

How Opioids Impact Your Employees' Safety and Your Bottom Line

For the first time, a person is more likely to die from an accidental opioid overdose than a car crash.



DRUG OVERDOSES – largely from opioids – are the leading cause of preventable death.

EMPLOYERS have an important role to play.

90%

of people with substance use disorders can – and do – recover.

75%

of employers have been directly impacted by opioid misuse.

Workplace overdose deaths involving drugs or alcohol have increased by at least

25%

for five consecutive years.

How opioid use affects the workplace

Opioid use may:



Increase risk of workplace injuries and errors



Lead to higher workers' compensation costs



Increase absenteeism and distraction at work



Increase complaints to HR



Decrease employee morale

Download the NSC Opioids at Work Employer Toolkit for information, resources and materials. Visit nsc.org/opioidsatwork



Sources: Injury Facts, National Safety Council Employer Survey: Opioid Usage in the Workplace, Bureau of Labor Statistics