



TEAMSTERS

Safety & Health FACTS

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NIEHS Worker Training Grants

Teamsters Safety and Health Courses:

Training Skilled Craftsmen for the 21st Century

The Teamsters NIEHS Worker Training Grants Program provides safety and health courses that Teamsters need to work on hazardous waste sites, Department of Energy sites, and to transport hazardous materials.

- ♦ [Hazardous Waste Workers](#)
- ♦ [Drivers, Dock and Warehouse Workers who handle hazardous materials \(HAZMAT\)](#)
- ♦ [Construction Workers](#)
- ♦ [Radiological Workers](#)

The Teamsters provide these courses:

- ♦ [40-Hour Basic Hazardous Waste Worker Course](#)
- ♦ [8-Hour Hazardous Waste Refresher Course](#)
- ♦ [4-Hour Hazardous Materials Transportation Awareness Course](#)
- ♦ [16-Hour Emergency Responder - Operations Level Course](#)
- ♦ [10-Hour Construction Safety and Health Outreach Course](#)
- ♦ [24-Hour Radiological Worker II Course](#)

Teamsters Safety and Health Courses:

- ♦ Provide knowledge and skills that you need to work safely
- ♦ Fulfill specific training requirements of OSHA, DOT and DOE
- ♦ Taught by qualified, experienced Teamsters Instructors
- ♦ Use real equipment in realistic hands-on activities
- ♦ Provide the student with written certification that he or she has successfully completed the course

Training where you need it:

The Teamsters provide safety and health training at no cost to the student throughout the United States. Teamsters Training Centers conduct courses at their own facilities and can transport instructors and equipment to hold courses at hazardous waste sites, construction projects, company locations and union halls ... anywhere.

To find out when and where courses are scheduled, or to request a course for 10 or more workers at your Local Union or work site, please contact the Teamsters Training Center nearest you:

Joint Council #25 Training Trust Fund
Central/Southern Region Training Center
Pontiac, IL
815/842-9994

Teamsters Local Union 251
Eastern Region Training Center
E. Providence, RI
401/434-4740

Construction Teamsters Training and
Upgrading Fund of So. California
Fontana, CA
909/349-0565

Teamsters Local Union 631
Construction Industry Training Trust
Las Vegas, NV
702/651-0344

Teamsters Local Union 282
Job Training Trust Fund
Lake Success, NY
516/488-2822

Teamster Local Union 509
Training Center
Cayce, SC
803/796-6172

Teamsters Local Union 519
Training Center
Knoxville, TN
865/546-8373

Teamsters Joint Council #7
Training Center
San Francisco, CA
415/344-0085
(Hazardous Materials Transportation
Only)

Teamsters Instructors

Teamsters Instructors have experience working in construction, remediation and HAZMAT transportation. Each instructor has completed the DOE Basic Instructor Training Program and the OSHA 500 Construction Trainer Course. The Teamsters certify each instructor after a period of supervised instructing and evaluation. In order to maintain this certification, each instructor attends an annual Instructor Development Program that includes new regulations and work practices, practice teaching, and courses in specific health and safety topics. Each Instructor is certified in first aid and CPR.

Courses for Hazardous Waste Workers:

- ♦ **40-Hour Basic Hazardous Waste Worker Course**

OSHA requires this course for workers on hazardous waste sites. The course includes classroom learning and realistic hands-on activities. Workers practice remediation and decontamination activities while wearing the proper respirator and protective clothing. Upon successful completion of this course, each worker receives a "40-Hour Card" that certifies the worker to do hazardous waste work for 12 months, at which time OSHA requires the worker to take a Refresher Course.

- ♦ **8-Hour Hazardous Waste Refresher Course**

This is the annual Refresher Course that OSHA requires for hazardous waste workers. The course reviews material from the 40-Hour Basic Course, discusses lessons learned from accidents, and presents new procedures and regulatory changes. Upon successful completion of this course, each worker receives an "8-Hour Refresher Card" that certifies the worker to continue hazardous waste work for another 12 months.

Courses for Drivers, Dock and Warehouse Workers who Handle Hazardous Materials (HAZMAT):

- ♦ **4-Hour Hazardous Materials Transportation Awareness Course**

DOT requires this course for all workers involved in the transportation of hazardous materials. This course also complies with the requirements of OSHA for emergency responders at the awareness level, which means any driver, dock hand or warehouse worker who might be the first to notice a HAZMAT leak or spill. The course teaches workers to identify hazardous materials, to recognize HAZMAT incidents, to protect themselves and to provide information to more highly trained responders. Upon successful completion of this course, each worker receives a "DOT HAZMAT Awareness Card."

- ♦ **16-Hour Emergency Responder - Operations Level Course**

OSHA requires this course for warehouse or freight workers who respond to a HAZMAT incident in a manner beyond that allowed awareness-trained workers. The course includes classroom learning and realistic hands-on defensive response techniques. Upon successful completion of this course, each worker receives an "Operation Level Card" that certifies the worker as an emergency responder - operations level.

Course for Construction Workers:

- ♦ **10-Hour Construction Safety and Health Outreach Course**

Many jurisdictions require construction workers to take this course. It covers OSHA standards, electrical safety, fall protection and other topics chosen to match the training needs and job tasks of the workers attending the course. Upon successful completion of this course, each worker receives an "OSHA 10-Hour Card" that certifies that the worker has completed this course.

Course for Radiological Workers at DOE facilities:

- ♦ **24-Hour Radiological Worker II Course**

DOE requires this course for all workers in areas with potential radiation exposure or radioactive contamination. The course includes classroom learning and realistic hands-on activities. Workers practice the use of anti-contamination clothing, respirators and monitoring equipment, and work in a simulated radiological area. Upon successful completion of this course, each worker receives a "DOE Card" that certifies the worker to work on any DOE facility for up to two years, at which time DOE requires the worker to either retake this course or pass a challenge examination.

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