Healthcare Safety Statistics

Identifying and correcting hazards before someone gets hurt ensures workers go home to their families safe and sound after every shift. The information below can be used as a starting point for finding and addressing hazards in your company.

OSHA Citations in Healthcare

❑ Bloodborne Pathogens (1910.1030)

❑ Hazard Communication (1910.1200)

❑ Medical and First Aid (1910.151)

❑ General Requirements (1910.22)

❑ Respiratory Protection (1910.0134)

Source: OSHA Information System (OIS), 2011-2017, NAICS 622,623

Healthcare Injury Sources

❑ Patient Handling

a. Overexertion in lifting and lowering

b. Bodily reaction

❑ Workplace Violence

a. Intentional injury by other person

b. Violence and other injuries by persons or animal

c. Struck by object

❑ Falls, Slips, and Trips

❑ Needlesticks

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2011-2015, NAICS codes 622, 623

Resources on Addressing Hazards

Here are some resources for addressing hazards:

- OSHA Bloodborne Pathogens and Needlestick Prevention Safety and Health Topics Page. https://www.osha.gov/SLTC/bloodbornepathogens/index.html

- OSHA Hospital eTool. https://www.osha.gov/SLTC/etools/hospital/index.html

- Worker Safety in Hospitals. https://www.osha.gov/dsg/hospitals/index.html

- The Joint Commission /Joint Commission Resources /OSHA Alliance Webpage. https://www.osha.gov/dcsp/alliances/jcaho/jcaho.html

- The Joint Commission Portal on Workplace Violence Prevention Resources. https://www.jointcommission.org/workplace_violence.aspx

- The Joint Commission Sentinel Event Alert 57: The essential role of leadership in developing a safety culture. https://www.jointcommission.org/sea_issue_57/

Resources on Addressing Hazards (cont'd)

- Respiratory Protection in Hospitals: Resources and Practices.
  https://www.jointcommission.org/topics/respiratory_protection_hospitals_resources_practices.aspx

- The Joint Commission/Joint Commission Resources/OSHA Alliance resources.
  http://www.jcrinc.com/about-jcr-osha-alliance-resources/

- Examples of Environment of Care Newsletter Articles:

  - Inpatient Workplaces Under the Microscope: OSHA expands hazards policy enforcement at hospitals, nursing homes, care centers, and residential care facilities.
    http://www.jcrinc.com/assets/1/7/ECN-OSHA-1-2016.pdf

  - Protecting Patients and Staff from Infection Risks: Cleaning and disinfecting environmental surfaces.
    http://www.jcrinc.com/assets/1/7/OSHA_Alliance_Oct_2015_EC_News.pdf

  - Glovesick: Hospital gloves are vulnerable to permeation, punctures, and other risks; here's how to keep health care workers safe. http://www.jcrinc.com/assets/1/7/ECNews-Jul-2014.pdf

  - Protecting Temporary Workers: Personnel safety in the health care setting.
    http://www.jcrinc.com/assets/1/7/OSHA__Protecting_Temp_Workers.pdf

  - Laser Beam Safety Scheme: Why your health care organization needs to implement an effective medical laser safety program.
    http://www.jcrinc.com/assets/1/7/ECN0215_LaserBeam.pdf