

NIOSH Turns 50 in 2021

Milestone Year Ahead

Section 22 of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 created the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH). NIOSH began operation in May 1971 as an independent research agency, responsible for studying worker safety and health and making recommendations for the prevention of work-related injury and illness.



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NIOSH is part of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Some of NIOSH's key milestones, products and services you may know about, include:

1971	First Criteria Document-Asbestos
1973	NIOSHTIC-2-searchable bibliographic database of NIOSH products
1975	Current Intelligence Bulletins
1977	Education and Research Centers
1977	<i>Occupational Disease: A Guide to Their Recognition</i>
1978	<i>NIOSH/OSHA Pocket Guide to Chemical Hazards</i>
1996	National Occupational Research Agenda (NORA)
2001	World Trade Center technical assistance for responder safety and health
2004	Research to Practice (r2p) Initiative
2005	Hurricane Katrina technical and humanitarian assistance
2010	Deepwater Horizon technical assistance for responder safety and health

In the January 2021 issue of NIOSH eNews, Director John Howard, M.D., looks at how NIOSH evolved over the past five decades. You can read Dr. Howard's message at: <https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/enews/enewsv18n9.html>.

More information on NIOSH's history, vision, mission, products and services is available on the NIOSH website: <https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/about/default.html>.

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