

# 607 Best Practices After the Repeal of the Ergonomics Standard

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Prior to joining AutoNation, Ms. Allain was senior assistant counsel at Union Oil Company of California (dba Unocal), where she provided legal support for the Carbon and Minerals Division. Previously, Ms. Allain engaged in private practice, and was a principal at Parker, Milliken, Clark, O'Hara & Samuelian in Los Angeles. She advised major corporations concerning environmental regulatory compliance, and represented them in enforcement proceeding and litigation. Ms. Allain was also engaged in general business litigation and transactional matters. Upon graduation from law school, she served as a law clerk to the Honorable David S. Nelson in the U.S. District Court in Boston.

Ms. Allain is the coauthor of "An Overview of Regulatory Compliance and Legal Liability Issues," a chapter in the 2002 edition of *Safety, Health, and Asset Protection-Management Essentials*. She was a course director and instructor at University of California Berkeley Center for occupational and environmental health. She is a member of the State Bar of California, for which she served on the Resolutions Committee, the Task Force on Environmental Discrimination, and the Conference of Delegates.

Ms. Allain received a BS from Loyola Marymount University and a JD from Harvard Law School.

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Prior to his election as vice president EHS, Mr. Cannon was associate general counsel in PPG's law department. Prior to joining PPG, Mr. Cannon was an attorney for the U.S. Department of the Interior and, before that, a trial attorney in the Land and Natural Resources Division of the United States Department of Justice [now Environment and Natural Resources].

He served as a member of ACCA's Board of Directors and is a past president of ACCA's Western Pennsylvania Chapter. He was the first chairman of the Western Pennsylvania Chapter Environmental Law Committee and also served as the chair of ACCA's Environmental Law Committee. He received ACCA's Robert I. Townsend Jr. Award as member of the year. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Environmental Law Institute, the Fox Chapel Borough Environmental Advisory Council, the Board of Directors of the Fox Chapel Land Conservation Trust, and the Board of Trustees of the Allegheny County Bar Foundation.

Mr. Cannon received a BS from the University of Notre Dame and a JD from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law.

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Christopher T. Spear is the assistant secretary for policy in the U.S. Department of Labor. Mr. Spear was nominated by the President and then confirmed by the U.S. Senate last year. Mr. Spear is responsible for providing advice and counsel to the Secretary of Labor on the vast array of labor issues that affect the American worker. He works with all agencies in the Department to fulfill its commitment to workers—that all workers will have the opportunity to find and hold jobs under reasonable working conditions with good wages, health benefits, reliable pensions, and the opportunity to improve their skills in the 21st Century Workplace.

Prior to coming to the U.S. Department of Labor, Mr. Spear was the legislative director for Senator Tim Hutchinson. During his tenure as director, Mr. Spear crafted a comprehensive legislative agenda including labor, health, education, agriculture, and defense initiatives, and instigated the creation of the Senate Biotechnology Caucus. The Caucus hosted forums on biotechnology and its relation to the nation's agriculture community, health care system, and international trade.

Prior to serving Senator Hutchinson, Mr. Spear was the staff director of the Senate Subcommittee on Employment, Safety and Training, chaired by Senator Michael Enzi. As staff director, Mr. Spear directed multiple subcommittee hearings on labor issues, including OSHA modernization, mine safety and health, job training, and federal regulation of small businesses. Mr. Spear also served two years as a legislative assistant for Senator Enzi on the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. Mr. Spear began his career in the U.S. Senate working for Senator Alan Simpson. He served Senator Simpson for more than three years, both as a legislative assistant and as a field representative in Wyoming.

Mr. Spear received both an undergraduate degree and a master's degree in public administration from the University of Wyoming.

#### ACCA Annual Meeting 2002

#### **BEST PRACTICES**

# After the Repeal of the Ergonomics Standard

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OSHA's New Approach to Ergonomics

- Guidelines for Specific Industries
  - · Nursing Homes
  - · Poultry Processing
  - · Retail Grocery Stores
- ❖ Research
- Outreach and Assistance
- ❖ Enforcement

#### Ergonomics eTools

- Baggage Handling
- Beverage Delivery
- Computer Workstations
- Grocery Warehousing
- Hospitals
- Nursing Homes
- Poultry Processing
- Sewing (English and Spanish)
- Available online at www.osha.gov/ergonomics/ergotools.html

#### **Enforcement**

- The former ergonomics standard was enforceable
- Guidelines generally are advisory and voluntary, but may be enforceable under OSHA's General Duty Clause
  - Every employer has a general duty to provide a workplace free from recognized hazards that are likely to cause death or serious injury
  - OSHA may not be able to impose penalties for egregious violations of General Duty Clause

#### References and Resources

- For OSHA's Ergonomics website, go to www.osha.gov/ergonomics
- For OSHA's Ergonomics eTools, go to www.osha.gov/ergonomics/ergotools.html
- For OSHA's General Duty Clause, see 29. U.S.C. sec. 654(a)(1)
- For successful challenge to OSHA's imposition of penalties for egregious violations of General Duty Clause, see, e.g., Reich v. Arcadian Corp., 110 F.3d 1992 (5th Cir. 1997)
- For final version of repealed Ergonomic Program Standard, see 65 Fed. Reg. 68,261 (Nov. 14, 2000)
- For OSHA's withdrawal of Ergonomic Program Standard, see 66 Fed. Reg. 20403 (Feb. 23, 2001)

