DEATH ON THE JOB
THE TOLL OF NEGLECT

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275 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.

8 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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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.

**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.

- Worker training
- Coal mine enforcement
- Safety research
- Chemical Safety Board

PROPOSED BUDGET CUTS

- Accurate injury reporting by employers
- Safety accountability for federal contractors
- Safety representation during OSHA inspections for nonunion members

REPEALED

- Fallen workers
- Whistleblower rights
- Significant OSHA violations
- Workplace injury data

OBSTRUCTED INFORMATION

- Chemical safety for workers and first responders
- Coal dust and mine examinations for miners
- Worker injury data submission to OSHA
- Beryllium for construction and shipyard workers

PROTECTIONS DELAYED

- Silica for miners
- Toxic chemicals such as asbestos and styrene
- Workplace violence for health care and social service workers

SENSIBLE REGULATIONS HELP PROTECT WORKING PEOPLE

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Working people need stronger workplace protections.

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