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## OSHA NURSING HOME INITIATIVE ENFORCEMENT BEGINS SEPT. 17, 2002

OSHA will begin targeted inspections Sept. 17 enforcing the National Emphasis Program for nursing homes and personal care facilities. The program was first announced July 15 and includes targeted inspections of approximately 1,000 nursing homes and personal care facilities with high injury and illness rates. During the past two months, OSHA has



**Bloodborne Pathogens is the Main Area of OSHA Citations**

conducted numerous outreach initiatives for the industry including training courses, seminars, and partnerships. While outreach will continue, the enforcement efforts will, according to OSHA Administrator John Henshaw, help "reduce the industry's injury and illness rate, which is 2 times that of all other general industries."

*Source: OSHA QUICKTAKE E-NEWS*

## DO YOU KNOW YOUR FACILITY'S LWDII?

Lost Workday Injury Illness Rates (LWDII) may determine whether or not your facility will receive a visit from OSHA. During the calendar year of 2000, Nursing and Personal Care facilities had an average LWDII of 7.9 compared to the private industry rate of 3.0. If your facility has a LWDII rate of 14.5 or higher, you will, more likely than not, get a visit from OSHA. For more information and techniques to reduce your LWDII, contact Lynn Lavender at (817) 491-0128, E-mail: [lynnlav@swbell.net](mailto:lynnlav@swbell.net) or another **Associates in Safety** Independent Consultant.

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# OSHA General Industry Outreach 10 Hour & 30 Hour Training Courses Available

Many companies do not have a budget that affords a dedicated Safety Professional. The duties are often divided among many job titles such as Human Resources, Plant Supervisor, Infection Control Nurse, Controller, Director of Maintenance and Line Supervisor. Today's professional is accustomed to diverse job duties, but may not have the knowledge of safety/OSHA needed to manage safety priorities and eliminate hazards.

As a network of Authorized/Approved 501 *General Industry Outreach Trainers*, we can provide 10 or 30 hour General Industry safety courses with each participant receiving OSHA course completion cards. The following are examples of some of the topics covered in the 10 hour class:

- Means of Egress & Fire Protection
- Personal Protective Equipment
- Hazard Communication
- Bloodborne Pathogens

Training can be conducted on-site or arrangements can be made for employees to attend the next scheduled class. For more information, contact an **Associates in Safety** Independent Consultant.

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## WOULD YOU LIKE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT ASSOCIATES IN SAFETY SERVICES?

**Associates in Safety**, a network of Independent Consultants, provide a variety of safety services to enhance workplace safety. If you would like more information, please contact us or forward this request to the address listed.

I would like more information on:

- ? 10 or 30 Hr. Safety Training
- ? Safety Program Consultation
- ? Complying with the requirements of Individual OSHA Standards

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