



**I would like:**

- an on-site safety consultation visit
- an on-site health consultation visit (airborne contaminants, noise, etc.)
- an on-site loggers safety visit
- a MNSHARP or MNSTAR visit
- a safety abatement grant application

**Please send me information about:**

- AWAIR program development assistance
- ergonomics assistance
- labor-management safety committee development
- safety and health training sessions
- workplace violence prevention
- other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Company name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax number: \_\_\_\_\_

City, state, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact name and title: \_\_\_\_\_ NAICS or SIC number: \_\_\_\_\_

**What is the program?**

The consultation program is a broad network of occupational safety and health services funded primarily by federal OSHA but delivered by the 50 state governments – Workplace Safety Consultation (WSC) in Minnesota. The states offer the expertise of highly qualified occupational safety and health professionals to employers that request help in establishing and maintaining a safe and healthful workplace.

The consultation program exists to help you, the employer. Consultants can evaluate your workplace’s mechanical systems, physical work practices and environmental hazards. They will assess your present safety and health management system or, if you do not have one, assist you in developing an effective one.

**Designed for smaller businesses**

Consultation is designed specifically for small- and medium-sized businesses – 250 employees at a single site or 500 corporatewide. Consultation gives priority assistance to employers in high-hazard industries or involved in hazardous operations.

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Web site: [www.dli.mn.gov/Wsc.asp](http://www.dli.mn.gov/Wsc.asp)**

**Cut costs**

Consultation services and information are provided at no cost to eligible employers that request help from Workplace Safety Consultation.

Federal OSHA, in partnership with the states, designed and funded the consultation program to provide expert advice to small businesses that want help in establishing a safe and healthful workplace. There is no cost for these professional consultation services.

Employers can find out about potential hazards at their worksites and improve their safety management systems. This program targets small, high-hazard businesses, yet works with both small and large employers. Request a consultation at [www.dli.mn.gov/WSC/Assistance.asp](http://www.dli.mn.gov/WSC/Assistance.asp).

**No citations, no penalties**

The consultation program is completely separate from OSHA enforcement operations. A WSC consultant will visit your worksite at your request to provide the assistance you have requested. The consultant does not issue citations or impose penalties for violations of federal or state OSHA standards that he or she may find during the consultation visit. However, employers are obligated to correct the serious hazards observed during a consultation survey.

Although a consultant cannot guarantee that your workplace will pass a federal or state inspection, it has been demonstrated that a consultation visit will significantly reduce the citation or penalty impact of future compliance inspections.

This material can be provided in different formats, such as Braille, large print or audio by calling (651) 284-5060 or TTY (651) 297-4198.



- Consultation services
- Training seminars
- Safety grants
- Safety management assistance



## Workplace Safety Consultation's programs and services

- **Free professional safety and health consultation services** can be requested online at [www.dli.mn.gov/WSC/Assistance.asp](http://www.dli.mn.gov/WSC/Assistance.asp) or by calling (651) 284-5060 or 1-800-657-3776.
- The **Safety Grants Program** awards up to \$10,000 to qualifying employers for projects designed to reduce the risk of injury and illness to its workers. More information is available online at [www.dli.mn.gov/WSC/Grants.asp](http://www.dli.mn.gov/WSC/Grants.asp).
- The **Labor-Management Safety Committee Program** provides expert assistance to employers in their efforts to develop and administer labor-management safety and health committees. Learn more about such committees at [www.dli.mn.gov/WSC/Lmsc.asp](http://www.dli.mn.gov/WSC/Lmsc.asp).
- WSC's **ergonomics specialist** offers assistance and resources to employers and employees focusing on the identification and elimination of workplace risk-factors associated with work-related musculoskeletal disorders. The consultant works with employers and industry groups, conducting on-site ergonomic assessments and providing training to improve safety management techniques, workplace safety practices and working conditions.
- The **Minnesota Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program (MNSHARP)** provides incentives and support to smaller Minnesota employers to work with their employees to develop and implement safety and health programs and improve safety and health management effectiveness. For more information, visit [www.dli.mn.gov/WSC/Mnsharp.asp](http://www.dli.mn.gov/WSC/Mnsharp.asp). Information about MNSHARP for construction worksites is available at [www.dli.mn.gov/WSC/SharpConstruction.asp](http://www.dli.mn.gov/WSC/SharpConstruction.asp).
- The **Minnesota STAR (MNSTAR) Program** is a voluntary protection program that relies on employer self-assessment that follows federal criteria. This program affords the employer the opportunity to improve safety and health through cooperation among employees, management and government. Learn more online at [www.dli.mn.gov/WSC/Mnstar.asp](http://www.dli.mn.gov/WSC/Mnstar.asp).
- The **LogSafe Program** provides logging industry safety training seminars and on-site consultative assistance throughout the state. The goal of the program is to continue to reduce injuries and illnesses in the logging industry through on-site consultation services, technical assistance, outreach and training seminars. Learn more at [www.dli.mn.gov/WSC/Logging.asp](http://www.dli.mn.gov/WSC/Logging.asp).
- **Workplace Violence Prevention Services** provides technical assistance and training about workplace violence prevention. Read more at [www.dli.mn.gov/WSC/Wvp.asp](http://www.dli.mn.gov/WSC/Wvp.asp).
- WSC presents **training seminars** about workplace safety topics throughout the state and **construction seminars** that feature a presentation about a specific construction safety or health topic. You may request training or construction seminars by contacting WSC at (651) 284-5060, 1-800-657-3776 or [osha.consultation@state.mn.us](mailto:osha.consultation@state.mn.us).



## Professional safety and health consultation services

Minnesota OSHA Workplace Safety Consultation (WSC) works with employers and employees to solve safety and health problems before they occur. It offers free on-site consultation services, upon request, to help employers improve their safety and health performance, lower accident costs and reduce Minnesota OSHA Compliance citations and penalties.

WSC consultants help employers recognize hazards, make recommendations for solving problems and suggest other sources of available help.

The visit by a consultant is scheduled for a mutually agreeable time and can encompass the entire site, a piece of machinery or a specific work operation.

This service is confidential and no citations or penalties are issued; however, the employer must commit to the timely correction of any serious job safety or health hazards found during WSC's site visit.

### Key services

**WSC offers an array of services. Consultants can:**

- help recognize hazards in your workplace.
- suggest approaches or options for solving a safety or health problem.
- identify sources of available help if you need further assistance.
- provide a written report that summarizes the consultant's findings.
- assist in developing or maintaining an effective safety and health program.
- offer training and education for you and your employees at or away from your worksite.
- recommend recognition by Minnesota OSHA's safety and health achievement programs.

