A successful safety and health program has three core elements:

1. Management Leadership
2. Worker Participation
3. Finding and Fixing Hazards

Resources to find and fix healthcare hazards

Top OSHA Citations Healthcare

- Written Hazard Communication Plan (Hazard Communication, 1910.1200(e)(1))
- Written Exposure Control Plan (Bloodborne Pathogens, 1910.1030(g)(2)(i))
- Training on Hazardous Chemicals (Hazard Communication, 1910.1200(h)(1))
- Updated Bloodborne Pathogen Exposure Control Plan (Bloodborne Pathogens, 1910.1030(g)(2)(i))
- Emergency eyewash and showers (Medical and First Aid, 1910.151(c))


Top Injury Events Healthcare

- Falls on same level
- Overexertion in lifting or lowering
- Struck by object
- Intentional injury by other person
- Exposure to harmful substances or environments


General Healthcare Safety Tools

- Healthy Nurse, Healthy Nation (ANA). Provides tools for nurses to improve personal health and wellness.
- Hospital eTool (OSHA). Describes some of the hazards and safety solutions for a hospital setting.
- Nursing Homes and Personal Care Facilities (OSHA). Focuses on specific hazards for workers in nursing home environments.

Safe Patient Handling and Ergonomics

- Safe Patient Handling and Mobility (ANA). Offers videos and self-assessment resources for preventing musculoskeletal disorders when lifting patients.

Workplace Violence

- Incivility, Bullying, and Workplace Violence (ANA). Provides resources on how to prevent and deal with bullying and workplace violence in healthcare.

Needlesticks and Bloodborne Pathogens

- Sharps Injury Prevention (ANA). Resources for safe use and disposal of sharps in a healthcare setting.

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