

U.S. Virgin Islands Economic Development Authority



Webinar: Entrepreneur Health & Safety

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Welcome

For guidance on businesses and workplaces please visit <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/organizations/businesses-employers.html>

For general COVID-19 USVI information , please visit the Department of Health's website at <https://www.covid19usvi.com/>



OSHA ON-SITE CONSULTATION PROGRAM

SAFETY & HEALTH CONSULTATION SERVICES FOR VIRGIN ISLANDS BUSINESSES



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What is Safety in Paradise?

OSHA On-Site Consultation Program

Regulated through OSHA 21(d) Consultation Program, SIP works with small, high-hazard employers to address the employer's *overall safety and health management system* and to assist them in ensuring a safe and healthful workplace for their employees.

- 100% federally funded by OSHA

SIP is a free confidential service

Independent of federal or local OSHA enforcement

Professional consultants receive exact training as OSHA enforcement inspectors



Who is eligible?

Private sector employers

Focus small employers (500 or less employees) in high hazard industries

Any employer who wants to achieve a safe and healthy workplace for their employees

Some include:

- Construction
- Hotel and Tourism
- Medical and Dental offices
- Retail establishments
- Telecommunications
- Banking and Insurance
- Nursing Homes



Benefits to Small Businesses

Provide professional safety and health services at no cost

Help employers reduce their cost by reducing workplace accidents and illnesses

May help reduce costs due to lost productivity, training replacement workers, and compensation insurance fees



SIP Regular Services

On-site safety and health audits

Health and safety program review and assistance

Assessments of health and safety management practices

Health and Safety training and education

OSHA Compliance assistance

Technical information and guidance



SIP Current Services during Covid-19

Virtual safety and health OSHA Compliance Assistance

Recommendations on controls to current operations and best ways to protect workers during COVID-19, *which new controls your company may need?*

Limited online guidance for job hazard analysis for current tasks

Development/Update of the Company's Health and Safety Programs – develop of a specific contingency plan and emergency plan

Respiratory Protection / Bloodborne Pathogens / Exposure Control Plans / Cleaning and Sanitizing Guidance / Hazard Communication



How SIP works?

1. Commitment

SIP provides advice and technical guidance to small and medium-sized businesses that are committed to improve safety and health at their workplace and would like to assure OSHA standards compliance.

2. Participation is voluntary.

3. Services need to be requested.

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