

Four Major Health Hazards in Construction

Guidance Document Available from AIHA

Health hazards are often overlooked at construction sites. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Focus Four Program currently focuses only on safety hazards in construction.

The American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA) saw an opportunity to target four (4) important health hazards as well and published a guidance document, [Focus Four for Health: An Initiative to Address Four Major Construction Health Hazards](#)[†], to raise awareness about health hazards in the construction industry.

The document emphasizes identifying and controlling health hazards are just as important as safety hazards in the construction industry. The document describes each health hazard, the severity of the health effects, and the construction trades most affected. It also provides practical steps for employers and construction stakeholders to recognize, reduce, and control exposures.

For additional information on the SMCX's services, please visit the SMCX-hosted website at: <https://www.smscx.org/>.

[†] https://aiha-assets.sfo2.digitaloceanspaces.com/AIHA/resources/FocusFour-forHealth_GuidanceDocument.pdf



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