

OSHA- I Think I have heard This Name Somewhere!

Good Morning Health care Readers. Today, I want to discuss about OSHA. I have been thinking HIPAA as sole compliance for health care industry, but I guess I was wrong let me give you a A briefing on OSHA.

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration, an agency of the US government under the Department of Labor enacted by Congress on December 29, 1970 to prevent work-related injuries, illnesses and deaths by enforcing rules for workplace safety and health. It ensures safety at work and a healthful work environment.

In 1999, there were 5.7 million occupational injuries and illnesses among U.S. workers. Nearly 6.3 of every 100 workers faced job-related injury and 6023 workers lost their lives on the job. But subsequent to OSHA being created in 1971, occupational deaths in US have declined by half and injuries by 40%.

The agency has framed workplace standards and policies businesses to adhere to these standards. It also encourages educational program for small business owners and corporations and plans to form partnerships to improve workplace safety and health.

According to OSHA, "the agency's mission is to assure the safety and health of America's workers by setting and enforcing standards; providing training, outreach, and education; establishing partnerships; and encouraging continual improvement in workplace safety and health. "

OSHA regulations applies to all private-sector employers in all states and U.S territories and does not include employers in the public sector, self-employed individuals, family members operating a firm or domestic household workers. OSHA regulations requires states to develop their own safety and health plans, but an individual state's OSHA plans must be strictly regulated as the federal OSHA Act and must be sanctioned by federal OSHA.

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