# **California and Washington State Ergonomics Programs**

| CATEGORY                            | CALIFORNIA                                 | WASHINGTON STATE   |
|-------------------------------------|--|--|
| Federal OSHA Has                    | Yes  | Yes  |
| <b>Delegated State</b>              |  |  |
| OSHA Program                        |  |  |
| OSHA Agency                         | www.dir.ca.gov/occupational safety.html    | www.lni.wa.gov/wisha                                       |
| Website                             |  |  |
| Statutory                           | California Labor Code § 6357 requires      | Revised Code of Washington                                 |
| Authority for                       | the California Occupational Safety and     | 49.17.010, 49.17.040, &                                    |
| Ergonomics                          | Health Standards Board to adopt            | 49.17.050, enables the Department                          |
| Regulations                         | ergonomics standards in the workplace.     | of Labor and Industries to adopt                           |
|                                     |  | regulations for a safe workplace.                          |
| Whether Statutory                   | Yes  | No   |
| Authority                           |  |  |
| Specifically Refers                 |  |  |
| to Ergonomics?                      |  |  |
| Ergonomics                          | California Code of Regulations, Title 8, § | Washington Administrative Code                             |
| Administrative                      | 5110                                       | §§296-62-05101- 05176                                      |
| Regulations                         |  |  |
| Effective Date                      | Adopted on November 14, 1996, and          | Adopted on May 26, 2000, and                               |
|                                     | became effective July 3, 1997.             | became effective July 1, 2002.                             |
| Terminology for                     | Repetitive motion injury (RMI)             | Work-related musculoskeletal                               |
| Ergonomics Injury                   |  | disorder (WMSD)  |
|                                     |  |  |
| Threshold for                       | Employer has two (2) or more RMIs in a     | Employer has one (1) or more                               |
| Applicability of                    | 12-month period                            | "caution zone" jobs. A "caution                            |
| Ergonomics                          |  | zone" job is one in which an                               |
| Requirements                        |  | employee's typical work activities                         |
|                                     |  | include any of the Department of                           |
|                                     |  | Labor and Industries' specific risk                        |
| ~                                   |  | factors.   |
| Small Employer                      | No   | No, except for phase-in period                             |
| Exemption                           | 37   | **   |
| Phase-In of                         | No   | Yes, employers are grouped into                            |
| Ergonomics                          |  | four (4) categories based upon                             |
| Requirements                        |  | number of employees and high-                              |
|                                     |  | risk industries based upon SIC                             |
|                                     |  | codes. Regulations become                                  |
|                                     |  | effective first for largest                                |
|                                     |  | employers and those in high-risk                           |
| Doguinos Words                      | Yes  | industries.  |
| Requires Work-<br>Related Causation | 168  | No, applies to workplaces where no injuries have occurred. |
|                                     | Yes  |  |
| Requires Diagnosis                  | 168  | No, applies to workplaces where                            |
| by Licensed                         |  | no injuries have occurred.                                 |
| Physician                           |  |  |

#### **ACCA's 2002 ANNUAL MEETING**

| Allows Employer's Existing Programs to Satisfy Ergonomics Requirements | No   | Yes, they must be "as effective" as state regulations.  |
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| What Employer<br>Must Do to<br>Comply                                  | Adopt program designed to minimize RMIs, including providing employee training regarding exposures associated with RMIs and importance of injury and symptom reporting. Employers are required, in a timely manner, to correct or minimize exposures that have caused RMIs.  | Implement ergonomics awareness education for employees and perform hazard analysis of workplace to identify "caution zone" jobs that have WMSD hazards. Employers must reduce WMSD hazards that are found below specific criteria established by Department of Labor and Industries or to the extent technologically and economically feasible. |
| Whether State OSHA Agency Offers Ergonomics Consulting Services        | Yes, on-site consulting is available.  | Yes, general training sessions are offered by the Department of Labor and Industries.   |
| Legal Challenges<br>to Ergonomics<br>Regulations                       | Yes, but unsuccessful in <u>Pulaski v.</u> <u>Occupational Safety &amp; Health Stds. Bd.</u> , 75 Cal.App.4th 1315 (1999), except that the California Court of Appeal, Third District, in <u>Pulaski</u> concluded that the California Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board erred in exempting small businesses from state ergonomics regulations. | No, but several legislative bills have been introduced to repeal the regulations.   |
| Recent Events  | Proposed legislation, A.B. 2845, would require California Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board to revise its ergonomics regulations by July 1, 2003.   | On March 5, 2002, Governor Gary Locke directed the Department of Labor and Industries to implement the state's ergonomics regulations but ordered that citations and penalties for any violations would be delayed for two (2) years.   |

#### Ergonomics: An OSHA Chronology<sup>i</sup>

| June 10, 2002  | OSHA announces that industry-specific guidelines will be   |
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| •  | developed for grocery stores and poultry processing,   |
|  | respectively.  |
| April 18, 2002   | OSHA announces the first set of industry-specific ergonomics   |
|  | guidelines to be developed for nursing homes.  |
| April 9, 2002  | OSHA names regional ergonomics coordinators for each of its  |
|  | ten regional offices.  |
| April 5, 2002  | OSHA announces Comprehensive Plan on Ergonomics to   |
|  | address musculoskeletal disorders in the workplace.  |
| July 2001  | OSHA holds public forums on ergonomics in California, Illinois,  |
|  | and Virginia.  |
| April 26, 2001   | Secretary of Labor Elaine L. Chao testifies before Congress on   |
|  | reducing musculoskeletal disorders in the workplace.   |
| March 20, 2001   | President signs S.J. Resolution 6, repealing the ergonomics  |
|  | standard.  |
| March 8, 2001  | House votes 223-206 to repeal ergonomics standard, under   |
|  | the auspices of the Congressional Review Act.  |
| March 7, 2001  | Senate votes 56-44 to repeal ergonomics standard, under the auspices   |
| 116 2001   | of the Congressional Review Act.   |
| January 16, 2001   | Final Ergonomics Program Standard becomes effective.   |
| Nov. 14, 2000  | OSHA issues Ergonomics Program Standard.   |
| May 22, 2000   | OSHA seeks comments on the economic impact of ergonomics   |
|  | proposal on the state and local governments, USPS and railroads.   |
| Fahruam, Anvil   |  |
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| February - April,  | Informal public hearings on the proposed standard are held in  |
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| July 29, 1991     | OSHA publishes a 24-page booklet, "Ergonomics: The Study   |
|                   | of Work," as part of a nationwide educational and outreach   |
|                   | program to raise awareness and reduce cumulative trauma  |
| -                 | disorders.   |
| 1990s             | OSHA signs 11 additional corporate-wide settlement   |
|                   | agreements to bring ergonomic programs to nearly half a  |
|                   | million workers.   |
| November 20, 1990 | OSHA/UAW/GM sign agreement bringing ergonomics   |
|                   | programs to 138 GM plants employing more than 300,000  |
| F-II 1000         | workers.   |
| Fall 1990         | Then-Secretary of Labor, Elizabeth Dole, emphasizes need to  |
|                   | eliminate hazards of ergonomic-related disorders. OSHA   |
| August 30, 1990   | creates Office of Ergonomics Support.  The agency publishes ergonomics guidelines for the red meat       |
| August 30, 1990   | industry, "Ergonomics Program Management Guidelines for  |
|                   | Meatpacking Plants."   |
| July 23, 1990     | OSHA/UAW/Ford corporate-wide settlement agreement  |
| July 23, 1330     | commits Ford to reduce ergonomic hazards in 96% of its   |
|                   | plants through model ergonomics program.   |
| July 2, 1990      | Directive CPL 2.88 "Information Dissemination System for   |
| , ,               | Ergonomic Inspections and Consultative Visits Resulting in   |
|                   | Significant Benefits" issued.  |
| November 2, 1989  | OSHA/UAW/Chrysler sign corporate-wide settlement   |
|                   | agreement for comprehensive ergonomics program to control  |
|                   | cumulative trauma disorders at five auto assembly plants.  |
| July 7, 1989      | OSHA cites Ford's Lansdale, Pa. assembly plant for ergonomic   |
|                   | hazards.   |
| May 1, 1987       | OSHA cites Chrysler plants in Belvedere, Ill.; St. Louis, Mo.  |
|                   | (two); Newark, Del.; and Toledo, Ohio for recognized   |
| - 1 0 1007        | ergonomic hazards.   |
| February 9, 1987  | OSHA issues directive CPL 2.78 establishing regional   |
|                   | ergonomics coordinators to provide technical assistance to   |
|                   | OSHA area offices, consultation programs and state programs and mandating training for compliance staff. |
| October 2, 1986   | OSHA requests information by Jan. 30, 1987, on reducing  |
| Octobel 2, 1900   | back injuries in general industry resulting from manual lifting.   |
| May 16, 1986      | OSHA begins a pilot program to reduce back injuries through  |
| 114, 25, 2566     | review of injury records during inspections, and   |
|                   | recommendations for training or job redesign using NIOSH's   |
|                   | Work Practices Guide for Manual Lifting.   |
| August 16, 1983   | The OSHA Training Institute offers its first course on   |
|                   | ergonomics.  |
| Early 1980s       | OSHA begins discussing ergonomic issues with labor and trade   |
|                   | associations and professional organizations.   |
| 1979              | First ergonomist joins OSHA.   |
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>i</sup> Adapted from U.S. OSHA's Ergonomics Chronology, available at <a href="http://www.osha.gov/ergonomics/ergonomicschronology02.html">http://www.osha.gov/ergonomics/ergonomicschronology02.html</a>.

