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- **The program is voluntary:** We respond to requests from the management of small businesses to assist them in providing their workers with a safe and healthy place of employment.
- **No penalties or enforcement action:** Your only obligation as a requesting employer is a commitment to correct all serious hazards that are identified within a reasonable time schedule. Of course, imminent dangers must be corrected immediately.
- **Skilled and Knowledgeable Staff:** The program employs a wide range of safety and health professionals with considerable experience working with Wisconsin's employers. Safety specialists, industrial hygienists, ergonomists, engineers and occupational health nurses work in unison to cover all aspects of workplace health and safety.



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- **Identify Workplace Hazards**
- **Conduct Industrial Hygiene Monitoring**
- **Conduct limited Ergonomic Assessments**
- **Recommend and assist in developing Controls**
- **Evaluate and assist in developing and implementing necessary programs**
- **Evaluate and assist in developing and implementing a Comprehensive Safety and Health Management Program**
- **Conduct limited Training and Education**

The Consultation Process

STEP 1 - CALL: As an owner or manager of a small business, call 1-800-947-0553 (or 608-226-5240 for an industrial hygiene-focused request), e-mail, or send a letter to the consultation program.

STEP 2 - SCHEDULE: A consultant will call you to schedule a consultation visit at your convenience. First priority is given to workplaces where employees are currently experiencing illnesses. Priority is also given to small employers in high hazard industries.

STEP 3 - ON-SITE VISIT: The consultant will arrive at your workplace for the on-site visit consisting of:

1. An opening conference where you can explain your workplace and health and safety concerns to the consultant. The consultant will explain the program and answer any questions that you may have.
2. A records review, where the consultant will review your OSHA-300 injury and illness logs, as well as any other health and safety programs that you have.

3. A walk-through inspection to view the worksite and identify potential hazards.
4. Industrial hygiene monitoring may be conducted on that day, or may be conducted later.
5. Conduct either a complete or a partial assessment of the safety and health management program.
6. A closing conference to discuss observations and recommendations.

STEP 4 - MONITORING RESULTS: If industrial hygiene monitoring was conducted, the consultant will provide you with the monitoring results by fax, e-mail or letter.

STEP 5 - REPORT: The consultant will evaluate all of the information and provide you with a written report detailing the findings and recommendations, including the action plan that you discussed during the closing conference. Our report to the employer and other acquired information is confidential.

STEP 6 - CORRECTION OF HAZARDS: You correct all of the serious hazards found within the agreed upon abatement schedule. If appropriate, extensions in time may be granted upon written request. Hazard abatement is required so that each consultation visit achieves its objective: effective employee protection.

ADDITIONAL VISITS: A follow-up visit may be scheduled to provide abatement assistance or to conduct additional monitoring to verify abatement if needed.

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The SHARP Program

The Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program (SHARP) is an honors program for companies who have excellent health and safety program management systems in place. To achieve SHARP status, a company must:

- Have a history of maintaining an injury and illness rate below the national average for your industry
- Participate in a comprehensive consultation visit identifying all safety and health hazards
- Participate in a full evaluation of the health and safety management program in place for the company
- Involve employees in the consultation process
- Correct all serious, other-than-serious, and regulatory hazards found
- Have all basic elements for managing health and safety in place

After a thorough review, and recommendation from the consultation program manager, the company will be recommended to OSHA for recognition in the SHARP program. The company receives recognition during an awards ceremony where they receive their SHARP certificate. Companies in the SHARP program are exempt from programmed OSHA inspections during the period that the SHARP certification is valid.

Resources

For more information on workplace health and safety, please visit one of these websites:

www.osha.gov

www.cdc.gov/niosh

www.slh.wisc.edu/wiscon

WisCon Requests

WisCon offers on-site consultation services to Wisconsin employers through the Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene, part of the University of Wisconsin - Madison.

Safety-Focused Requests

141 NW Barstow Street, Fourth Floor
Waukesha, WI 53188-3789
1-800-947-0553

Industrial Hygiene-Focused Requests

2601 Agriculture Drive
Madison, WI 53718
608-226-5240

Federal Enforcement

(U.S. Department of Labor)

Appleton, Wis., Area Office

1648 Tri-Park Way
Appleton, WI 54914
920-734-4521 (Phone) / 920-734-2661 (Fax)

Milwaukee, Wis., Area Office

Henry S. Reuss Federal Plaza
310 West Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 1180
Milwaukee, WI 53203
414-297-3315 (Phone) / 414-297-4229 (Fax)

Madison, Wis., Area Office

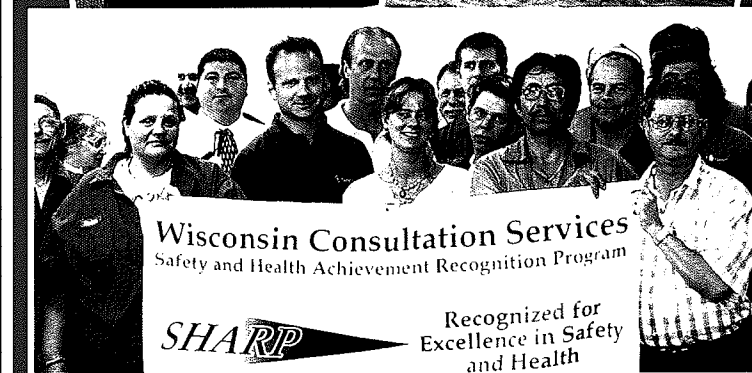
4802 East Broadway
Madison, WI 53716
608-441-5388 (Phone) / 608-441-5400 (Fax)

Eau Claire, Wis., Area Office

1310 A. Clairemont Ave.
Eau Claire, WI 54701
715-832-9019 (Phone) / 715-832-1147 (Fax)

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