AIHA’s Grand Challenges for Worker Health, Safety, and Well-Being

Eliminate preventable occupational illness, death, and disability

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- the development of concept papers for each that will serve as a call to action to the AIHA membership;
- volunteer working groups that will lead and track the progress for each of the four Grand Challenge topics;
- outreach to allied professional organizations to partner to achieve these ambitious, but attainable goals.

Improve Exposure Assessment in Workplaces

Over ninety percent of respondents feel it is important or extremely important for AIHA and partnering organizations to invest resources in addressing the Grand Challenge of “Improve Exposure Assessment in workplaces”.

Improve equity in workplaces, minimize precarious work situations, and protect vulnerable workers

Nearly nine in ten respondents feel it is important or extremely important for AIHA and partnering organizations to invest resources in addressing the Grand Challenge of “Improve equity in workplaces, minimize precarious work situations, and protect vulnerable workers (e.g., gig workers, undocumented persons, migrant labor)”.

Address the impacts of the changing work environment

Approximately seven in ten respondents feel it is important or extremely important for AIHA and partnering organizations to invest resources in addressing the Grand Challenge of “Address the impacts of the changing work environment (e.g., remote work)”.

Mitigate the impacts of climate change on workers

More than ninety percent of respondents feel it is important for AIHA and partnering organizations to invest resources in addressing the Grand Challenge of “Mitigate the impacts of climate change on workers (e.g., heat stress)”.

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Learn more and get involved in these vital Grand Challenges that AIHA hopes will solve important national and global problems, and in turn, make workplaces and the world a healthier place.