Safety and Health
Add Value…

To Your Business

If you could save money, improve productivity, and increase employee morale, would you?

Businesses spend $170 billion a year on costs associated with occupational injuries and illnesses—expenditures that come straight out of company profits. But workplaces that establish safety and health management systems can reduce their injury

> **"We can't make a quality product with an unsafe process."**
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> *Ken Lindgren, DACO, Incorporated*

and illness costs by 20 to 40 percent. In today's business environment, these costs can be the difference between operating in the black and running in the red.

Injuries and illnesses increase workers' compensation and retraining costs, absenteeism, and faulty product. They also decrease productivity, morale, and profits. Businesses operate more efficiently when they implement effective safety and health management systems. A Fortune Five company increased productivity by 13 percent, while a small, 50-person plant decreased faulty product and saved more than $265,000 with a strong safety and health program.

OSHA can help take the guesswork out of workplace safety and health by providing information and expertise to help businesses tailor solutions to meet their needs.

To Your
Workplace

Safe workplaces provide the consistency and reliability needed to build a community and grow a business. Workplaces with active safety and health leadership have fewer injuries, are often rated "better places to work," and have more satisfied,

"It makes sense to run an effective safety and health program because your people deserve it, your customers demand it, and your business practices and future will not be there without it."

Dan Fergus, Genesee Stampings

more productive employees. These employees return to work more quickly after an injury or illness and produce higher-quality products and services. Each year, OSHA works with thousands of companies to help create better workplaces, providing assessments and help in implementing safety and health management systems.

Safe environments improve employee morale, which often leads to increased productivity and better service. Lost productivity from injuries and illnesses costs companies $60 billion each year. OSHA has committed to reducing the rate of lost production by 2 percent per year, so that companies focused on safety and health can also enjoy a healthy bottom line.

To Your Life

When it comes to safe and healthful workplaces, OSHA helps to join employers and employees as partners for life. Since 1970, more than 75,000 lives have been saved and millions of injuries and illnesses have been prevented through effective occupational safety and health management systems.
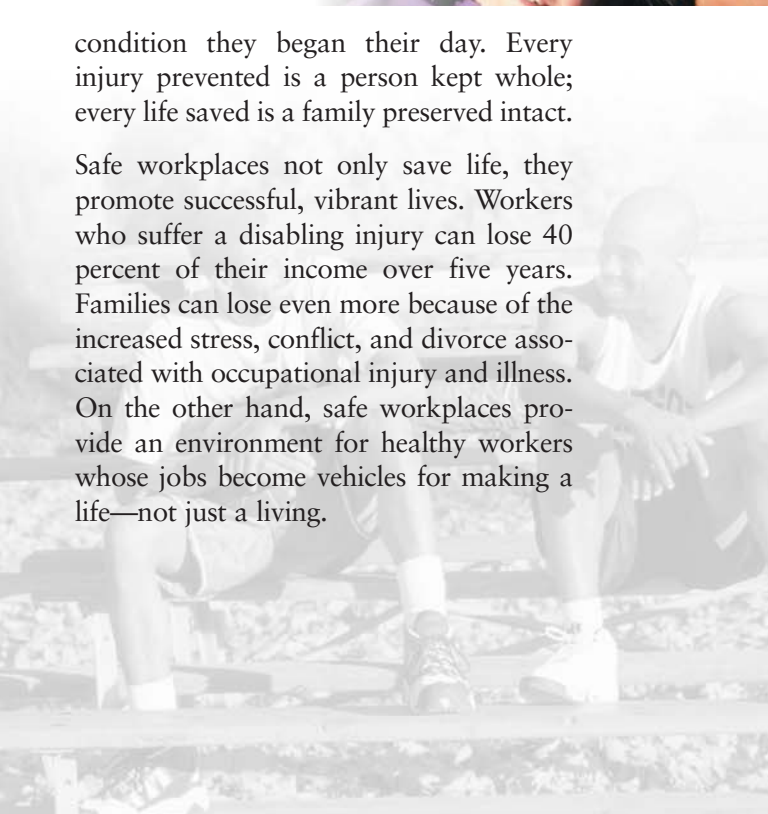
Millions of Americans work hard every day so they can build a better life for their families. OSHA helps to make sure that they return to their families in the same

"I want to see and hear my grandchildren, and because of the safety program at Curtis Lumber, I'm going to be able to."

John Meier, Curtis Lumber

condition they began their day. Every injury prevented is a person kept whole; every life saved is a family preserved intact.

Safe workplaces not only save life, they promote successful, vibrant lives. Workers who suffer a disabling injury can lose 40 percent of their income over five years. Families can lose even more because of the increased stress, conflict, and divorce associated with occupational injury and illness. On the other hand, safe workplaces provide an environment for healthy workers whose jobs become vehicles for making a life—not just a living.

Preventing Injuries and Illnesses Together

OSHA is committed to the design and implemention of safety and health systems that protect workers and promote successful business practices. OSHA offers a variety of tools, services, and programs to fit the needs of employers, employees, and safety and health professionals.

Businesses that partner with OSHA through the Voluntary Protection Programs (VPP) have 50 percent fewer lost workday injuries and illnesses than the average for their industry and incidence rates 50 percent below the national average. VPP companies have saved more than $1 billion since 1982.

Small employers participating in the Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program (SHARP) have also saved their

"We are honored to be a partner with OSHA. There's a mutual respect between OSHA and our company."

Torry McAlvain, McAlvain Construction

companies and their employees significant money and hardship. OSHA's Strategic Partnerships and Alliances benefit employers and employees in many industries by encouraging, assisting, and recognizing efforts to promote workplace safety and health.

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration has been helping save lives, prevent injuries, and protect the safety and health of America's workforce for more than 30 years. Since 1970, occupational fatalities have been cut in half and injuries and illnesses have been reduced by 40 percent.

OSHA continues to help reduce injuries, illnesses, and fatalities through extensive outreach, education, and compliance assistance efforts that complement strong, fair, and effective enforcement of safety and health regulations. OSHA's leadership in

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advancing safety and health is supported by an expanding array of programs that add value to business, workplace, and life.

OSHA's national and regional offices, together with state plan organizations, develop partnerships, alliances, and consultation programs to help companies implement safety and health management systems.

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