

**Alliance between Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS) Oregon OSHA,
Oregon Health & Sciences University (OHSU) Oregon Institute of Occupational Health
Sciences, and State Accident Insurance Fund (SAIF)**

The Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS) Oregon OSHA, the Oregon Institute of Occupational Health Sciences at Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU), and SAIF recognize the value of establishing a collaborative relationship to improve Oregon worker safety, health and wellbeing. To that end, Oregon OSHA, Oregon Institute of Occupational Health Sciences,¹ and SAIF² hereby form an Alliance to expand the knowledge and application of [Total Worker Health](#)[®] principles by leveraging the strengths of each organization.

The Alliance collaboration will provide expertise and guidance, along with training and education that will help protect the occupational health, safety and well-being of workers, particularly by reducing and preventing exposure to *hazards and addressing issues*. In addition, the collaboration will provide knowledge and skills for workers to help in understanding their rights and the responsibilities of employers.

Through the Alliance, the organizations will use data available to the public by the Bureau of Labor Statistics³ and DCBS – Oregon OSHA⁴ to explore relevant injury, illness and hazard exposure when appropriate to help identify areas of emphasis for awareness, outreach, and communication activities. The Alliance will explore and implement selected options to evaluate the effectiveness of the Alliance and measure the impact of its overall effort on improving safety, health and well-being for employers and workers.

Oregon OSHA, Oregon Institute of Occupational Health Sciences, and SAIF will work together to achieve the following goals:

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- Each organization may pursue the objectives of the Alliance differently through the strengths and constraints of the member organization, and rules and laws that limit involvement.
- Promote strengths of traditional occupational safety and health programs while emphasizing evidenced-based approaches.
- Encourage strategies that recognize the role of the work environment in supporting safety, health and well-being for the employees, and help employers invest in evidenced-based practices.

¹ The Oregon Healthy Workforce Center is a NIOSH Center for Excellence for Total Worker Health[®] and is hosted with the Oregon Institute of Occupational Health Sciences at OHSU.

² A NIOSH Total Worker Health[®] Affiliate Program

³ <https://www.bls.gov/>

⁴ <http://osha.oregon.gov/pubs/reports/Pages/default.aspx>

Oregon OSHA, Oregon Institute of Occupational Health Sciences, and SAIF will work together to achieve the following objectives:

- Provide expertise in developing information and resources on the recognition and prevention of industry specific workplace hazards, and ways of communicating such information to employers and employees in the industry.
- Convene or participate in forums, round tables discussions, or stakeholder meetings on Total Worker Health® to help forge innovative solutions in the workplace.
- Speak, exhibit or appear at the Oregon OSHA, Oregon Institute of Occupational Health Sciences, and SAIF conferences, local meetings, or other special events to promote the Alliance principles.
- Share TWH® best practices among Oregon OSHA, Oregon Institute of Occupational Health Sciences, and SAIF personnel and industry safety and health professionals.
- Publicize the benefits of occupational safety and health programs and best practices.
- Promote and encourage participation in Oregon OSHA’s cooperative programs such as the consultation program, the Safety and Health Achievement Program (SHARP) and the Voluntary Protection Program (VPP).

Oregon OSHA, Oregon Institute of Occupational Health Sciences, and SAIF will develop a task force (TBD) to work on this specific Alliance via quarterly meetings to share information on activities and results in achieving the goals of the Alliance.

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Alliances provide parties an opportunity to participate in a voluntary cooperative relationship with Oregon OSHA for purposes such as outreach and communication and promoting dialogue on workplace safety and health. These Alliances have proved to be valuable tools for both Oregon OSHA and its Alliance participants. By entering into an Alliance with a party, Oregon OSHA is not endorsing any of that party’s products or services; nor does the Agency enter into an Alliance with the purpose of promoting a particular party’s products or services.

This agreement will remain in effect until parties terminate it, provided that party gives 30 days notice in writing. Parties may terminate this agreement at any time, for any reason, subject to the foregoing notice provision. This agreement may be modified at any time, so long as all three parties concur in writing.

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