

## Prevention Pays!

The estimated cost to industry for the most disabling workplace injuries and illnesses averaged just under a billion dollars a week in direct U.S. workers' compensation costs in 2010.

The most costly single injury was overexertion (\$13.61 billion), at 26.8% of the top ten causes of injuries.

Combined fall categories (falls on same level 16.9% and falls to a lower level 10%) totaled \$13.73 billion in 2010.

Based on real growth trends over the last twelve years, injuries from falls on same level and bodily reaction (bending, reaching, climbing, etc.) increased the most. Falls on same level increased by 42.3% and bodily reaction increased by 17.6%.

Source—Liberty Mutual Research Institute for Safety, Workplace Safety Index, 2012  
[www.libertymutual.com/researchinstitute](http://www.libertymutual.com/researchinstitute)

## FAST FACTS:

In Fiscal Year 2012, 62,671 Connecticut employees experienced a work-related injury or illness which resulted in days away from work, job modification, or job transfer.

In that same time, 26 workers in Connecticut died on the job.

Source - Workers Compensation Annual Report - FY 2011-2012



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## Workplace Hazard Assessment Program

*Providing no cost,  
non-regulatory health and  
safety evaluations in  
Connecticut workplaces*



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## Why Should I Call?

The Connecticut Department of Public Health offers health and safety evaluations for all Connecticut employers free of charge. These non-regulatory on-site evaluations are designed both to assist Connecticut employers with identifying potential workplace hazards and to provide recommendations for implementing or improving appropriate controls to enhance their existing health and safety efforts.

## When Should I Call?

When you need assistance with developing or maintaining effective safety and health programs.

When you are concerned about the presence of potential workplace hazards that may affect your employees.

If you have an increase or continuance of worker illnesses from an unknown source.

If you would like suggestions or assistance in locating other resources for correcting safety and health issues.

## **On-Site Evaluations ARE**

Confidential  
Non-Regulatory  
Free of Charge

The Department's Occupational Health Investigation staff can assist you in your efforts to reduce workplace illnesses and injuries by providing on-site evaluations and a written, confidential report detailing any identified potential hazards. The final report will also provide a specific list of recommendations for control measures to correct any identified hazards.

## **On-Site Evaluations Are NOT**

Guaranteed to identify or correct all hazards  
Reported to OSHA or any other enforcement agency. *However, if in the course of an on-site inspection, an inspector recognizes a hazardous condition that they believe to be immediately dangerous to the life or health of workers or other building occupants, they are required by law to disclose those findings.*

## That Was Close!

Addressing near-miss incidents can help to identify and correct hazardous conditions and work practices, and ultimately prevent accidents.

Conducting hazard evaluations and establishing an accident and near-miss investigation protocol within the workplace will help employers with identifying both the causes of injuries and the proper control measures to prevent them.

Early interventions that correct safety and health violations before accidents happen can save employers thousands of dollars in workers compensation costs, as well as expenses associated with lost-time and lower productivity.

The CT Department of Public Health's Workplace Hazard Assessment Program can assist you with identifying and addressing conditions within your facility that may be placing your employees at risk.