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## OSHA's New Inspection Plan Targets Hospitals and Nursing Homes

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Hospitals and nursing homes will join the ranks of other high-hazard work sites that are subject to wall-to-wall safety and health inspections by OSHA, based on the employers' response to an annual injury survey, according to an enforcement directive that went into effect September 8, 2000.

The agency announced that it will conduct some 4,200 site inspections over the next several months as part of its site-specific enforcement program that was

launched in 1996 when employers were first required to answer an OSHA injury-and-illness survey. Under the latest agency compliance directive, 00-05 (CPL 2), OSHA will inspect mid- and larger-sized sites (those with 40 or more workers), focusing initially on those with a lost workday injury and illness rate of 14 cases per 100 or more workers.

The work sites targeted in the inspection plan were identified by OSHA earlier this year after it reviewed data collected in a 1998 survey of 80,000 employers. The agency identified 13,000 work sites, including 34 hospitals and 2,590

nursing and personal-care facilities, with high rates of lost workdays due to injury and illness.

OSHA sent letters to the 13,000 employers informing them of their work site's status. The letter encouraged employers to hire safety and health consultants or to use OSHA's on-site consultation program. OSHA plans to inspect 4,200 of the 13,000 workplaces that received letters.

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