

Fatality Prevention

Fatality prevention is a cornerstone of workplace safety, focusing on eliminating the most severe risks.

Though less common than other injuries, fatalities have devastating impacts, making a committed, systematic approach essential.

Prioritizing prevention not only saves lives but also strengthens an injury-free culture where every worker feels protected and valued.

A key strategy in fatality prevention is **hazard identification** and **risk assessment**. By evaluating high-risk activities like:

- working at heights
- heavy machinery
- chemicals
- confined spaces

organizations can target resources to mitigate dangers. This proactive approach keeps employees alert and builds a culture where injury prevention is second nature.

Administrative controls and **training** are vital for fatality prevention. Safety policies, procedures, and regular training, covering emergency response, hazard communication, and PPE ensure workers know how to stay safe.

Strong supervision and **enforcement** reinforce safe behavior, building trust, accountability, and a culture where everyone looks out for one another.



Engineering controls are highly effective in preventing fatalities by physically altering the work environment.

- ✓ Guardrails
- ✓ Automatic shut-offs
- ✓ Machine guards
- ✓ Ventilation

By designing out hazards, they reduce reliance on human behavior and create a safer baseline that prevents serious accidents and supports a strong safety culture.

A strong **safety culture** is key to fatality prevention and an injury-free workplace. **Leadership commitment** and **employee engagement** ensure safety comes before productivity pressures. When workers report hazards, join safety efforts, and speak up without fear, prevention becomes proactive and continuous.



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