



**Prevent work-related asthma,
sensitization and other debilitating
illnesses caused by isocyanates.**

**Special emphasis inspections
coming to Washington State workplaces
where isocyanates are used.**

- Identify and eliminate or reduce hazardous exposures.
- Meet your legal requirements for a safe workplace.
- Get help from L&I.

Inspections at workplaces with possible isocyanate exposures

Workers exposed to isocyanates without proper protections are at daily risk for serious illnesses and injuries, including sudden death from a severe asthma attack.

Your efforts to identify and eliminate or reduce hazardous exposures to isocyanates will help prevent debilitating and costly illnesses and injuries.

Your workplace could be visited by an L&I safety and health inspector. Be prepared. Make sure your overall safety and health program covers:

- Hazard evaluation of inhalation and skin exposures
- Ventilation and other controls to prevent or reduce exposures
- Appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE)
- Employee training on hazards and prevention
- Accident Prevention, Hazard Communication, Respiratory Protection and other relevant programs

Learn about safety and health program development at www.Lni.wa.gov/Safety/Basics/Steps.

Find safety and health rules, training tools and online resources to help you build your safety program at www.Lni.wa.gov/Safety/Topics/AtoZ. Click on "I" for "Isocyanates".

Contact an L&I Safety and Health consultant who can help you identify hazards in your workplace. Visit www.SafetyConsultants.Lni.wa.gov to learn more or call 1-800-423-7233 to request a consultation.

National Emphasis Program (NEP) underway

The federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has begun an NEP to address isocyanate exposure hazards and awareness in general industry, construction and maritime industries where exposures to isocyanates are known or likely to occur. The goal is to conduct inspections focused on worker exposure assessment, exposure controls, personal protective equipment, training and related health and safety programs.

The Department of Labor & Industries is participating in this NEP by sending inspectors to these facilities and increasing safety and health education and outreach.