



National Hearing Conservation Association

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The [National Hearing Conservation Association](http://hearingconservation.org) (<http://hearingconservation.org>) is joining with the American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE), the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), the Canadian Society of Safety Engineering (CSSE), and other organizations and companies to increase public awareness of the importance of workplace safety and health during the April 30 – May 6, 2006 North American Occupational Safety and Health Week (NAOSH, www.asse.org/naosh06). The national kick-off will take place Monday, May 1, 2006 in Washington, D.C. at the U.S. Department of Labor while other events will take place countrywide.

Currently more than 5,000 people die on the job each year and four million more suffer from on-the-job illnesses and injuries.

NAOSH Week is another way ASSE, CSSE and OSHA work to increase the understanding of the benefits of investing in occupational safety and health; to raise awareness of the role and contribution of safety and health practitioners; and, to reduce workplace injuries and illness by encouraging new workplace safety and health initiatives. The NAOSH Week theme is 'Prevention is the Cure.'

Organizations that will be supporting NAOSH Week with ASSE, OSHA, and CSSE include the American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA), the American Heart Association (AHA), the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB), the National Safety Council (NSC), and the Voluntary Protection Programs Participants' Association (VPPPA).

These organizations will be involved in a variety of activities during the annual NAOSH Week including holding events and distributing key information to their members and in their communities worldwide as they join with ASSE, OSHA and CSSE in raising awareness of workplace safety risks and solutions.

NHCA is the only national organization dedicated to prevent hearing loss due to noise and other environmental factors in all sectors of society. Its membership includes audiologists, engineers, industrial hygienists, safety professionals, physicians, nurses, and other professions.