| Name of State | Name of State OSHA Department or Agency  | State OSHA Department or Agency Website Address | Delegated State OSHA Program (Including in Part) (Y or N) | Sets Forth Current Specific Ergonomics Provisions (Y, N, or Proposed) (If Yes or Proposed, Indicate Standard or Guideline) | Summary & Citation to Proposed Ergonomics Provisions (As Applicable) | Summary & Citation to Existing Ergonomics & Related Statutory Provisions  | Summary & Citation to Existing Ergonomics & Related Administrative Regulations |
|---------------|--|---|---|--|--|---|--|
| 1. Alabama    | State of Alabama Department of Labor; Department of Industrial Relations, Board of Appeals | www.alalabor.state.al.us                        | N   | N  | N/A  | Code of Alabama § 25-1-1 (2001) provides that every employer shall provide employment that is reasonably safe; § 25-2-13 provides that the Department of Industrial Relations, Board of Appeals, shall promulgate rules for occupational safety.  | N/A  |
| 2. Alaska     | Alaska Department of<br>Labor and Workforce<br>Development                                 | www.labor.state.ak.us/lss/<br>lss.htm           | Y   | N  | N/A  | Alaska Statutes _ 18.60.030(6) ("The Department of Labor and Workforce Development shall establish and enforce occupational safety and health standards that prescribe requirements for safe and healthful working conditions for all employment.") A.S 18.60.075(4) (employer shall furnish to each employee an environment that is free from recognized hazards). | N/A  |
| 3. Arizona    | Industrial Commission of<br>Arizona, Division of<br>Occupational Safety and<br>Health      | www.ica.state.az.us/ADO<br>SH/oshatop.htm       | Y   | N  | N/A  | Arizona Revised Statutes § 23-403 (2001) provides that each employer shall furnish employment that is free from recognized hazards. A.R.S. § 23-410 (2001) provides that the Division of Occupational Safety and Health shall promulgate safety rules for occupational health.  | N/A  |
| 4. Arkansas   | Arkansas Department of Labor, Occupational   | www.ark.org/labor/<br>divisions/aosh_p1.html    | N   | N  | N/A  | Arkansas Code _11-2-110 (2001) provides that the  | N/A  |

|                | Safety and Health Division |                          |     |              |                                  | Department of Labor may make     |  |
|----------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|-----|--------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|
|                | Safety and Health Division |                          |     |              |                                  | rules for employee safety; 11-2- |  |
|                |                            |                          |     |              |                                  | 117 provides that employers      |  |
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| # G 1'6 '      | D                          |                          | 3.7 | XX (C) 1 1)  | D 11 :1:: A D 2045               | must furnish safe employment.    | 0. C.C.D. 5110 (2002) (                  |
| 5. California  | Department of Industrial   | http://scripts.osha-     | Y   | Y (Standard) | Proposed legislation, A.B. 2845, | California Labor Code § 6357     | \ /\ I                                   |
|                | Relations, Division of     | slc.gov/cgi-             |     |              | would require the California     | (2001) requires the California   | employers, with places of                |
|                | Occupational Safety &      | bin/redirect2state?u     |     |              | Occupational Safety and Health   | Occupational Safety and Health   | employment where two or more             |
|                | Health; California         | rl=http://www.dir.c      |     |              | Standards Board to revise its    | Standards Board to adopt         | Repetitive Motion Injuries               |
|                | Occupational Safety and    |                          |     |              | ergonomics standards by July 1,  | standards for ergonomics in the  | (RMIs) have occurred within a            |
|                | Health Standards Board     | a.gov/occupational       |     |              | 2003. (On June 3, 2002, the bill | workplace. California Labor      | 12-month time span, to                   |
|                |                            | safety.htmlwww.dir.c     |     |              | was sent to the Senate           | Code § 6354 directs the          | establish and implement                  |
|                |                            | a.gov/                   |     |              | Committee on Labor and           | Department of Industrial         | programs to minimize RMIs.               |
|                |                            | occupational safety.html |     |              | Industrial Relations.)           | Relations to provide consulting  | Requires a 50% work-related              |
|                |                            |                          |     |              |                                  | services to employers, upon      | causation and diagnosis by a             |
|                |                            |                          |     |              |                                  | request, including concerning    | licensed physician. Allows               |
|                |                            |                          |     |              |                                  | reducing ergonomic injuries. See | existing programs to suffice             |
|                |                            |                          |     |              |                                  | also California Labor Code §§    | unless clearly inadequate.) <sup>1</sup> |
|                |                            |                          |     |              |                                  | 6400 - 6404 (requiring           | unress elearly madequate.)               |
|                |                            |                          |     |              |                                  | employers to furnish safe        |  |
|                |                            |                          |     |              |                                  | employment).                     |  |
| 6. Colorado    | Colorado Department of     | www.coworkforce.com      | N   | N            | N/A                              | Colorado Revised Statutes § 8-1- | N/A                                      |
|                | Labor and Employment       |                          |     |              |                                  | 111 (2001) empowers the          |  |
|                |                            |                          |     |              |                                  | Director of the Department of    |  |
|                |                            |                          |     |              |                                  | Labor and Employment,            |  |
|                |                            |                          |     |              |                                  | Division of Labor, to do all     |  |
|                |                            |                          |     |              |                                  | things convenient and necessary  |  |
|                |                            |                          |     |              |                                  | to ensure that all employment is |  |
|                |                            |                          |     |              |                                  | safe. Colorado has repealed § 8- |  |
|                |                            |                          |     |              |                                  | 1-109, which formerly required   |  |
|                |                            |                          |     |              |                                  | employers to provide a safe      |  |
|                |                            |                          |     |              |                                  | place to work, and Article 11,   |  |
|                |                            |                          |     |              |                                  | which dealt with occupational    |  |
|                |                            |                          |     |              |                                  | health and safety.               |  |
| 7. Connecticut | Connecticut Department of  | www.ctdol.state.ct.us    | Y   | N            | N/A                              | Connecticut General Statutes §   | N/A                                      |
|                | Labor (public sector       |                          |     |              |                                  | 31-370 (2001) provides that      |  |
|                | employees only)            |                          |     |              |                                  | public sector employers shall    |  |
|                |                            |                          |     |              |                                  | provide employment that is safe; |  |
|                |                            |                          |     |              |                                  | § 31-371 provides that the Labor |  |
|                |                            |                          |     |              |                                  | Commissioner shall adopt         |  |

