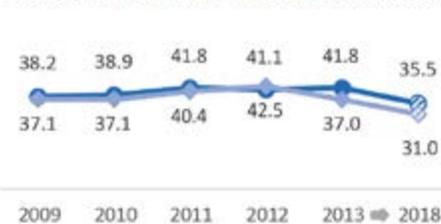
### Reduce motor vehicle-related injuries



## What We Do...

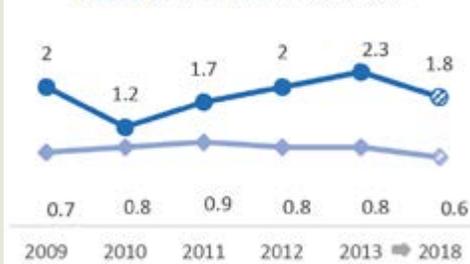
- » Use national surveillance sources to identify risk factors responsible for days away from work, related to our four priority areas
- » Establish partnerships with safety and health professionals, trade and labor organizations, businesses, and academic institutions to do research to better understand those risk factors and develop interventions
- » Evaluate the effectiveness and feasibility of engineering controls and prevention methods to reduce injuries in priority areas

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



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Access the full program performance fact sheet at <http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/docs/2016-157/>

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- » 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



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