

Santa Cruz County 2003 Health Almanac

Occupational Health and Safety

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Agencies and Information Sources

Santa Cruz County (SCC) Health Services Agency - <http://www.santacruzhealth.org/>
The Health Services Agency (HSA) exists to protect and improve the health of the people in Santa Cruz County. The Agency provides programs in Environmental Health, Public Health, Medical Care, Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment, and Mental Health.

California Department of Health Services - <http://www.dhs.ca.gov/default.htm>
To Protect and Improve the Health of All Californians.

California Health Interview Survey - <http://www.chis.ucla.edu/index.html>
The California Health Interview Survey (CHIS) is the largest state health survey conducted in the United States. Every two years, CHIS plans to collect information on the health and health care needs of California's diverse population.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention - <http://www.cdc.gov/default.htm>
CDC's Mission is to promote health and quality of life by preventing and controlling disease, injury, and disability.

CDC's Occupational Health Specific Web Site

See: <http://www.cdc.gov/health/occupati.htm> covers:

- Asthma and Allergies
- Bloodborne Infectious Diseases HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis B Virus, and Hepatitis C Virus
- Occupational Cancer
- Disaster Response
- Chemical Safety
- Childhood Agricultural Injury Prevention
- Electric and Magnetic Fields
- Ergonomics and Musculoskeletal Disorders
- Fire Fighter Fatality Investigation and Prevention
- Hand hygiene in healthcare settings
- Latex Allergies
- Mining
- Needlesticks
- Noise and Hearing Loss Prevention
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- Women's Safety and Health Issues at Work
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- more Safety and Health Topics

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Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Facts

OSHA's mission is to ensure safe and healthful workplaces in America. Since the agency was created in 1971, workplace fatalities have been cut in half and occupational injury and illness rates have declined 40 percent. At the same time, U.S. employment has doubled from 56 million workers at 3.5 million worksites to 111 million workers at 7 million sites.

Overall

(All figures are for U.S.)

Deaths From Work-Related Injuries: 5,430 (2000)

Age-Adjusted Death Rate: 2.6 deaths per 100,000 population (2000)

Number of Emergency Department Visits for Work-Related Injuries: 4.2 million (2000)

<http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/fastats/osh.htm>

Occupational Safety and Health Publications

<http://www.osha.gov/pls/publications/pubindex.list>