Safety and Health Organizations and Agencies

The following is a list of organizations and government agencies which are involved in safety and health.

Brief descriptions of their responsibilities are included for your information.

American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists (ACGIH)
Kemper Woods Center
1330 Kemper Meadow Drive
Cincinnati, Ohio 45240
www.acgih.org
Professional society of persons employed by official governmental units responsible for full-time programs of industrial hygiene. Devoted to the development of administrative and technical aspects of worker health protection.

American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA)
2700 Prosperity Avenue
Suite 250
Fairfax, Virginia 22031
(703)849-8888
www.aiha.org
Professional society of industrial hygienists. Promotes the study and control of environmental factors affecting the health and well-being of industrial workers.

American National Standards Institute (ANSI)
11 West 42nd Street
New York, New York 10038
(212)642-4980 (Customer Service)
www.ansi.org
Serves as a clearinghouse for nationally coordinated voluntary safety, engineering, and industrial standards. Contact them to purchase copies of various ANSI Standards.

American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM)
100 Bar Harbor Drive
West Conshohocken, PA 19428
(610)832-9585
www.astm.org
Establishes voluntary consensus standards for material, products, systems, and services.
American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME)
Three Park Avenue
New York, New York 10017
(800) 843-2763
www.asme.org
Conducts research; develops boiler, pressure vessel and power test codes. Sponsors American National Standards Institute in developing safety codes and standards for equipment.

American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE)
1800 East Oakton Street
Des Plaines, Illinois 60016
(708)699-2929
www.asse.org
Professional society of safety engineers, safety directors, and others concerned with accident prevention and safety programs.

American Welding Society (AWS)
Post Office Box 351040
550 LeJeune Road, NW
Miami, Florida 33135
(305)443-9353
www.aws.org
Professional engineering society in the field of welding. Sponsors seminars and conferences on welding.

Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS)
Postal Square Building
2 Massachusetts Ave., NE
Washington, DC 20212-0001
(202)691-5200
www.bls.gov
Compiles and publishes statistics on occupational injuries and illnesses.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDCP)
US Department of Health and Human Services
1600 Clifton Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia 30333
(404)329-3311
www.cdc.gov
Surveys national disease trends, epidemics and environmental health problems. Promotes national health education program. Administers block grants to states for preventive medicine and health services programs.

**Compressed Gas Association (CGA)**  
1725 Jefferson Davis Highway  
Suite 1004  
Arlington, Virginia 22202  
(703)412-0900  
[www.cganet.com](http://www.cganet.com)  
Submits recommendations to appropriate government agencies to improve safety standards and methods of handling, transporting, and storing gases. Acts as advisor to regulatory authorities and other agencies concerned with safe handling of compressed gases.

**Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)**  
401 M Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20460  
(202)382-4361  
[www.epa.gov](http://www.epa.gov)  
Administers federal environmental policies, research, and regulations. Provides information on many environmental subjects including water pollution, hazardous and solid waste disposal, air and noise pollution, pesticides, and radiation.

**Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA)**  
US Department of Labor  
4015 Wilson Boulevard  
Arlington, Virginia 22203  
(703)235-1452  
[www.msha.gov](http://www.msha.gov)  
Administers and enforces the health and safety provisions of the Federal Mine Safety Health Act of 1977. Has a training facility in Beckley, West Virginia. (Mine Health and Safety Academy, Post Office Box 1166, Beckley, West Virginia 25801)

**National Archives and Records Administration**  
Multimedia and Publications Distribution Division  
Customer Services Section  
8700 Edgeworth Drive  
Capitol Heights, Maryland 20743-3701  
(301)763-1896  
[www.nara.gov](http://www.nara.gov)  
Serves as the central source for all federally produced audiovisual materials and makes them available to the public through information and distribution services.
National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)
1 Batterymarch Park
Quincy, Massachusetts 02269
(800)344-3555
www.nfpa.org
Develops, publishes, and disseminates standards, prepared by approximately 175 technical committees, intended to minimize the possibility and effects of fire and explosion.

National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH)
US Department of Health and Human Services
Publications Dissemination
4676 Columbia Parkway
Cincinnati, Ohio 45226
(513)533-8287
www.cdc.gov/page.do
Part of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Supports and conducts research on occupational safety and health issues. Provides technical assistance and training. Develops recommendations for OSHA. Operates an occupational safety and health informational bibliographic data base.

National Institute of Standards and Technology
US Department of Commerce
National Engineering Laboratory
Route I-270 and Quince Orchard Road
Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899
(301)921-3434
www.nist.gov
Develops engineering measurements, data, and test methods. Produces the technical base for proposed engineering standards and code changes. Generates new engineering practices. Aids international competitiveness of small and medium-sized companies and consortia through technology development and transfer programs.

National Institute of Health (NIH)
US Department of Health and Human Services
9000 Rockville Pike
Bethesda, Maryland 20205
(301)496-5787
www.nih.gov
Supports and conducts biomedical research into the causes and prevention of diseases and furnishes information to health professionals and the public.
National Safety Council (NSC)  
1121 Spring Lake Drive  
Itasca, Illinois 60143-3201  
(708)285-1121  
www.nsc.org
A voluntary, non-governmental organization which promotes accident reduction by providing a forum for the exchange of safety and health ideas, techniques, experiences, and accident prevention methods.

National Technical Information Service (NTIS)  
US Department of Commerce  
5285 Port Royal Road  
Springfield, Virginia 22161  
(703)487-4636  
www.edworld.gov
Distribution center that sells to the public government-funded research and development reports and other technical analyses prepared by federal agencies, their contractors, or grantees. Offers microfiche and computerized bibliography search services.

Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) - National Office  
US Department of Labor  
200 Constitution Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20210  
(202)693-1999  
For Emergency Only: 1-800-321-6742 or for TTY 1-877-889-5627
Sets policy, develops programs, and implements the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970. For updated reports, directories, and other useful information, you may access OSHA though the internet at www.osha.gov

OSHA Outreach Page - Online: http://www.osha.gov/outreach.html
Visit this page for a list of consultation offices, training resources, list of states with their own plans, and many other useful resources.

Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission (OSHRC)
Public Information Office  
1120 20th St., NW, 9th Floor  
Washington, DC 20036-3457  
(202)606-5398  
www.oshrc.gov/index.html
Independent executive agency that adjudicates disputes between private employers and OSHA arising from citations of occupational safety and health standards.