



PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS THAT SUPPORT ADVOCACY

In addition to AAOHN, other professional organizations also advocate for worker health and safety, general public health, safety for all Americans as well as the nursing profession and can be a resource to you. Many of these websites provide links to excellent tips and guidelines for advocacy and public policy efforts.

American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine:

<http://www.acoem.org/default.aspx>.

- ACOEM is an international society of over 4,000 occupational physicians whose mission is to provide leadership to promote optimal health and safety of workers, workplaces, and environments.
- This link will access ACOEM's government relations activities: <http://www.acoem.org/governmentrelations.aspx>.
- ACOEM has a paid lobbyist which helps them maintain a strong presence in Washington D.C. to ensure that its members' interests are represented in key decisions affecting occupational and environmental medicine.
- This link takes you to policy/position statements and practice guidelines from ACOEM: <http://www.acoem.org/guidelines.aspx>

American Industrial Hygiene Association:

<https://www.aiha.org/Pages/default.aspx>

- AIHA has a membership of more than 10,000 industrial hygiene professionals and others who are interested in the work environment and protecting worker health.
- AIHA actively monitors proposed legislation and regulations that can have a direct impact on worker health and safety and provides regular updates on critical issues.
- This link will access AIHA's governmental affairs activities: <https://www.aiha.org/government-affairs/Pages/default.aspx>

American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists:

<http://www.acgih.org/About/>

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- ACGIH strives to provide essential, cutting edge information to government, academia, and corporate facilities throughout America, Canada and countries abroad
- Over 3,000 members throughout the world
- ACGIH has many technical committees specific to worker health and safety that review existing scientific information used to develop Threshold Limit Values (TLVs) and Biological Exposure Indices (BEIs) and professional practice guidelines.
- Information available from ACGIH may be used by organizations or individuals developing consensus standards, occupational health legislation or regulations, and public or occupational health policy
- As a general rule, ACGIH as an organization does not take formal positions on public or occupational health issues

American Society of Safety Engineers

<http://www.asse.org/>

- ASSE represents over 34,000 individual safety, health and environmental (SH&E) practitioners.
- ASSE and its members work to ensure that any decision which impacts the safety, health or environment of U.S. worksites by federal or state government is based on good science and sound technology
- Link to ASSE Governmental Affairs resources:
http://www.asse.org/professionalaffairs_new/

American Public Health Association: <http://www.apha.org/>.

- The APHA, established in 1872, is the oldest and most diverse organization of public health professionals in the world and provides an excellent example of professional advocacy.
- As the collective voice for public health, APHA works to:
 - Protect funding for core public health services;
 - Ensure access to health care; and
 - Eliminate health disparities.
- Here are specific links from APHA which provide excellent information and access to other websites related to advocacy and health policy:
 - <http://www.apha.org/policies-and-advocacy/advocacy-for-public-health>

American Nurses Association:

<http://nursingworld.org/MainMenuCategories/Policy-Advocacy>

- The only full-service professional nursing organization that represents the collective interests of the nation's 3.1 million registered nurses through its constituent member nurses associations and its organizational affiliates (AAOHN is an Affiliate member)
- Advances the nursing profession by lobbying the Congress and regulatory agencies on health care issues affecting nurses and the public
- The ANA web-site Policy-Advocacy page links to the following sections, many of which have public access:
 - Professional Issues Panels,
 - Positions and Resolutions,
 - Congress and Federal Agencies,
 - State Government Affairs,
 - ANA-PAC,
 - Take Action,
 - Press Releases,
 - Health Care Reform,
 - Legal Action,
 - Advocacy - Becoming More Effective
- This ANA web link provides information for ways to promote safer work environments and improved personal health for nurses:
<http://nursingworld.org/MainMenuCategories/WorkplaceSafety>

The Nursing Community:

<http://www.thenursingcommunity.org/#>

- AAOHN is a member nursing association of the Nursing Community
- A coalition of national professional nursing associations dedicated to building consensus and advocating on a wide spectrum of healthcare and nursing issues, including practice, education, and research.
- The Nursing Community is committed to improving the health and health care of our nation by collaborating to support the education and practice of registered nurses (RNs) and advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs).
- Collectively, the Nursing Community is comprised of **59 national nursing organizations** that represent **nearly one million practicing nurses, nursing students, and nursing faculty.**

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