

Free OSHA On-Site Consultation Program Available to NAHB Members

NAHB members can take advantage of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration's [On-Site Consultation Program](#) - a free service for employers funded by OSHA - to learn about hazards on their job sites, improve their safety programs and have the opportunity to qualify for a one-year exemption from programmed OSHA inspections.

The free service is geared towards small, high-hazard businesses and operates separately from OSHA enforcement initiatives.

The program is conducted by safety and health professionals working with businesses, and no citations or penalties are proposed during the consultation period.

Employers who choose to participate in this voluntary program are required to correct serious safety and health hazards on the job site in an agreed-upon timeframe.

The on-site consultants will:

- Conduct a walk-through of the job site with the employer and review company injury and illness rates and records, if available; ([OSHA 300 Log of Recordable Injuries and Illnesses](#) not required for companies with 10 or fewer employees)
- Help identify hazards, provide detailed findings in a closing conference and also provide a written report summarizing their findings
- Assist in the development or maintenance of an effective safety program and also provide training and education for the employer and employees

The on-site consultants will not:

- Issue citations or propose penalties for violations of OSHA standards
- Report possible violations to OSHA enforcement staff
- Guarantee that they have identified every potential safety or health hazard that exists on the job site

Following the walk-through and roughly 20 days after a closing conference, the safety and health consultant will prepare a written report outlining the findings and confirming an agreed-upon deadline for corrections.

For the duration of the consultation service - from the initial walk-through up to and including the final correction date - employers are deferred from OSHA's scheduled inspections.

Employers also have the option of participating in OSHA's [Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program](#) (SHARP), which is designed to provide incentives and support for employers to develop and implement safety and health programs.

Employers who meet specific SHARP requirements may be exempted from OSHA's programmed inspections for a one-year period.

For more information, visit OSHA's On-Site Consultation Program [website](#), or view the [OSHA Consultation Program Fact Sheet](#).

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