Note from the Director About DOHS

The Division of Occupational Health and Safety (DOHS) works with NIH employees to ensure a safe and healthy workplace. Through surveillance, consultation, training and education, DOHS develops and implements NIH-wide safety and health programs. DOHS assesses worksites and procedures then initiates the appropriate preventive measures to help NIH employees avoid work-related injuries and illnesses. Workplace reviews are conducted to evaluate compliance with NIH occupational safety and health policies and procedures. Publications, training opportunities and additional information regarding DOHS branches and programs are available on our website. Additional information can be provided by your safety and health specialist. I encourage you to visit the DOHS website and use it as an information resource for your safety and health needs.

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Director

Employee Rights

Employee Responsibilities

“All NIH employees have the right to work in a safe and healthy workplace.”

Federal Employees have additional rights under the law:
- To report unsafe or unhealthy working conditions and to request safety and health inspections without fear of reprisal
- To access safety procedures and records
- To be allowed the time to participate in safety programs

NIH Employees have the responsibility to:
- Comply with safety regulations and orders
- Report work-related accidents & injuries to their supervisors
- Use protective equipment provided by employer

Report Any Unsafe Condition

Call: (301) 496-2960 or go to https://go.usa.gov/xXGpA

QUICK REFERENCE NUMBERS:

Food or Water Issue: (301) 496-2346
Illness or Incident: (301) 496-4411
Near Miss: (301) 496-2960
Pest Problem: (301) 496-4294

Your Guide to Safety at the National Institutes of Health

Providing a safe and healthy work environment for employees, patients and visitors.
DOHS SERVICES at a glance...

Occupational Medical Service (OMS)
Building 10, Room 6C306 - (301) 496-4411

- CPR Training (clinical)
- Flu Vaccination Program
- Mandatory Reporting of Work-related Injuries and Illnesses
- Medical Emergencies
- Medical Surveillance Programs
- Preplacement Evaluations for Employees and Summer Students
- Travel Vaccinations
- Triage and Treatment for Work-Related Illnesses and Injuries

Laboratory-Related Services

- Biological Safety Cabinet Certification
- Chemical Fume Hood Testing
- Formaldehyde and Other Chemical Surveillance
- Laboratory Clearance - Prior to Renovation or Relocation
- Laser Safety
- Nanoparticle Monitoring
- Respiratory Protection
- Safe Lab Practices and Procedures
- Safety Data Sheets
- Training:
  - Bloodborne Pathogens
  - Laboratory
  - Student Training (S.T.A.R.S.)

Employee Health & Safety Programs

- Asbestos Management
- Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Training
- Blood Pressure Monitoring Stations
- Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Training (non-clinical)
- Employee Assistance Services
  - Counseling and Workshops
- Ergonomics
  - Workstation Evaluations
  - Exercises and Stretches
- Food and Drinking Water Safety
- Indoor Air Quality Monitoring and Assessments
- Integrated Pest Management Services
  - To report pest problems on campus call: (301) 496-4294
- Mold and Water Intrusion Investigations
- Nursing Mother's Program
- Safety Shoe Program

Biological Safety Compliance

- Biological Materials Shipping
- Biosurety Program
- Biorisk Management
- Import/Export Biological Materials
- Pathogen and Recombinant DNA Registrations
- Quarantine Permit Service Office (QPSO)
- Select Agent Program

...no matter where you work at NIH!

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