

National Safety Council

Position/Policy Statement

Annual Appropriations for the Occupational Safety and Health Administration

The National Safety Council believes that an effective and efficient Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) is important for the safety of American workers and workplaces. NSC supports stable funding for OSHA that adequately funds all the agency's key functions, including compliance assistance and support to companies striving for safety excellence, the timely promulgation of regulations to protect America's workers, and enforcement actions against companies that fail to comply with OSHA standards. NSC urges Congress and the executive branch to adequately fund all of the agency's core functions in their annual appropriations bills and proposed budgets.

NSC encourages OSHA to carry out its important mission by setting priorities based on performance-based fundamentals founded on sound science and successful practices. In addition, NSC recommends that OSHA improve measurement of its effectiveness and efficiency in reducing occupational injuries and fatalities in its priority areas.

This position statement reflects the opinions of the National Safety Council but not necessarily those of each member organization.

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