

SAFETY INVESTIGATOR 1

KIND OF WORK

Professional safety and health inspection, investigation and education work.

NATURE AND PURPOSE

Under immediate supervision, is responsible for promoting and developing industrial safety and health; enforcing safety laws, rules, and regulations in an assigned area, and conducting field investigations of business and industrial establishments requiring the application of technical skills and knowledge. Work is performed in accordance with established procedures, but the employee is given wide latitude for independent action. Requires internal and external training; assignments are received from the Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) Supervisor or Safety Investigator 4.

This class differs from the Safety Investigator 2 classification because the range of inspections conducted at the 2 level require significant understanding and knowledge of involved practices, precedents and techniques used or of intermediate to advanced principles of the safety work field of knowledge, the applicable safety and health laws, regulations, standards, codes and policies; and perform safety and health inspection duties with a minimum of specific direction.

EXAMPLES OF WORK (A position may not include all the work examples given, nor does the list include all that may be assigned.)

Inspects places of employment to insure that employers are providing a safe and healthful environment for their employees.

Documents by writing photographs, sketches, and the use of test equipment so that findings will represent an honest and fair appraisal of the work site.

Schedules work activity and inspections in accordance with the division policy so that all priorities of the OSHA Program are met.

Testifies should contestation hearings arise so that citations are supported and the cases presented in a professional manner.

Participates in training and career development so that professional status is maintained.

Represents the Department of Labor and Industry in a courteous and professional manner so that an image of high stature is projected for the department.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES REQUIRED

Knowledge of:

Fundamental principles of modern industrial safety, practices and devices.

The design and operation of industrial and construction machinery and equipment.

State safety laws, regulations and codes.

Skill in:

The use of specialized equipment for detecting the presence of dust, gases and fumes.

Ability to:

Detect safety hazards and to devise corrective devices and practices.

Secure compliance with safety and health regulations.

Write reports of investigation processes and outcomes.

Conduct educational programs in industrial safety.

Establish effective working relationships with business people and employees.

Working conditions:

Employees in this class are required to travel and work under varied and often hazardous conditions that may include the following conditions and that may require the use of protective wear and/or equipment: exposure to falls from heights, contaminated atmosphere, wet and dusty locations, chemical exposures, exposures to harmful physical agents (e.g., excessive heat, noise and radiation), explosion hazards, machine and process hazards.

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Former Title: Safety Inspector
Safety Investigator