

Available Training Topics include:

- Preventing Workplace Violence in Healthcare
- Strategic Planning for Joint Health & Safety Committees
- Strategic Planning for Union Health & Safety Committees
- Systems of Safety
- Chemical Hazards
- Material Safety Data Sheets
- Hazardous Drugs
- Reducing Environmental Hazards in Healthcare
- Needlestick Prevention
- Post-Exposure Procedures
- Safe Patient Handling

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The New Jersey Work Environment Council (WEC) is a consortium of labor, community and environmental organizations working together for safe, secure jobs and a healthy, sustainable environment. WEC links workers, communities, and environmentalists through training, technical assistance, grassroots organizing, and public policy campaigns to promote dialogue, collaboration and joint action.



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Safe Work, Safe Care
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training project

WEC's *Safe Work, Safe Care Project*

Healthcare workers face a wide range of workplace hazards, including ergonomic and needlestick injuries, exposures to chemicals and hazardous drugs, radiation, airborne diseases, latex allergy, needlesticks, and violence in the workplace.

The goal of the New Jersey Work Environment Council's (WEC) *Safe Work, Safe Care Project* is to help create and maintain safe, healthy work environments for healthcare workers and patients. *Safe Work, Safe Care* promotes workers and managers working together, and stresses the valuable role of joint labor/management health and safety committees that rely on group problem-solving strategies to identify and prevent hazards.

Safe Work, Safe Care encourages healthcare facilities to use a "systems" approach to health and safety that is supported by comprehensive reporting of injuries, efficient and thorough follow-up, and consistent program evaluation.

Safe Work, Safe Care provides quality, participatory training using a methodology that improves the problem solving and critical thinking skills of participants.

Current training workshops include:

Chemicals, Drugs and Environmental Hazards in Healthcare

(4 Nursing Contact Hours)*

This workshop provides the participants with tools to identify potential chemical and drug exposures and the steps they can take to reduce the risk of exposures to the patients, staff, and visitors, while decreasing the environmental impact of toxic chemical use.

Identifying Safety System Failures

(1 Nursing Contact Hour)*

This workshop provides participants with the knowledge and skills needed to identify failed systems in their facility and the importance of a root cause analysis approach to accident investigations.

Needlestick Prevention and Post-Exposure Procedures

This workshop provides the participants with the knowledge and skills needed to prevent needlesticks and other sharps exposures. Time is a factor after an exposure and all healthcare personnel should know the proper post-exposure procedures they should follow.

Preventing Workplace Violence in Healthcare

(4 Nursing Contact Hours)*

This workshop examines the underlying causes of workplace violence in healthcare facilities, and allows participants to analyze their facility's workplace violence prevention program and to identify steps needed to improve and align it with the NJ *Violence Prevention in Health Care Facilities Act*.

Safe Patient Handling

(4 Nursing Contact Hours)*

This workshop examines key facts about safe patient handling (SPH) policies and equipment, and presents key components of the NJ *Safe Patient Handling Act*.

Strategic Planning for Health & Safety Committees

(6 Nursing Contact Hours)*

This workshop provides healthcare workers with the knowledge and skills needed to become active Health & Safety Committee members. The workshop covers the "systems of safety" approach to accident/incident investigation. Participants produce written action plans for their facility's committee.

Call WEC for additional training topics.

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