



DEATH ON THE JOB

THE TOLL OF NEGLECT

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U.S. WORKERS DIE EACH DAY FROM HAZARDOUS WORKING CONDITIONS



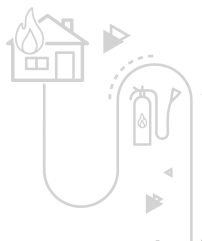
In 2017, **5,147** working people were killed on the job and an estimated **95,000** died from occupational diseases.



UNDER-RESOURCED

There is one OSHA inspector for every **79,000** workers.

IS YOUR WORKPLACE SAFE?

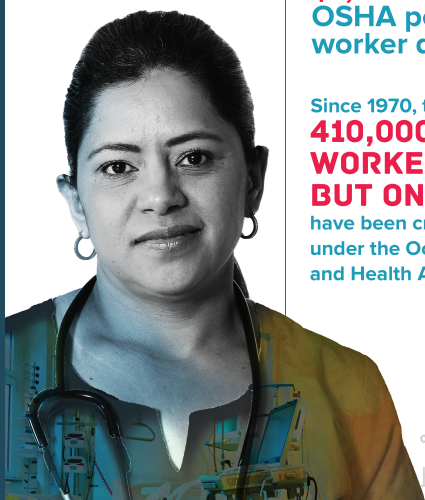


PENALTIES ARE TOO WEAK

\$3,580 Average federal OSHA penalty for serious violations

\$7,761 Median federal OSHA penalty for worker deaths

Since 1970, there have been **410,000 TRAUMATIC WORKER DEATHS, BUT ONLY 99 CASES** have been criminally prosecuted under the Occupational Safety and Health Act.



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MILLION PUBLIC SECTOR EMPLOYEES LACK OSHA PROTECTION

In 2017, their injury and illness rate was **64% HIGHER** than employees in the private sector.



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WORKPLACE VIOLENCE IS A GROWING AND SERIOUS PROBLEM

In 2017, workplace violence events caused **807 deaths**, of which **458 were homicides**, and nearly **29,000 serious injuries**.

**WORKPLACE VIOLENCE IS
THE THIRD-LEADING
CAUSE OF DEATH
ON THE JOB.**

**1 OF
EVERY 6**
workplace
deaths were from
workplace violence.

2 OF EVERY 3
workplace violence
events were suffered
by women.

**SAFE
JOBS**

EVERY WORKER'S RIGHT

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HEALTH CARE AND SOCIAL SERVICE WORKERS ARE AT GREATEST RISK

In the past decade, there was a **69% INCREASE** in serious workplace violence injuries for workers in health care and social assistance.

These workers are **FOUR TIMES** more likely to suffer a workplace violence injury than workers in other occupations.

State government health care workers are **NINE TIMES** more likely to suffer an assault-related injury than private sector health care workers.

Psychiatric hospitals had the **HIGHEST EVER RECORDED RATE** of serious injury due to workplace violence.

WORKPLACE VIOLENCE IS FORESEEABLE AND PREVENTABLE

An enforceable OSHA standard is necessary to reduce and prevent violence against workers in hospitals, nursing homes and social service settings.

Keeping workers safe from violence on the job also will protect patients.

Support H.R. 1309 and S. 851:
Workplace Violence Prevention
for Health Care and Social
Service Workers Act

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THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION IS ATTACKING VITAL WORKER PROTECTIONS

Hard-won workplace safety and health regulations and measures that safeguard our workplaces are under attack by the Trump administration and powerful business lobbies.



SENSIBLE REGULATIONS HELP PROTECT WORKING PEOPLE

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THE FIVE MOST DANGEROUS STATES TO WORK



ALASKA
10.2



NORTH DAKOTA
10.1



WYOMING
7.7



WEST VIRGINIA
7.4



SOUTH DAKOTA
7.3

(FATALITIES PER 100,000 WORKERS)

THE RISK OF CHEMICAL EXPOSURE



OCCUPATIONAL
DISEASES CAUSED BY
CHEMICAL EXPOSURES
ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR
AN ESTIMATED

**50,000 DEATHS AND
190,000 ILLNESSES
EACH YEAR.**

LATINO AND IMMIGRANT WORKERS ARE AT RISK



63% OF LATINOS KILLED ON
THE JOB WERE
IMMIGRANT WORKERS.

THEIR JOB FATALITY RATE IS HIGHER
THAN THE NATIONAL AVERAGE.

THE FATALITY RATE OF WORKERS AGES 65 AND OLDER



IS NEARLY
THREE TIMES HIGHER
THAN THE RATE FOR
ALL WORKERS.

WORKING PEOPLE NEED STRONGER WORKPLACE PROTECTIONS.

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