

Kentucky Fatality Assessment & Control Evaluation (FACE) Program

Employers, Safety Professionals, and Workers:

Each day about 13 workers die in the United States on the job from traumatic injury. In an effort to address these deaths, the Kentucky Fatality Assessment and Control Evaluation (FACE) Program studies fatal workplace injuries and prepares reports with recommendations to prevent similar deaths.

What is the Kentucky FACE Program?

Kentucky FACE is a research program of the Kentucky Injury Prevention and Research Center (KIPRC) in partnership with the Kentucky Department for Public Health and funded by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH). The program is designed to study occupational fatal injuries and aims to prevent job-related injuries and deaths by:

- Investigating selected worker fatalities
- Identifying workplace hazards
- Developing workplace prevention recommendations
- Sharing prevention recommendations with employers, safety professionals, and workers in similar industries and occupations

FACE Reports

CONFIDENTIALITY

- All personal/company identifiers are removed from FACE Reports to protect the confidentiality of worker decedents, co-workers, employers, and incident sites.

**Visit the KIPRC Website to
view Kentucky FACE Reports**

<https://kiprc.uky.edu/programs/fatality-assessment-and-control-evaluation-face>



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Who are the Kentucky FACE Program Investigators?

FACE investigators are safety professionals with training and experience in identifying workplace hazards and developing recommendations to reduce the risk of injury and death.

FACE investigators do not enforce compliance with State or Federal job safety and health standards, nor do they place blame or determine fault for a workplace death.

What information is collected during a worker fatality investigation?

Onsite investigations allow us to collect facts on the pre-event, event, and post-event related to the fatal injury. We also take photos of the site and gather facts from company officials, witnesses, and co-workers such as:

- Details about the worksite environment
- Number of employees
- Company safety program
- Worker's age, gender, job, and primary language
- Task(s) the worker was performing and tools or equipment the worker was using
- Type of energy that caused the fatal injury (e.g., electrical, mechanical, hydraulic)

How do FACE Programs conduct investigations?

Investigators travel to the location where the worker death occurred to examine the worksite and collect facts about what happened before, during, and after the incident.



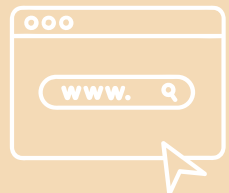
Investigators talk with company officials, witnesses, and co-workers to learn about the work environment and worker.



The investigators analyze the collected information, then prepare a report.



The report is given to the company where the worker was employed and posted to the KIPRC and NIOSH websites so others can use it for prevention activities, safety training, and educational purposes.



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