

# THE IMPORTANCE OF WORKPLACE SAFETY

## RANK OF IMPORTANCE

# 85%

of workers rank workplace safety first in importance among all labor standards.



Safety



Family & Maternity Leave



Paid Sick Days



Overtime Pay

Public Attitudes towards and Experiences with Workplace Safety, National Opinion Research Center

## HEALTHY & SAFE WORKERS ARE ESSENTIAL

Employers also rank workplace safety as a high priority, understanding that healthy and safe workers are essential to a productive workplace. Employees in turn remain motivated if they feel safe at their workplace; thus, safety is a critical element of productivity for both worker and employer.



## MAJOR FACTORS THAT CONTRIBUTE TO WORKPLACE INJURIES

- Working conditions with poor lighting or poor environmental hygiene
- Lack of protective elements such as missing guard rails on walkways
- Poorly maintained or misused equipment
- Unclear safety procedures or lack of safety training
- Unsafe walking surfaces

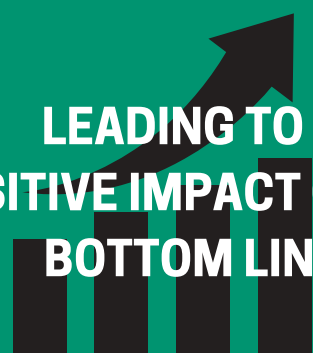
## INVESTING IN WORKPLACE SAFETY

### ORGANIZATIONS THAT INVEST CONSISTENTLY IN SAFETY REALIZE:

- Reduced absenteeism
- Lower turnover rates
- Higher productivity
- Increased employee morale
- Positive brand image



LEADING TO A POSITIVE IMPACT ON THE BOTTOM LINE



Health Campaigns & Resources, NAOSH Week, [www.hhs.gov](http://www.hhs.gov)