

MHA WORKPLACE SAFETY COLLABORATIVE

Overview

The Michigan Health & Hospital Association (MHA) launched an ongoing collaborative to focus on workplace safety in Michigan hospitals. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the healthcare sector had the highest distribution of nonfatal occupational injuries and illnesses in the private sector in 2017*. Healthcare workers are nearly four times more likely on average to experience violence than individuals in other industries, according to data from the Occupational and Safety Health Administration (OSHA). The workplace safety collaborative is one component of the MHA's efforts to address workplace violence. The association has been a longtime advocate of legislation to enhance hospital employee and volunteer safety and works with state and federal legislators to ensure a safe environment for both patients and healthcare professionals.

Goal

The MHA Workplace Safety Collaborative's goal is to reduce injuries and increase safety awareness through educational events, webinar series and insights from subject matter experts.

Workplace Safety Areas of Focus



Education and Events

The MHA will host educational events where members will learn from subject matter experts in safe patient handling, workplace violence, sharps, and slips trips and falls. In addition to in-person events, teams will participate in interactive webinars to enhance their skills and receive support from content experts.

Submission of organizational OSHA measures are an integral component of this collaborative and offers an in-depth analysis of incidents.

Additionally, the MHA Workplace Safety Community site offers members a place to share documents, find resources, register for events, and communicate with other members.

Member organizations are encouraged to participate in this collaborative to identify, develop and implement workplace safety risk-reduction strategies.

Getting Involved

Members may join the MHA Workplace Safety Collaborative at any time. Email keystone@mha.org to learn more about the collaborative.

*Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, November 2018

