



UTAH OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH CONSULTATION SERVICES

## Need a safety program?



You have come to the right place. *With a few clicks you can assemble the basic components of a safety program tailored to your business.* The *SafetyWriter* tool can instantly assemble a general safety plan into a standard Word document ready for printing. Remember, these are general samples of programs you must review and tailor to your specific needs.

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2009  
Big M Phase I  
MATERIAL  
HANDLING  
SAFETY  
EMPHASIS  
INITIATIVE

SALT LAKE CITY, August 10, 2009 - The Utah Labor Commission, Occupational Safety and Health Division (Utah OSHA) announces THE 2009 MATERIAL HANDLING INSPECTION EMPHASIS INITIATIVE named “Big M Phase I”, at both retail and wholesale establishments in Utah beginning September 1, 2009. This initiative for material handling safety is designed to help identify and eliminate hazards associated with the major causes of fatalities, accidents, and injuries in that sector of the Utah industry, caused by crushing and caught in between incidents.

Establishments with a total injury rate above the state average rate for their specific industry will be evaluated and considered for a comprehensive inspection during this emphasis initiative. A comprehensive inspection is a substantially complete and thorough inspection of all potentially hazardous areas of the establishment. This type of inspection is also known as a “Wall to Wall” inspection. The industry groups by North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) included in Phase I of this initiative are:

- 493xx – Warehouse storage, state average rate 7.7
- 484xx – Truck transport, state average rate 5.6
- 452xx – General merchandise store, state average rate 6.4
- 44132 – Tire dealers, state average rate 5.9

Utah OSHA remains committed to the safety and health of Utah’s workers and to our mission to ensure compliance in the workplace. For more information, visit our website at [www.uosh.utah.gov](http://www.uosh.utah.gov) or contact Eldon Tryon, UOSH Compliance Manager at (801) 530- 6901.

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*“Working together we can make the beautiful State of Utah a safer place to work, elevating our safety and health culture to a higher level of excellence”*

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**Utah Occupational Safety and Health (UOSH)**

**Mission**  
Achieving compliance and providing assistance with safety and health in the workplace.

**State Plan**  
The federal Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 includes a provision that states can apply for approval to operate their own occupational safety and health programs. Currently there are 26 states and territories that are classified as state plan states. [www.osha.gov](http://www.osha.gov)  
Utah started the application and approval process in 1973 and was granted approval on July 16, 1985. A state plan state's occupational safety and health program must be assessed to be "at least as effective as" a federal enforcement program.

**Vision Statement**  
Working together we can make the beautiful State of Utah a safer place to work, elevating our workplace safety and health culture to a higher level of excellence.

**What We Do**  
UOSH has the legislative intent to "preserve human resources by providing for the safety and health of workers". We approach this goal by providing consultation services to private and public sector employer, by providing outreach to employers through our compliance assistance, Voluntary Protection Programs and Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Programs, and by enforcement of occupational safety and health standards through our compliance program activities. UOSH also collects work-related statistics on injuries and illnesses and fatalities in conjunction with the National Bureau of Labor Statistics.

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

**CONTACTING THE DIVISION**  
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**Safety and Health Topics**  
Safety and Health Programs

OSHA has concluded that effective management of worker safety and health protection is a decisive factor in reducing the extent and the severity of work-related injuries and illnesses. Effective management addresses all work-related hazards, including the potential hazards that could result from a change in worksite conditions or practices. Additionally, it addresses hazards whether or not they are regulated by government standards.

The following questions link to information relevant to safety and health programs in the workplace.

**What OSHA standards require or recommend safety and health programs?**  
Standards | Federal Registers | Directives

**What is a safety and health program?**

**How is an effective safety and health program implemented, maintained, and evaluated?**

**What additional information is available?**  
Related Safety and Health Topics Pages | Training | Other Resources

**In Focus**

**Hot Topics**

- Effective Workplace Safety and Health Management Systems. OSHA Fact Sheet, (2008, March), 579 KB PDF, 2 pages. Highlights critical elements of an effective Safety and Health Management System (SHMS), OSHA's free compliance assistance resources and asks as a checklist to develop and maintain a successful SHMS program.

**eTools**

- Safety & Health Management Systems. OSHA. There are four crucial questions you should be asking when it comes to safety and health programs. The detailed answers are found in the four modules of this eTool.

\*These files are provided for downloading.

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**Safety and Health Topics**

**Safety and Health Programs**

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- What is a safety and health program?
- Program Implementation
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