

Employee Safety

Emerging Trends in Workplace Safety

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Workplace safety is a growing concern among workers in the United States, primarily because of negative publicity that some incidents have garnered over the past several years. In 2014 alone, a total of 4,821 people were killed on the job, translating to 13 deaths every day.

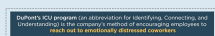
Many business people believe that some disturbing emerging trends indicate that an increased demand for workplace safety professionals is necessary. These trends include an increased presence or possibly diagnosis of mental illness, problems with drug abuse and addictions, alcoholism and greater exposure to harmful chemical substances.

Traditionally, workplace deaths have been associated with accidents on the job. These have dropped significantly since 1970 but still remain a problem in certain high-risk industries. The four main causes of workplace deaths are falls, electrocutions, getting struck by an object or becoming caught between two objects.

The U.S. Department of Labor Occupational Health and Safety Administration (OSHA) oversees requirements that make workplaces safer. The challenge, however, remains in changing the approach to workplace safety by emphasizing prevention instead of detection. By establishing positions such as a safety director, a safety manager and a safety coordinator, awareness of safety issues could increase at American companies, creating safer work environments.

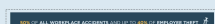
To learn more about emerging trends in workplace safety, checkout the new infographic created by Eastern Kentucky University's Occupational Safety program below.

9.5% \$100



by industry category (2008-2012)

Category	Percentage
MANAGEMENT	13.3%
PEER REVIEW	10.8%



ALCOHOLISM



NPFL ENTERTAINMENT AND RECREATION	6.5%	REAL ESTATE, RENTAL AND LEASING	6.5%
ACCOMMODATIONS AND FOOD SERVICES	11.8%	OTHER SERVICES (except public administration)	6.3%



100,000 DIFFERENT CHEMICALS ARE PRESENT AT OVER 3 MILLION WORKPLACES



Category	Value	Percentage
Health Care and Social Assistance	562.3	9%
Transportation and Warehousing	164.2	2.4%

Category	2017	2018
MANUFACTURING	438.7	403.8
WHOLESALE TRADE	120.7	114.8



SOME LEGAL REQUIREMENTS:



- INCREASED AWARENESS OF WORKPLACE SAFETY PROCEDURES HAS
RAISED INTEREST AND NEED FOR WORKPLACE SAFETY OCCUPATIONS

WORKPLACE SAFETY JOB PROFILES

to government requirements and internal policy compliance



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