See Pulaski v. Occupational Safety & Health Stds. Bd., 75 Cal. App. 4th 1315 (1999) (upholding, in principal part, the California Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board's promulgation of ergonomics regulations).

|              |   |   |   |     | regulations governing the conditions of employment.  |   |
|--------------|---|---|---|-----|--|---|
| 8. Delaware  | Delaware Department of Labor, Division of Industrial Affairs    www.delawareworks.com /divisions/industaffairs/di aindex.html | N | N | N/A | Delaware Code Annotated, Title<br>19 § 106 (2001) provides that the<br>Department of Labor may make<br>rules for the prevention of<br>accidents in employment.   | N/A   |
| 9. Florida   | Florida Department of Labor and Employment Security  Www2.myflorida.com/les   | N | N | N/A | N/A  | N/A   |
| 10. Georgia  | Georgia Department of www.dol.state.ga.us Labor   | N | N | N/A | Official Code of Georgia Annotated § 34-2-10 (2001) provides that employers shall provide safe employment; § 34- 2-6 provides that the Commissioner of the Department of Labor shall make rules respecting safe employment.                | 5-101 & .02 (employers shall investigate all work-related injuries to employees and shall |
| 11. Hawaii   | Hawaii Department of <u>www.state.hi.us/dlir/hios</u> Labor and Industrial <u>h</u> Relations                                 | Y | N | N/A | Hawaii Revised Statutes _ 396-6 (2001) provides that employers shall furnish safe employment; _ 396-4 provides that Department of Labor and Industrial Relations shall adopt occupational safety and health standards.                     | N/A   |
| 12. Idaho    | Idaho Industrial www2.state.id.us/dbs/dbs Commission, Division of Building Safety   | N | N | N/A | N/A  | N/A   |
| 13. Illinois | Department of Labor; Department of Commerce and Community Affairs  www.commerce.state.il.u s/bus/index.html                   | N | N | N/A | Illinois Compiled Statutes Chapter 820 § 225/3 provides that employers have a duty to provide employment free from recognized hazards and that the Director of the Department of Labor shall promulgate rules to effectuate such purposes. | N/A   |
| 14. Indiana  | Indiana Department of Labor www.state.in.us/labor/iosha/iosha.html  | Y | N | N/A | Indiana Code § 22-8-1.1-3.1 provides that employers shall establish conditions of work that  | N/A   |

| 15. Iowa      | Iowa Division of Labor   | www.state.ia.us/iwd/labor<br>/index.html | Y | N | N/A | are reasonably safe; § 22-8-1.1-7 authorizes the Indiana Department of Labor's occupational safety standards commission to promulgate occupational health standards.  Iowa Code § 88.4 (2002) provides that employers shall furnish safe employment; § 88.5 provides that the Labor Commissioner shall adopt health and safety standards. |     |
|---------------|--|--|---|---|-----|---|-----|
| 16. Kansas    | Kansas Department of<br>Industrial Safety and<br>Health Section  | www.hr.state.ks.us/wc/<br>html/wcish.htm | N | N | N/A |   | N/A |
| 17. Kentucky  | Kentucky Labor Cabinet,<br>Kentucky Department of<br>Workplace Standards;<br>Kentucky Occupational<br>Safety and Health<br>Standards Board | www.kylabor.net/kyosh/<br>index.htm      | Y | N | N/A | Kentucky Revised Statutes § 338.031 (2001) requires employers to furnish employment that is free from recognized hazards; § 338.061 provides that occupational safety standards may be adopted by the Kentucky Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board.  | N/A |
| 18. Louisiana | Louisiana Department of<br>Labor   | www.ldol.state.la.us                     | N | N | N/A | 23.13 (2001) provides that every employer shall furnish reasonably safe employment; § 23.13 (2001) provides that the Secretary of Labor may prescribe rules for safety in employment.   | N/A |
| 19. Maine     | Maine Department of<br>Labor; Occupational<br>Safety Rules and<br>Regulations Board  | www.state.me.us/labor                    | N | N | N/A | Maine Revised Statutes, Title 26, Chapter 6, Subchapter 1, § 561 provides that it is the public policy of the State of Maine that workers employed in any occupation shall be protected from hazards to their health; § 565 provides that the Occupational Safety Rules and Regulations Board shall adopt                                 | N/A |

|                   |   |  |   |   |  | rules for safe working   |     |
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|                   |   |  |   |   |  | conditions.  |     |
| 20. Maryland      | Maryland Division of<br>Labor and Industry  | www.dllr.state.md.us/<br>labor/mosh.html | Y | N | N/A  | Maryland Labor & Employment<br>Code Ann. § 5-104 (2001)<br>provides that employers shall<br>provide safe employment; § 2-<br>106 provides that the<br>Commissioner of Labor and<br>Industry shall adopt regulations  | N/A |
|                   |   |  |   |   |  | necessary to carry out § 5.  |     |
| 21. Massachusetts | Department of Labor and<br>Workforce Development,<br>Division of Occupational<br>Safety   | www.state.ma.us/dos                      | N | N | N/A  | N/A  | N/A |
| 22. Michigan      | Michigan Department of<br>Labor; Michigan<br>Department of Consumer<br>and Industry Services,<br>Bureau of Safety and<br>Regulation | www.cis.state.mi.us/bsr                  | Y | N | N/A  | Michigan Compiled Laws § 408.1011 provides that employers shall provide employment free from recognized hazards; § 408.1016 provides that the Department of Labor's General Industry Standards Setting Commission may promulgate standards for occupational health.  | N/A |
| 23. Minnesota     | Minnesota Department of<br>Labor and Industry   | www.doli.state.mn.us/<br>mnosha.html     | Y | N | S.B. 3431 was passed and signed by the governor on 5/21/2002. It provides that an ergonomics standard shall be adopted by the Commissioner of Labor and Industry by June 30, 2004. | Minnesota Statutes _ 182.655 (2001) is also cited by S.B. 3431. It sets forth the procedures by which the Commissioner of Labor and Industry shall adopt standards relating to occupational safety; _ 182.653 (2001) provides that employers are required to provide employment that is free from recognized hazards. <sup>2</sup> | N/A |
| 24. Mississippi   | Undetermined  | N/A                                      | N | N | N/A  | N/A  | N/A |
| 25. Missouri      | Missouri Department of  | www.dolir.state.mo.us/ls                 | N | N | N/A  | N/A  | N/A |
|                   | Labor and Industrial  | / index.htm                              |   |   |  |  |     |

The Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry established an Ergonomics Task Force to recommend approaches that the Department can take, in implementing ergonomics regulations, to reduce work-related musculoskeletal disorders. The Ergonomics Task Force is presently holding hearings and taking public testimony.

|                      | Relations, Division of Labor Standards  |   |   |   |   |   |                         |
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| 26. Montana          | Montana Department of Labor and Industry  | http://dli.state.mt.us  | N | N | N/A   | N/A   | N/A                     |
| 27. Nebraska         | Nebraska Department of<br>Labor   | www.dol.state.ne.us/nwd/<br>center.cfm?PRICAT=4&<br>SUBCAT=4F | N | N | N/A   | N/A   | N/A                     |
| 28. Nevada           | Nevada Division of<br>Industrial Relations,<br>Occupational Safety and<br>Health Enforcement<br>Section               | http://dirweb.state.nv.us                                     | Y | N | N/A   | Nevada Revised Statutes   | N/A                     |
| 29. New<br>Hampshire | New Hampshire<br>Department of Labor  | www.labor.state.nh.us   | N | N | N/A   | New Hampshire Revised Statutes _ 281-A:64 (2002) requires employers to provide employees with safe employment; _ 281-A:60 authorizes the Commissioner of the Department of Labor to adopt guidelines regarding employee safety. | (2002) (makes employers |
| 30. New Jersey       | New Jersey Department of<br>Labor (public sector<br>employees only)   | www.state.nj.us/labor/<br>wps/psosh/peosh.htm                 | Y |   | Proposed legislation, A.B. 545 and S.B. 1495, would establish an Ergonomics in Education Study Commission, which would study ergonomic issues relating to education, including ergonomic injuries, design of buildings, and study practices. Both bills are pending in committee. | New Jersey Statutes _ 34:6A-3 (2002) provides that all employers shall furnish safe employment; _ 34:6A-9 authorizes the Commissioner of the Department of Labor to promulgate rules for worker safety.                         | N/A                     |
| 31. New Mexico       | New Mexico Environment<br>Department, Occupational<br>Health and Safety Bureau;<br>Environmental<br>Improvement Board | www.nmenv.state.nm.us /OHSB_website/ohsb_ home.htm            | Y | N | N/A   | New Mexico Statutes _ 50-9-5 (2002) requires employers to provide employment free from recognized hazards; _ 50-9-7 authorizes the Environmental Improvement Board to promulgate safety regulations.                            | N/A                     |

| 32. New York          | New York Department of<br>Labor (public sector<br>employees only)   | www.labor.state.ny.us/<br>working_ny/worker_<br>rights/safety_health.html             | Y | N             | Proposed legislation, S.B. 1220, would require all video display terminal operators (public and private) to receive, among other things, training that includes being provided information regarding the ergonomically correct methods of using such terminals. This bill was not reported out of committee. | New York Consolidated Labor Laws _ 200 (2002) requires all places of employment to be conducted as to provide for the safety of employees.   | N/A   |
|-----------------------|---|---|---|---------------|--|--|---|
| 33. North<br>Carolina | North Carolina<br>Department of Labor   | http://www.dol.state.nc.<br>us/osha/osh.htm<br>or<br>www.nclabor.com/osha/<br>osh.htm | Y | Y (Guideline) | N/A  | North Carolina General Statutes _ 95-129 requires employers to provide employment free from recognized hazards; _ 95-131 provides the Commissioner of Labor authority to adopt rules for workplace safety. | Session Laws 1999-395, s. 19.1, provides for the establishment of a voluntary ergonomics program. On November 14, 2000, the Department of Labor adopted by reference the federal ergonomics regulations published in the Federal Register that day. On March 6, 2001, the Commissioner of Labor declared invalid the Department of Labor's adoption of the former federal ergonomics regulations. |
| 34. North Dakota      | North Dakota Department<br>of Health (administers<br>consultation program);<br>Workers Compensation<br>Bureau | http://ndsafety.net   | N | N             | N/A  | N.D.C.C 65-02-08 requires the Worker's Compensation Bureau to adopt rules necessary to carry out its worker's compensation statutory responsibilities.   | Under N.D.A.C 92-5-01-06 (2001), if a business participates in a risk management program, the employer is eligible for a 5% discount on its workers compensation premium. N.D.A.C 92-5-01-16 (2001) also provides that, to conform with the risk management program, a written ergonomics training program must be established and a workplace analysis will be done.                             |
| 35. Ohio              | Ohio Department of<br>Commerce, Division of<br>Labor and Worker Safety,<br>Bureau of Occupational             | http://198.234.41.214/w3/<br>webpo2.nsf?Opendata-<br>base                             | N | N             | N/A  | Ohio Revised Code Annotated § 4101.11 (requiring employers to furnish employment and a place of employment that is safe).  | N/A   |

|                  | Safety and Health   |  |   |   |   |  |     |
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| 36. Oklahoma     | Oklahoma Department of<br>Labor   | www.okdol.state.ok.us                          | N | N | N/A   | Oklahoma Statutes, Title 40, Chapter 10, _ 403 requires employers to furnish employment free from recognized hazards; _ 407 provides the Commissioner of the Oklahoma Department of Labor authority to adopt rules for the safety of employees.                      | N/A |
| 37. Oregon       | Oregon Occupational<br>Safety and Health Safety<br>Division; Department of<br>Consumer and Business<br>Services   | www.orosha.org                                 | Y | N | N/A   | Oregon Revised Statutes Chapter 654, § 654.010 & § 654.015 requires employers to furnish safe employment; _ 654.035 provides that the Director of the Department of Consumer and Business Services may promulgate rules regarding safe employment.                   | N/A |
| 38. Pennsylvania | Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry   | www.dli.state.pa.us/landi/<br>site/default.asp | N | N | A resolution, S.R. 50, was introduced in April 2001 that would resolve that the U.S. Congress revisit the issues of musculoskeletal disorders ergonomics and support meaningful legislation to address the issue. The resolution went to committee on 4/12/01, but has not reemerged.                 | Pennsylvania Statutes, Title 43, _ 25-2 (2001) provides that all establishments must be operated to provide reasonable protection for the safety of employees; _ 25-12 provides that the Department of Labor shall make rules concerning worker safety.              | N/A |
| 39. Rhode Island | Rhode Island Department<br>of Labor and Training,<br>Workforce Regulation and<br>Safety Division; Code<br>Commission for<br>Occupational Safety &<br>Health | www.dlt.state.ri.us                            | N | N | S.B. 2379 became law on 6/14/2002. Section 7 of S.B. 2379 provides for the establishment of a Special Commission on Ergonomics. Its purpose is to "consider the need for the creation of an ergonomics standard." The Special Commission on Ergonomics is to report its findings by February 1, 2004. | Rhode Island Statutes _ 28-20-8 provides that employers shall furnish employment free from recognized hazards; _ 28-20-24 provides that the Code Commission for Occupational Safety & Health shall promulgate codes for the elimination of health or safety hazards. | N/A |
| 40. South        | South Carolina  | www.llr.state.sc.us/osha.                      | Y | N | N/A   | South Carolina Code _41-15-80  | N/A |

