

## OSHA introduces two websites to help employers

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) recently introduced two online resources designed to help employers stay up-to-date on workplace safety developments and regulations. The first resource, called Quick Start, allows users to access major OSHA requirements and guidance materials online. The other resource, called MyOSHA, allows each user to create a customized webpage with relevant links to OSHA's online resources. Although OSHA does not apply to counties in most instances, OSHA standards and requirements are excellent references for helping counties to improve workplace safety, reduce workplace accidents, and contain workers' compensation costs.

### Quick Start

Quick Start is a good place to start to learn more about how to comply with OSHA and how to prevent workplace injuries and illnesses. The six-step Quick Start process guides you through the steps necessary to identify many of the major OSHA requirements and guidance materials that may apply to your workplace. The six steps are described below:

*Step One* explains OSHA's requirements for keeping records and reporting workplace injuries and deaths. It also specifies what OSHA information must be posted in the workplace.

*Step Two* explains the OSHA regulations that apply to most employers. It covers requirements and recommendations for hazard communication standards, emergency action plans, fire safety, exit routes, walking and working surfaces, and medical and first aid supplies.

*Step Three* describes special OSHA requirements that may apply to your workplace depending on the kind of work your employees do.

*Step Four* includes a survey which can help you to identify and understand common safety and health hazards in your workplace.

*Step Five* helps you to create a comprehensive safety and health program—a good way to comply with OSHA standards and prevent workplace illnesses and injuries.

*Step Six* helps you to find additional compliance assistance information and other OSHA resources.

Quick Start can be accessed at [http://www.osha.gov/dcsp/compliance\\_assistance/quickstarts/index.html](http://www.osha.gov/dcsp/compliance_assistance/quickstarts/index.html).

### MyOSHA

The MyOSHA website lets you create your own customized OSHA webpage. You can customize both the content and the layout of your webpage. Depending on your interests, you can choose to display topics from the following categories:

- Information on specific industries
- Information for specific audiences
- Working cooperatively with OSHA (e.g., grants, training, partnership program)
- Laws and regulations
- What's new
- Safety and health topics
- Publications
- OSHA Strategic Management Plan Areas of Emphasis.

MyOSHA can be accessed at <http://www.osha.gov/pls/myosha/myosha.login>.

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