

Public Employee Alert #27 (REVISED)
Safety & Health Bulletin
ATTENTION: All Public Employers
January 2015

This revised Safety Alert is being sent as a result of amendments to the Recording and Reporting Occupational Injuries and Illnesses Standard (29 CFR 1904). This includes a change to procedures for reporting work-related injuries, illnesses, and fatalities.

**PLEASE ENSURE THAT THIS INFORMATION IS SHARED WITH ALL
APPROPRIATE PERSONNEL**

NEW REQUIREMENTS
Effective January 5, 2015

- Employers must report all work-related fatalities to PEOSH **within eight (8) hours**.
- Employers must report all work-related in-patient hospitalizations, amputations, and losses of an eye to PEOSH **within twenty-four (24) hours**.

On January 5, 2015, New Jersey amended its Recording and Reporting Occupational Injuries & Illnesses Regulations to reflect the Federal OSHA Standard. This regulation was adopted by reference upon publication in the New Jersey Register on January 5, 2015, Volume 47, Issue 1, beginning on N.J.R. 121(a).

24 Hour PEOSH Reporting Hotline:

(800) 624-1644

FAX: (609) 292-3749

For purposes of clarification, the work environment is “the establishment and other locations where one or more employees are working or are present as a condition of their employment. The work environment includes not only physical locations, but also the equipment or materials used by the employee in the course of his or her work.”

In the event that the individual responsible for reporting is not sure whether the incident is work-related or not, a report is to be made.

The oral report shall be made directly to the 24-hour hotline number listed on this alert.

Any employer who willfully or repeatedly violates the requirements of the Public Employees Occupational Safety and Health Act shall be assessed a civil administrative penalty of up to \$70,000 for each violation pursuant to N.J.S.A. 34:6A-41(d).

For additional information about the Public Employees Occupational Safety & Health Act contact:

***Safety-related issues/complaints,
Recordkeeping, Discrimination
(Whistleblower) Complaints, and
Program Administration***

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Trenton, NJ 08625-0386
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http://lwd.dol.state.nj.us/labor/lsse/employer/Public_Employees_OSH.html

Health-related Issues/Complaints

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PEOSH Program
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<http://www.state.nj.us/health/peosh/index.shtml>