| Carolina         | Department of Labor,<br>Licensing & Regulation  | asp                                  |   |              |  | (2001) provides that employers shall furnish safe employment; _41-15-210 provides that the Department of Labor may make rules relating to worker safety.  |  |
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| 41. South Dakota | South Dakota Department of Labor  | www.state.sd.us/dol                  | N | N            | N/A  | N/A   | N/A  |
| 42. Tennessee    | Tennessee Department of<br>Labor and Workforce<br>Development                                 |                                      | Y | N            | N/A  | Tennessee Code Annotated _ 50-3-105 (2001) provides that employers shall furnish employment free from recognized hazards; _ 50-3-201 provides that the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development shall adopt occupational safety standards. | N/A  |
| 43. Texas        | Undetermined  | N/A                                  | N | N            | N/A  | N/A   | N/A  |
| 44. Utah         | Utah Labor Commission,<br>Division of Occupational<br>Safety and Health                       | http://www.uosh.utah.<br>gov/        | Y | N            | N/A  | Utah Code _ 34A-6-201 provides that each employer shall furnish safe employment; _ 34A-6-202 provides that the Division of Occupational Safety and Health may adopt standards for safety.   | N/A  |
| 45. Vermont      | Vermont Department of<br>Labor and Industry,<br>Division of Occupational<br>Safety and Health | www.state.vt.us/labind/<br>vosha.htm | Y | N            | N/A  | Vermont Statutes, Title 21 _ 223, provides that each employer shall furnish employment free from recognized hazards; _ 224 provides that the Commissioner of the Department of Labor and Industry shall make rules to implement such duties.      | N/A  |
| 46. Virginia     | Virginia Department of<br>Labor and Industry  | www.doli.state.va.us                 | Y | N            | N/A  | Code of Virginia 40.1-51.1 provides that each employer shall furnish safe employment; 40.1-6 provides that the Commissioner of Labor and Industry shall make necessary rules for the enforcement of such requirements.                            | N/A  |
| 47. Washington   | Washington Department of<br>Labor and Industries  | www.lni.wa.gov/wisha                 | Y | Y (Standard) | Various bills were introduced in 2002 (H.B.s 2730, 2938, 2957, | Statutory authority for Washington's ergonomics rules   | W.A.C 296-62-05101<br>through 296-62-05176 setting |

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|-------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|-----|------------|-----------------------------------|--|----------------------------------|
|                   |                           |                           |     |            | 2966, 2994, 3021, and 3027) to    | is set forth at Revised Code of              | forth ergonomics regulations     |
|                   |                           |                           |     |            | repeal Washington's ergonomics    | Washington 49.17.010,                        | were adopted on May 26, 2000,    |
|                   |                           |                           |     |            | standards. To date, none have     | 49.17.040, & 49.17.050                       | and become effective July 1,     |
|                   |                           |                           |     |            | passed. On March 5, 2002,         | (providing that, under the state's           | 2002. They provide that          |
|                   |                           |                           |     |            | Governor Gary Locke, however,     | police power, Director of the                | employers having one or more     |
|                   |                           |                           |     |            | suspended issuance of citations   | Department of Labor and                      | "caution zone jobs" must ensure  |
|                   |                           |                           |     |            | and penalties for violations for  | Industries may adopt regulations             | that employees in those          |
|                   |                           |                           |     |            | two (2) years from the applicable | to achieve a safe workplace);                | positions and supervisors of     |
|                   |                           |                           |     |            | effective dates.                  | 49.17.060 provides that each                 | such positions must receive      |
|                   |                           |                           |     |            |                                   | employer shall furnish safe                  | specified ergonomics training.   |
|                   |                           |                           |     |            |                                   | employment. On March 5, 2002,                | There is a phased-in             |
|                   |                           |                           |     |            |                                   | Governor Gary Locke suspended                | implementation of the program    |
|                   |                           |                           |     |            |                                   | issuance of citations and                    | depending upon the company's     |
|                   |                           |                           |     |            |                                   | penalties for violations for two             | industry and number of           |
|                   |                           |                           |     |            |                                   | (2) years from the applicable                | employees. The standard          |
|                   |                           |                           |     |            |                                   | effective dates.                             | includes illustrations as        |
|                   |                           |                           |     |            |                                   |  | references and detailed criteria |
|                   |                           |                           |     |            |                                   |  | for determining "caution zone    |
|                   |                           |                           |     |            |                                   |  | jobs." On March 5, 2002,         |
|                   |                           |                           |     |            |                                   |  | Governor Gary Locke              |
|                   |                           |                           |     |            |                                   |  | suspended issuance of citations  |
|                   |                           |                           |     |            |                                   |  | and penalties for violations for |
|                   |                           |                           |     |            |                                   |  | two (2) years from the           |
|                   |                           |                           | 2.7 |            | 27/1                              |  | applicable effective dates.      |
| 48. West Virginia | West Virginia Division of | www.state.wv.us/labor     | N   | N          | N/A                               | West Virginia Code § 21-3-1                  | N/A                              |
|                   | Labor                     |                           |     |            |                                   | (2001) provides that each                    |                                  |
|                   |                           |                           |     |            |                                   | employer shall provide a safe                |                                  |
|                   |                           |                           |     |            |                                   | work environment and that the                |                                  |
|                   |                           |                           |     |            |                                   | Commissioner of Labor shall                  |                                  |
|                   |                           |                           |     |            |                                   | prescribe means for the                      |                                  |
| 40. ***           | M D                       | 11.6                      | N.  | <b>N</b> T | 27/4                              | prevention of accidents.                     | 27/4                             |
| 49. Wisconsin     | Wisconsin Division of     | www.dhfs.state.wi.us/dp   | N   | N          | N/A                               | Wisconsin Statutes _ 101.02                  | N/A                              |
|                   | Public Health, Bureau of  | h boh/osha cons/index.    |     |            |                                   | (2001) empowers the                          |                                  |
|                   | Occupational Health       | <u>htm</u>                |     |            |                                   | Department of Labor to adopt                 |                                  |
|                   | (administers consultation |                           |     |            |                                   | rules relating to the exercise of            |                                  |
|                   | program); Wisconsin       |                           |     |            |                                   | its powers; _ 101.11 provides                |                                  |
|                   | Department of Commerce    |                           |     |            |                                   | that every employer shall                    |                                  |
|                   | (supervises general job   |                           |     |            |                                   | provide safe employment.                     |                                  |
| #0 XX/            | safety)                   |                           | *** | <b>N</b> T | 27/4                              | W. G. C. | 27/4                             |
| 50. Wyoming       | Wyoming Department of     | http://wydoe.state.wy.us/ | Y   | N          | N/A                               | Wyoming Statutes 27-11-                      | N/A                              |
|                   | Employment, Workers'      | doe.asp?ID=7              |     |            |                                   | 105(a)(ii) (2002) authorizes the             |                                  |

