DEATH SHOULD NEVER BE THE COST OF DOING BUSINESS

The National Safety Council was founded in 1913 by business leaders who decided workplace fatalities didn’t have to be the cost of doing business. More than a century later, people are nine times safer at work, than they are off the job.

Yet fatal work injuries have been climbing for three consecutive years, surpassing 5,000 deaths for the first time in nearly a decade. Every day, 14 people leave for work and never return, leaving behind colleagues, neighbors and family.

Changes in the economy, demographics, work environments, technology and job structures are creating new safety challenges and bringing with them new workplace risks. The top five causes of workplace deaths are motor vehicle crashes, acts of violence, slips trips and falls, contact with equipment or objects, and hazardous exposure.

Making sure workers are safe on the job, as well as off the job means creating a workplace culture where safety is a core value and a shared responsibility from the C-suite to the front lines. Investing in safety is not only the right thing to do, but it also protects the bottom line.

We seek to better understand how workers get hurt, and how to make sure they return home safely. Through leadership, research, education and advocacy, our mission is to eliminate preventable deaths in our lifetime.

BY THE NUMBERS

• 5,190 workplace deaths in 2016
• Workplace injuries and deaths cost $570 billion annually
• #1 cause of workplace deaths is motor vehicle crashes
Employers who visibly care about worker safety see improved morale, increased productivity, lower costs and, most importantly, fewer injuries. NSC membership, training and resources provide ways to combat many workplace hazards to keep all workers safe.

**NSC Membership** offers access to training, cutting-edge research, safety videos, benchmarking studies, webinars, networking, the latest safety news, toolkits and more. Check out [nsc.org/Membership](nsc.org/Membership)

The **NSC Congress & Expo** is the nation’s largest annual gathering of safety professionals with 15,000 attendees, hundreds of technical sessions and over 1,200 exhibitors offering the latest safety products and keynotes from big names in safety.

The **Campbell Institute at NSC**, the global center of excellence for environmental health and safety collaborates with top performing organizations to share research and best practices widely across industries.

**NSC offers workplace training** to move beyond basics to best practices. Targeted workplace training options cover OSHA compliance, safe driving and First Aid. **NSC Defensive Driving Courses** offer distracted driving modules specifically for employers.

The **Advanced Safety Certificate™ Program** takes safety to the next level by developing high performing employees into safety leaders with skills to create a culture of safety.

The **Safety Standard of Excellence® program** developed with the American Staffing Association helps staffing companies and their clients to improve temporary worker safety and recognize agencies.

**NSC Assessments and Consulting** help organizations identify strengths and weaknesses and make strategic decisions in the design and implementation of safety management systems and programs.

**Safe Driving Kit, Prescription Drug Employer Kit, Substance Use Cost Calculator**, and **Fatigue Employer Kit and Cost Calculator** are free tools to protect workers against some of the most common workplace hazards.