ENVIRONMENTAL & OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH SCIENCES

Our services





Serving people and communities in the Pacific Northwest since 1947

The UW Department of Environmental & Occupational Health Sciences (DEOHS) creates safe workplaces and healthy communities through the services we provide across Washington and the region.

DEOHS offers workplace health and safety consultations, clinic-based worker health services, continuing education programs, lab analysis and pediatric environmental health consultations.

Our experts are addressing the COVID-19 pandemic through our research and expertise in industrial hygiene and safety, occupational medicine and toxicology to protect workers and build resilient communities.

FAST FACTS

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NW companies received health and safety consultations

1,018

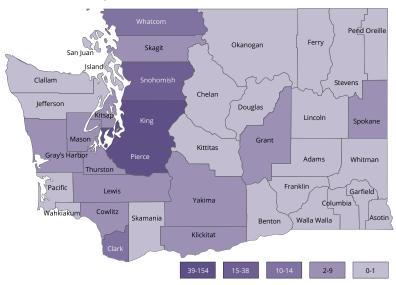
patient visits to our Occupational and Environmental Medicine Clinic 2,815

professionals in health and safety trained 2,300

samples analyzed in our Environmental Health Lab

Data from 2020

Workplace consultations, 2015-2020



Field Research and Consultation Group

We provide free, on-site evaluations of health and safety issues in the workplace, with priority given to small businesses in manufacturing, construction and other industries.

Industrial hygienists observe work practices, collect samples and data, obtain lab analyses and recommend strategies to reduce and control workplace hazards.

We investigate worker exposure to particulate matter, metals, noise, silica and more.



Our clinicians diagnose, treat and prevent diseases caused by workplace exposures.

Occupational and Environmental Medicine Clinic

Located at Harborview Medical Center in Seattle, the clinic specializes in diagnosing, treating and preventing work-related injuries and illnesses.

Our multidisciplinary staff includes specialists in occupational medicine, internal medicine, neurology, pulmonary medicine, pediatrics, industrial hygiene, toxicology and epidemiology.

Specialty services include the Center for Chemically Related Illness, the Healthy Animal Worker Clinic and the Center for Occupational Health Education.

Continuing Education

Our nationally recognized training center offers continuing and professional education as well as health and safety training for thousands of Pacific Northwest safety and health professionals.

Education, training and public awareness programs reach safety leaders and workers in construction, hazardous waste, occupational health and safety, disaster preparedness, environmental health and more.



Students work on a training exercise.



Our lab analyzes compressed air samples for Washington state fire departments.

Environmental Health Laboratory

Our Environmental Health Lab identifies exposure hazards in chemical and industrial processes.

Our scientists identify and quantify hazardous compounds in soil, air and water samples. They also analyze breathing air samples for Washington fire departments, agencies, commercial divers and marine researchers.

The lab has been accredited by the American Industrial Hygiene Association since 1977.

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