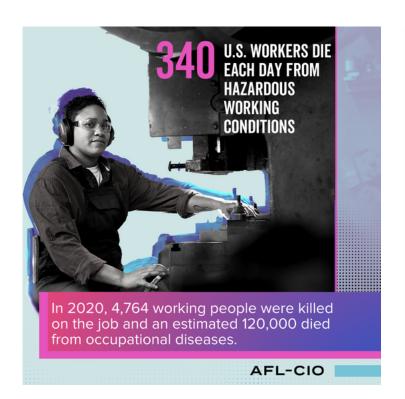
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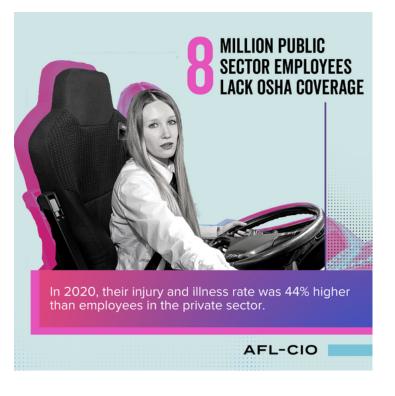
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COVID-19 EXPOSURES AT WORK ARE PREVENTABLE AND WORKERS NEED PROTECTIONS



COVID-19 OUTBREAKS ARE MORE COMMON IN WORKPLACES BECAUSE:

- The virus spreads through tiny particles in the air that workers breathe.
- Workplaces can be indoor, poorly ventilated environments.
- Employers require workers to work near each other and share air.
- There are no federal requirements for employers in preventing COVID-19 exposures.

OSHA STANDARDS WOULD REQUIRE EMPLOYERS TO PREVENT EXPOSURES TO COVID-19, JUST LIKE OTHER WORK HAZARDS, BY:

- Supplying clean air to breathe.
- Reporting outbreaks, hospitalizations and deaths to government authorities.
- Informing workers when we have been exposed to a COVID-19 case.
- Providing paid time off to workers to keep infected people away from others.



WORKERS NEED ENFORCEABLE OSHA PROTECTIONS FROM COVID-19 NOW.

- Health care workers who treat or work around patients no longer have emergency OSHA protections from COVID-19. OSHA can reinstate protections now.
- More than 1 million health care providers have been infected with COVID-19, and more than 4,000 have died in the United States.
- Without OSHA standards:
 - Health care employers are now rolling back protections like ventilation and respirators.
 - Health care employers are now requiring infected health care workers to report to work.
 - OSHA cannot fully enforce COVID-19 prevention measures in any workplace.



SAFE AND HEALTHY WORK IS A FUNDAMENTAL RIGHT

Under the law, employers are responsible for creating and maintaining a safe workplace.

The government is supposed to ensure employers are following the law. But OSHA is under-resourced and the job safety laws need to be updated.

EACH YEAR. MORE THAN 5.000 7.9 MILLION PUBLIC **WORKERS ARE KILLED BY JOB** SECTOR WORKERS **INJURIES AND 120,000 FROM** IT TAKES AN AVERAGE OF STILL HAVE **OCCUPATIONAL EIGHT YEARS TO ISSUE** NO OSHA DISEASES. THERE IS **ONE STANDARD COVERAGE. EMPLOYER** OSHA'S ONE OSHA TO PROTECT **ACCOUNTABILITY INSPECTOR FOR** WORKERS. STAGNANT BUDGET IS WEAK: **EVERY 81,427 WORKERS.** FROM CONGRESS **AMOUNTS TO ONLY \$4.37** \$4,460 TO PROTECT EACH U.S. AVERAGE PENALTY FOR A SERIOUS WORKER. FEDERAL OSHA VIOLATION.

UNIONS HOLD EMPLOYERS ACCOUNTABLE BY:

• Negotiating fair contracts at the bargaining table.

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MEDIAN PENALTY FOR A WORKER DEATH.

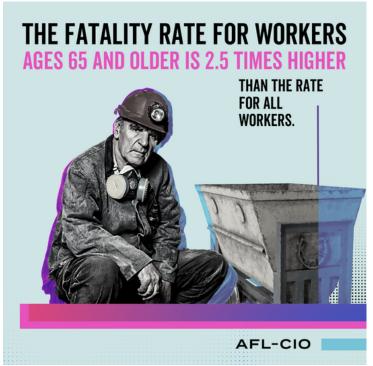
- Advocating for stronger laws.
- Building strong safety and health committees with workers at the table.
- Helping workers file OSHA complaints, whistleblower complaints and workers' compensation claims.
- Supporting enforcement investigations.

WORKERS NEED A STRONGER OSHA

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