| Safety and Compensation | Occupational Safety and Health   |
|-------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Division; Occupational  | Commission to formulate          |
| Safety and Health       | programs for the abatement of    |
| Commission              | unsafe working conditions; _ 27- |
|                         | 11-105(a)(ii) provides that the  |
|                         | Occupational Safety and Health   |
|                         | Commission may require each      |
|                         | employer to furnish safe         |
|                         | employment.                      |



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# **PPG Ergonomics - Outline**

- Background
  - PPG
  - PPG Ergonomics Efforts
- PPG EHS/Ergonomics Process
- Rules
- Some Newer PPG Ergo Stuff

# **PPG Industries**

- Established 1883 as Pittsburgh Plate Glass in Pittsburgh, PA
- Glass, Coatings, Fiber Glass & Chemicals

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#### **PPG Industries**

\$8.2 Billion (2001)

>120 major manufacturing facilities

23 countries

>33,000 Employees

# **Ergonomic Theory**

"Various and manifold is the harvest of diseases reaped by certain workers from the crafts and trades that they pursue. All the profit that they get is fatal injury to their health, mostly from two causes. The first and most potent is the harmful character of the materials they handle. The second, I ascribe to certain violent and irregular motions and unnatural postures of the body, by reason of which, the natural structure of the vital machine is so impaired that serious diseases gradually develop therefrom."

Ramazzini (1714)

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# **PPG's Ergonomics History**

- 1987 Greensburg, PA Glass Plant
- 1992 PPG Ergonomics Commitment Statement
- 1992-2000 "Continuous Improvement"
- 2001 Revised PPG Ergonomics Process
- 2001- Full time Ergonomist on Global EHS Staff

# What's at Stake?

- Safety Values
- Employee Health
- Employee Retention
- Employee Attraction
- Labor Relations
- Productivity
- Workers Comp Costs

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# **Ergonomics Commitment Statement**

PPG Industries, Inc. will provide associates with a safe and healthful workplace. All facilities shall incorporate an Ergonomics process into their overall EHS Implementation Process. This process shall be designed to identify ergonomic risk factors, propose solutions to eliminate or reduce them, and manage all related aspects using the continuous improvement process.

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# **PPG EHS/Ergonomics Process**

- Requires ergonomics teams as part of EHS Implementation Process
- · Includes the elements of:

Management Commitment
Employee Involvement
Worksite Analysis
Hazard Prevention and Control
Medical Management
Training and Education
Program Evaluation
Recordkeeping

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# **Some Simple Rules**

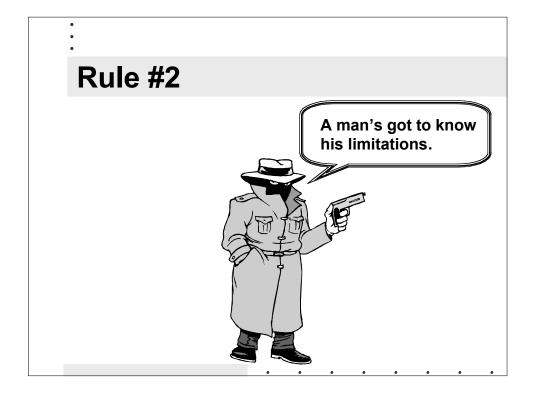
Rule #1

# Recognize the risk

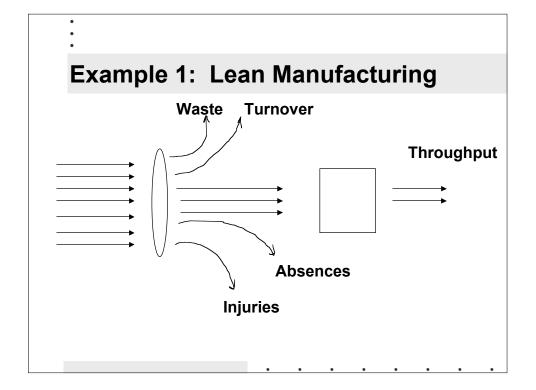
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# "I'll know it when I see it."

- Over 1300 trained including ergo team members, engineers, EHS staff, customers
- 3 day classes in Pittsburgh
- 1 day and 2 day workshops conducted at plant or regional locations



# Rule #3 Use Business Constructs



## **Some Newer PPG Ergo Stuff**

- Global Training
- Fiberglass Automation Project
- OEM Glass "Top Ten Ergo"
- Sigma Ergonomics Pilot
- Web site "Ergoshare"
- Office Ergonomics Assessments

#### **Example 2: Fiber Glass Sigma Logic Project**

- Total burden of disability (cost) due to musculoskeletal disorders (MSD's) includes occupational and nonoccupational risk factors
- Job Content is a significant contributor to MSDs
- Develop model for total cost incurred by the organization
- Evaluate job content based on energy expenditure for each job using direct reading personal monitor.
- Hypothesis: more energy = more fatigue = more cost
- Conduct Pilot study to compare traditional job content versus automated factory setting.
- NIOSH studies economics and comparative study of job content

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Safety drives ergo.

Quality and productivity pay for it.

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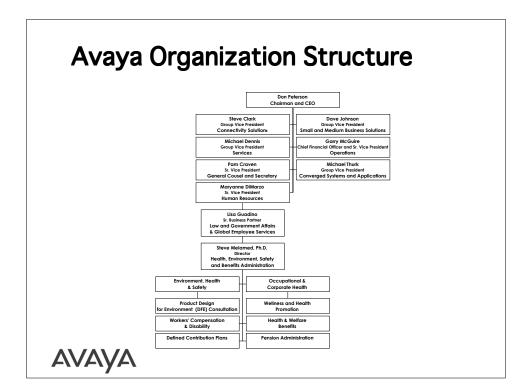
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# Avaya - Who Are We?

- Worldwide leader in unified messaging, messaging systems, call centers and structured cabling systems
- Over 90% of the FORTUNE 500, many government organizations, and a significant number of the Global 2000 rely on Avaya secure network infrastructures and reliable voice and data applications
- We offer Customer Relationship Management Solutions, Unified Communications Solutions, Hosted Solutions, Multiservice Infrastructure and Converged Voice and Data Networks— supported by Avaya Services and Avaya Labs

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#### **Environmental, Health and Safety Policy**

Avaya is committed to protecting the environment and the health and safety of our associates, our customers, and the communities in which we operate. Meeting this obligation is a primary management objective and the individual and collective responsibility of all Avaya associates worldwide. In support of this commitment we shall:

- · Integrate environmental, health, and safety considerations into our products and services throughout their life cycle
- Maximize environmental, health, and safety performance by maintaining management systems that establish goals and objectives to drive continual improvement.
- Protect and conserve our natural resources by minimizing wastes, managing energy use responsibly, and employing pollution prevention principles;
- · Acquaint all Avaya associates with this policy and make it available to the public;
- · Comply with applicable global environmental, health and safety laws and regulations, as well as Avaya standards:
- Take personal accountability for protecting the environment and maintaining a safe and healthy workpla

Don Peterson President and Chief Executive Officer

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# **Ergonomics**

#### •What is ergonomics?

Fitting the job to the person to minimize injury and maximize productivity

#### •Why do we care?

High cost to associates & business Regulatory focus

#### •What can we do?

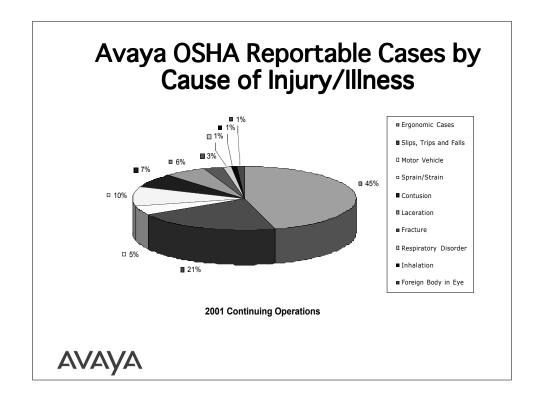
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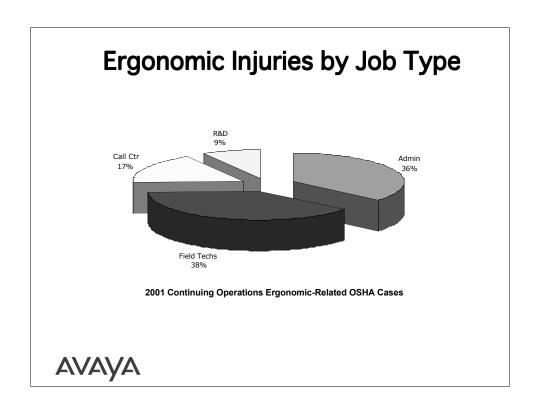


# **High Cost to Business**

- \$240 Billion spent nationally
- BLS stats 35% of LWD Cases
- Highest Workers Comp \$
- Loss of productivity treatment, recovery, replacement
- Musculoskeletal Disorders interfere with work and home life
- Many conditions can never be completely resolved lifelong pain and suffering
- Average Carpal Tunnel Surgery time-off-work exceeds *Amputations* by 25%







# **Regulatory Focus**

**US Secretary Of Labor Elaine L. Chao States:** 

- OSHA's New Focus Will Rely on General Duty Clause Citations and Successful Prosecutions
- OSHA Will Build on Prosecutorial Successes with Beverly Enterprises and Pepperidge Farm

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# **Regulatory Focus**

**Assistant Secretary of Labor John Henshaw:** 

- Cites Success of Using the General Duty Clause for Ergonomic Issues With Respect to the Meat Packing Industry
- Emphasizes that "OSHA Will Not Tolerate Employers that Ignore Recognized Ergonomics Hazards"

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# **Regulatory Focus**

- In April 2002, OHSA announced its four-pronged comprehensive approach:
  - Guidelines
  - Enforcement
  - Outreach and Assistance
  - Research
- Regional Ergonomics Coordinators were designated to develop and drive the program in each of OSHA's ten regions



# **Regulatory Focus**

- Industry Specific Guidelines are being published beginning this year
- First Three are the Nursing Home Industry, Retail Grocery, & Poultry Processing
- Others expected include:
  - Computer Workstations
  - Warehousing
  - Sewing
  - Hospitals
  - Baggage Handling
- OSHA "encourages" industries to develop guidelines to meet specific needs



# **Regulatory Focus**

#### **OSHA** will have:

- Coordinated inspections with a legal strategy designed to maximize successful prosecutions
- "Special ergonomics inspection teams that will, from the earliest stages, work closely with DOL attorneys and experts to successfully bring prosecutions under the General Duty clause, Section 5(a)(1)"



# **Regulatory Focus**

Historically, OSHA has issued over 500 General Duty Clause citations related to ergonomic issues.

While the number slacked off considerably during the pending rulemaking, OSHA has recommitted not only to issuing General Duty Clause citations, but to pursuing successful prosecutions as well.



# Avaya's Approach

#### Develop a World-Class Ergonomics Program that:

- protects our associates,
- · improves productivity, and
- complies with legislation in each of the regions that we operate.

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# Avaya's Emphasis

- Enhanced Evaluations Target Two Areas:
  - Classical Worksite Evaluation Ensures
     Workstation Fits the Person
  - Risk Assessment Ensures the Person is Not Contributing to MSD's with Bad Habits



# **Key Program Elements**

- Management Commitment & Support
- Training
- Proactive & Reactive Risk Reduction
  - Worksite Analysis & Hazard Identification
  - Engineering Controls
  - Work Practice & Admin Controls
- Rapid Corrective Action Implementation
- Early & Effective Medical Management
- Data Collection & Program Evaluation



# **Ergonomic Program Tools**

- Telephone Consultation
- On-Line Training
- Third Party Worksite Evaluation if Required
- Entry into Medical Surveillance If Needed
- Follow-up Consultations



# **Challenges**

- · Serving a Dispersed Global Population
  - necessitates technology-based solutions
- Designing Facilities for Adjustability
  - requires higher initial investment
- Moving from Reactive to Proactive Solutions
  - shifts emphasis from cure to prevention

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# Ergonomics at Avaya A Company–Employee Partnership

- Company's Role: Provide a Low Risk Environment
- Employee's Role: Work in a Low Risk Fashion

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